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Barnard College



Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris

The joint 5 year BA/MA Program

Executive Summary

International mobility and an overseas experience have become invaluable assets for all young graduates starting a career. Building on a decade of strong partnership between the two schools, the “Barnard College - Sciences Po 5-year BA/MA Program” allows selected undergraduate students from Barnard College to pursue an intensive transatlantic program in Public and International Affairs and obtain the Diplôme of Sciences Po. The Program includes three years of study at Barnard and two years of study in Paris, at Sciences-Po. Upon completion of the joint Program, students will have obtained both the Bachelor’s Degree awarded by Barnard College and the Master’s Degree awarded by Sciences Po, otherwise known as “Le Diplôme”.

This joint program, referred to as the 5-year BA/MA program, is aimed principally at students specializing in the social sciences and public and international affairs who would like to develop their intellectual and professional capabilities from a cross-cultural and transatlantic perspective. It is also open to students interested in academic and research-oriented careers. This dual training and double credential offers unique access to Europe, the Francophone world, and the field of international and public affairs in general.

More information on Sciences Po: www.sciences-po.fr

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1. Exchange agreement

No more than 5 students are expected to be admitted per year. An evaluation review will be done in 2011 to consider whether this number should be increased.

Sciences Po may send an equivalent number of undergraduate students to Barnard as are in attendance at Sciences Po from Barnard each year, under this or any other existing agreements between the two institutions.

Students accepted into the BA/MA program pay their tuition fees to Barnard during their first year in Paris. They pay the regular Sciences Po tuition fees at Sciences Po during the second year of the Master's. In 2010-2011, Sciences Po tuition fees for international Master students amount to 12,000 euros; they are subject to change in the following years. Students are personally responsible for all other expenses, including application fees and those related to travel, housing, meals, books, school supplies, personal expenses, etc. Students must purchase the medical insurance required by Barnard during the first three years, and Science Po during the final two years, or demonstrate to the respective institution's satisfaction that medical insurance carried by or on behalf of such students is sufficient for all purposes of the host institution. The costs of any health insurance required, as well as any medical expenses not covered by such insurance, shall be the personal responsibility of the students.

2. Eligibility for the BA/MA Program

The BA/MA Program is open to all students at Barnard College in all majors and specializations, as long as the selection committee determines that they have the appropriate prerequisites for admission.

Candidates need to meet the following minimum criteria by the end of their junior year to be considered for admission to the Program:

- A record of strong academic performance
- Completion of at least 3 years of college level French

- Fulfillment of all general education requirements and almost all major requirements before the senior year
- Completion of 92 points
- At least four semesters of matriculation at Barnard before enrolling in a joint program

3. Application and Admission Process and Timeline

Students from Barnard College first apply to the joint BA/MA Program during the second semester of their sophomore year. Applications are available through the Dean for Study Abroad, Dean of Studies Office, 105 Milbank.

A joint selection committee composed of representatives from Barnard, Columbia and Sciences Po decides upon pre-admission to the Program. The application process includes a review of the academic file, a review of the BA/MA application, and an interview with the jury in both English and French. The selection committee may make final admission to the BA/MA Program contingent on maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the junior year, to attaining a minimum level of French language, or to meeting program-specific prerequisites by the end of the junior year. French proficiency is assessed by the French Department at Barnard (for the selection in the sophomore year), in coordination with Sciences Po. A similar joint interview process occurs again in the second semester of the junior year, when students need to apply to a specific Master's program at Sciences Po.

Students are provisionally accepted into the BA/MA Program by decision of the selection committee at the end of their sophomore year. Final admission to the program is granted in the spring of the junior year after candidates are interviewed a second time by the selection committee. Part of finalizing the admissions decision is demonstrating that students meet the prerequisites for their chosen Master's program at Sciences Po. They must also pass the TCF 500 or DALF C1 examination in order to be fully admitted.

Although students in the BA/MA program are admitted to Sciences Po through the process described above, they will need to complete an online application for admission to Sciences Po during the spring of their junior year. They apply according to the standard Sciences Po admissions process and schedule, although at a reduced fee of 50 Euros in the first year. They will receive their letter of admission at the same time as other international students applying to Sciences Po which will usually be late in the spring semester of their junior year.

Application Timeline

Semester	Activity
<i>Sophomore Fall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial advising
<i>Sophomore Spring</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application submission to Columbia Office of Global Programs via the Dean for Study Abroad at Barnard • Review of student academic record, BA/MA application by selection committee • Initial interview by selection committee • Provisional admission for qualified candidates • Advising by selection committee about what needs to be completed in junior year
<i>Junior Fall</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take DALF exam and continue required coursework
<i>Junior Spring</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second selection committee interview • Finalizing of admission • Completion of online application at Sciences Po • Letter of admission received by student

4. Review of the curriculum

Junior year:

Students admitted to the BA/MA program spend their junior year at Barnard. They carefully choose their courses in agreement with their adviser, in line with the major they pursue at Barnard and in line with the prerequisites they need to have completed for admission to the Master's or to the specific program they want to apply for at Sciences Po.

Senior year:

During their senior year, students remain enrolled at (and pay their tuition to) Barnard but they study at Sciences Po as Master's students in their first year. They benefit from a tuition waiver at Sciences Po. Before the semester resumes, students are required to attend the orientation program offered by Sciences Po for international students at the expense of Barnard College. The credits earned at Sciences Po during the senior year are transferred back to Barnard according to Barnard rules. BA/MA students are expected to obtain their Bachelor's degree at the end of their senior year.

To meet the specific requirements of their major at Barnard and in order to earn their Bachelor's degree, students will have to take specific classes. These classes, meeting each major's requirements, and opened to Barnard students at Sciences Po, will be listed and updated every year.

Final year:

During their second year at Sciences Po, students are not enrolled at Barnard anymore; they carry on their course of studies at Sciences Po towards the Master's degree as does any other regularly registered Sciences Po student. They pay Sciences Po tuition.

5. Implementation of the program

Program outreach and marketing will consist of the following:

- Program description on Barnard, Sciences Po and Alliance websites
- Printed materials including flyers and brochures describing the program
- Presence at study abroad events
- Special information sessions

The Center for the Americas is in charge of the implementation and continuity of the BA/MA at Sciences Po. It will ensure all coordination with Barnard and the Direction de la scolarité and it will guarantee the best “accueil” for BA/MA students at Sciences Po.

6. Presentation of the offer of Masters at Sciences Po available to BA-MA students

Please find below a list of Master's programs for the year 2008-2009. Sciences Po commits to update this list on a yearly basis if needed.

The “Master de Sciences Po”

Master en Affaires publiques

Master en Affaires européennes

Master en Affaires internationales

Master en Communication

Master en Carrières judiciaires et juridiques

Master en Droit économique

Master en Finance et stratégie

Master en Marketing et études

Master en Gestion des ressources humaines

Master en Stratégies territoriales et urbaines

Detailed information on the curriculum is available on the Sciences Po web site.

7. Term; Modification; Governing Law

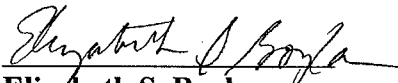
This agreement is valid for five (5) years and becomes effective on the date that it is fully signed by official representatives of both institutions. It shall be automatically renewed for a similar period unless one of the parties cancels its participation or requests a revision in writing.

The agreement may be terminated by either party by providing the other written notice of its intent to terminate before February 1st of the preceding academic year. In the case of termination, the students already selected for or enrolled in the Program will be authorized to complete their normal course of studies.


The terms of this agreement may be changed or modified only by written amendment signed by both parties.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits arising from and incident to this agreement.

For Barnard College



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Provost and Dean of the Faculty

April 28, 2009
Date


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Richard Descoings
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ANNEX
Requirements for Barnard students majoring in Political Science

The 'Barnard College-Sciences Po Joint 5 Year BA/MA Program' agreement applies to students majoring in the Political Science Department under the following conditions: (voted by the Department of Political Science of Barnard College on April 6th, 2009, and approved by Sciences Po).

Major Requirements:

Barnard College Political Science majors should complete all their major requirements at Barnard before arriving at Sciences Po, except the senior thesis seminar.

Senior Thesis Requirements:

Barnard College Political Science majors should fulfill their senior thesis requirement by choosing one of the following two options:

Option 1 (which the department encourages): when at Sciences Po, the student should take a personal tutorial for two semesters with a Sciences Po professor assigned depending on the students' interest. The tutorial should focus on advice on bibliographical search, research strategy, methodological issues, and writing on a given topic, in order to help the student write a research paper equivalent to a Barnard senior thesis in political science.

The research paper should meet the following criteria:

- The research paper should be minimum 50 pages double spaced.
- The research paper should be a coherent piece of analytical writing.
- The research paper should embody the answer to some question about the operation of certain aspects of political or governmental institutions or processes, broadly conceived.
- The research paper should be based on original research conducted by the student.
- The research paper should be theoretically informed. It should be a social science paper, and not a policy one.
- The students should use primary and secondary sources.

Option 2: the student should enroll in a senior thesis seminar in the political science department during her junior year at Barnard. The student should note that she is expected to take her two political science colloquia during her sophomore year (meaning, before she starts her senior thesis seminar).

Sciences Po commitment:

When a student chooses option 1, Sciences Po will assign a professor to supervise the student over the two semesters. This professor must be assigned by mid-October at the latest. He/she will be informed by the Centre des Ameriques of Barnard College requirements regarding the senior thesis criteria in order to well advise the student across the year, and to grade her paper in the end.

Publicity:

Students should be provided with information about the program as early as possible, hopefully in their freshman year, so that they can plan their classes accordingly.