

# Handbook for the Sciences Po-Keio University Dual Bachelor of Arts in Economics

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## Introduction

This handbook offers an overview of the dual Bachelor of Arts programme between Sciences Po Paris and Keio University. It is intended as a reference document both for candidates as well as students currently enrolled in the dual degree that complements the Academic Rules and Regulations at Sciences as well as the Course Registration Guidebook at Keio University. The handbook sets out specific academic requirements pertaining to students on the dual degree programme.

## General objectives

In an ever-more complex international environment, the dual degree programme offers students the opportunity to profit from Sciences Po's excellence in social sciences and the humanities and to acquire highly specialized knowledge in economics at the prestigious Keio University in Tokyo.

The programme offers students an excellent basis for postgraduate studies as well as a competitive advantage on the job. Its graduates have gone on to study economics and other subjects at Sciences Po or other prestigious universities in Europe, Asia, and North America, or to work among others at international banks, trading firms, ministries, international organizations as well as in diplomacy.

Students on the programme profit from the experience of immersion in the culturally both French and vibrantly international anglophone Le Havre campus, which hosts Sciences Po's Asia-Pacific undergraduate programme and study at Keio University located at the heart of Tokyo, one of Japan's most highly ranked private universities. While Keio University and Sciences Po each have their own culture and over one-hundred-year-long tradition in offering excellent educational opportunities, both share a commitment to fostering a spirit of social responsibility, and a commitment to best prepare the students on the joint BA programme for the challenges of the future, both as students and as graduates when they continue to have access to the alumni organisations of both institutions.

## Pathways to Admission

All decisions in regard to student admissions are taken by committees of both institutions consisting of admissions officers and senior academic and administrative staff from both institutions. Several admission pathways are open to applicants depending on their situation and status at the time of the application.

### Admissions at Sciences Po

Depending on candidates' situations, admissions procedures at Sciences Po differ. The short overview below is intended to complement the more complete information on Sciences Po's Admissions website.

Candidates who are in the process of obtaining their French baccalaureate may indicate their choice to apply to the dual degree programme on the Parcoursup portal. Candidates invited to the interview stage will sit a dual degree programme-specific interview. This interview will principally be conducted in French, though some questions may be asked in English to test candidates' language level.

Candidates who are not studying towards a French baccalaureate may apply through the international admissions pathway. Candidates will be asked to supply two letters of academic reference along with their application. Interviews are conducted in English, the principal language of instruction on Le Havre campus.

Applicants who pass the interview stage and accept the offer for a spot on the dual programme will be regarded as dual BA candidates from this point on. A request to leave the dual degree programme or to convert to non-dual BA student status at either institution can be submitted anytime, but it requires the consent of both partner institutions.

### Admissions at Keio

Admissions to the dual degree programme at Keio are open only to students already accepted to the Faculty of Economics.

Although students admitted to Keio are deemed to already fulfil the basic requirements to study at both institutions, the candidates will be selected based on their high school transcripts, academic performance during their time-at Keio (if applicable), command of English, and the suitability of their motivation. Following a pre-selection by members of the faculty and administration at the Faculty of Economics of Keio University, a joint committee takes the final decision on the acceptance.

### Further notices

As all decisions to admit students are taken jointly by both partner institutions, it is important to note that the reverse equally holds true: Should a candidate's application for admission at either institution be rejected, this rejection will disqualify them for admission to the dual degree programme.

Those who applied to Keio through the PEARL programme will be deemed ineligible for admission to the dual BA programme in case their application to the PEARL programme is rejected.

Exceptionally, should spots on the dual degree open up, Sciences Po may issue a call for applications among students who are already enrolled in its undergraduate programmes to fill the remaining spots. This can be done during the spring semester or the summer break prior to second-year academic registrations. As per the general admission process, the pre-selection will be followed up by a joint decision made with Keio University.

## Structure of the Programme

Depending on the two principal paths to admission, that is admission by Sciences Po or Keio University, the overall structure differs slightly. For candidates admitted via Keio University (except for those who belong to the PEARL programme), they spend the first one or three semesters at Hiyoshi campus before spending two years in Le Havre and returning to Keio University's Mita campus for another one and a half years. Students admitted via Sciences Po (as well as PEARL students) start their academic career at Sciences Po, spending their first two years of undergraduate study in Le Havre before transferring to Keio University's Mita campus along with their peers.

Once admitted to the dual BA programme, students are considered to be part of both institutions and are bound by the administrative and academic regulations of the institution they are attending. The below is therefore to be read as a complementary document detailing regulations that apply to students on the dual BA programme.

### First and second years at Sciences Po, Le Havre Campus

During the first year of study at Sciences Po, students on the dual degree programme essentially follow the same general programme of study as regular Sciences Po students, namely they will take classes in Sciences Po's core disciplines of political sciences, political institutions, international public law, sociology, history, economics, and applied quantitative methods.

Dual BA students with limited French-language proficiency will take French classes. Students fluent in French with no or little knowledge of Japanese will take Japanese language classes. Students who are fluent in both languages have the choice of Korean or Chinese language classes. Depending on demand, they may also have access to Hindi instruction.

During the second year of their study, dual BA students are required to enrol in the Economy & Society major at Sciences Po and take various additional classes in the domain of economics and mathematical methods as applied to economics. The validation of the major classes as well as a specified number of compulsory elective seminars is a pre-condition for dual BA students to be admitted as third-year students at Keio University upon their transfer. Classes that are mandatory for dual BA students are treated as core courses for the programme; thus, the participants will have access to re-take examinations should they be unsuccessful in their attempt to validate one or several of these courses on their first try.

An overview of class requirements is provided in the table of comparison below, an updated version of which will be available when modified.

Note: A dispensation from some of the above academic requirements is possible for those admitted to the programme during their third semester of study at Keio University if they have fulfilled nearly all

of their second-year academic obligations. Interested dual BA students should seek approval for their request of dispensation from the director or the academic programme manager on Sciences Po's Le Havre campus.

While at Sciences Po, dual BA students will have the opportunity of regular meetings with their academic adviser from Keio University who will prepare them for their transfer to Keio after the successful completion of the first two years of study at Sciences Po. For practical questions regarding accommodation, the participants of the dual BA programme are encouraged to consult their upperclassmen.

### Third and fourth years at the Faculty of Economics of Keio University

During their third and fourth years, dual BA students have the choice of classes offered at the Faculty of Economics of Keio University; where various types of classes in English are available, those who are confident with Japanese language may also take classes open to regular Japanese students at Keio.

Many dual BA students choose to join a *zemi* (research seminar), which guides their academic project towards the completion of a bachelor's thesis. It also constitutes a valuable opportunity for students to network with their peers. Some seminars are held in English or allow work to be handed in in English.

*Zemi* admission is competitive, and inclusion is a privilege rather than a right. Some limitations exist additionally, as some of the selection processes are held during Keio students' second year, a time when dual degree students are in France.

Upon completion of the fourth year and the fulfilment of the academic requirements at Keio University, the Bachelor of Arts degree from both institutions will be conferred.

Keio vs Sciences Po DD Curriculum (For PEARL and Sciences Po-DD Students)

Subject Type	Keio Courses	Keio Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4
General Education	Category I: Natural Sciences	6	Math Applied to Social Sciences (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Introduction Political Institutions, Lecture (4 ECTS=2 K.C.) Introduction to Sociology, Lecture & Seminar (8 ECTS=4 K.C.)		Digital Culture (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)	Science and Society (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)
	Category II: Humanities/Social Sciences	10		Introduction to Political Science, Lecture & Seminar (8 ECTS=4 K.C.) Artistic Workshop (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Political Humanities, Lecture (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)		
	Category I, II, or III	4				
Foundation	Introductory to the Japanese Economy	2			International Finance and Trade, Lecture (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)	
	Historical Perspectives in Economic Analysis	2			International Finance and Trade, Seminar (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)	
	Statistics 1	2		Statistics (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)		
	Statistics 2	2				Quantitative methods applied to poverty and inequality (3 ECTS=2K.C.)
Languages	English Academic Skills 1 or English Seminar	4	Introduction to Political Institutions, Seminar (4 ECTS=2 K.C.) French or Japanese (8 ECTS=3 K.C.)	Political Humanities, Seminar (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) French or Japanese (8 ECTS=3 K.C.)	French or Japanese (8 ECTS=2 K.C.)	French or Japanese (8 ECTS=2 K.C.)
	French or Japanese	10		French or Japanese (8 ECTS=2 K.C.)	French or Japanese (8 ECTS=2 K.C.)	French or Japanese (8 ECTS=2 K.C.)
Introductory Courses in Economics	Elementary Macroeconomics 1	2		The Economy, Lecture (4 ECTS=2 K.C.)		
	Elementary Macroeconomics 2	2			Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) *This can be taken in S4	
	Introduction to Microeconomics 1	2		The Economy, Seminar (4 ECTS=2 K.C.) *Credits will be transferred at the end of Semester 3 at Sciences Po		
	Introduction to Microeconomics 2	2			Microeconomics, Lecture & Seminar (5 ECTS=2 K.C.)	
	Elementary Economic History 1	2	19th Century History, Lecture (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) *Credits will be transferred at the end of Semester 3 at Sciences Po			
	Elementary Economic History 2	2	19th Century History, Seminar (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) *Credits will be transferred at the end of Semester 3 at Sciences Po			
	Electives in Economics	6			Maths for Economists (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) *This can be taken in S4	<b>Two From</b> Development Economics (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Applied topics in Microeconomics (Game Theory Behavioral Economics) (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Monetary Policies (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) History of Economic Thought (3 ECTS=2K.C.) Economic Models in Asia (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)
Courses not Transferred to Keio unless Necessary			Along Silk Road, Lecture (3 ECTS=2 K.C.)	Along Silk Road, Seminar (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Exploratory Lectures: China Now Days (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Transdisciplinary approaches to inequality Who runs the World? Gender Equality, Power, and Leadership	Sociology of Gender, Lecture & Seminar (5 ECTS) Global Sociological Questions (2025-)	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society (3 ECTS=2K.C.) Artistic Workshop (3 ECTS=2 K.C.) Economic Sociology, Lecture & Seminar (6 ECTS=4 K.C.) History of the 20th Century, Lecture & Seminar (6 ECTS=4 K.C.)
Number of ECTS Earned		143	35	39-41	33	32-36
Number of ECTS Transferred to Keio Credits		114	33	36	28	20
Number of Keio Credits Earned after 2 Years in Le Havre		60	17	19	14	10
Number of Credits Needed to Advance to the 3rd Year at Keio		60				

Note: The above Conversion Table details the possibilities of credits obtained at Sciences Po to be transferred to Keio University. The table is updated regularly.