

**Keio University Faculty of Economics and Sciences Po Paris
to launch B.A. Double Degree Program from Sept. 2012**

Keio University Faculty of Economics and the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (known more simply as "Sciences Po") have entered an Agreement on a Double B.A. Program dated Sept. 13, 2011. Students from both universities taking part in this Program will study together for three and a half years in two countries and campuses, and on satisfying the graduation requirements of both institutions, will be awarded two B.A. degrees. After graduation, they will have the further option of advancing to the M.A. programs at Sciences Po. Through this Program, we aim to cultivate next-generation leaders who will be equipped with a rich international awareness and broad learning as well as specialist knowledge in the field of economics.

1. Background

Keio's Graduate School of Economics and Sciences Po have had an M.A. double degree program since 2009. Now, to further expand and develop this collaborative relationship, the two universities are to start a new double degree program at B.A. level. For Sciences Po, this will be the second undergraduate double degree program with an overseas university, following a similar arrangement with Columbia University, and the first with an Asian institution. The Program will offer a "double degree" in the proper sense of the term, i.e. one in which students study abroad at the partner institution for approximately half of the required years of undergraduate study. As well as being the first undergraduate program of its kind at Keio, this kind of arrangement is also extremely rare in Japan. Its outcome is therefore a subject of considerable expectation.

2. Outline of the Double Degree Program

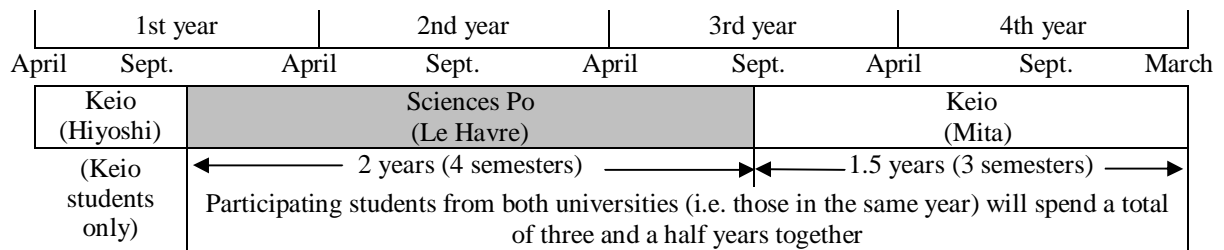
(1) Start of the Program: September 2012

(2) Eligible candidates: New matriculants* and 1st year students** at the Faculty of Economics of Keio University; new matriculants and 1st year students in the B.A. program at the Sciences Po Le Havre Campus. Up to five students selected from each.

*Transfer in the autumn semester of the 1st year, graduate in four years.

**Transfer in the autumn semester of the 2nd year, graduate in five years.

(3) Program structure: Participating Keio students will first study at the Hiyoshi Campus (Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture) for one or three semesters after matriculation. They will then study at Le Havre for two years, together with participating students from Sciences Po, followed by a further three semesters' study at the Keio Mita Campus (Minato Ward, Tokyo). Participating students from Keio will graduate after a total of four or five years and those from Sciences Po after three and a half years (half a year longer than the standard length of a B.A. program in Europe, i.e. three years).



(4) Characteristics of the Program

- (i) Europe-Asia Campus: Students taking part in this Program will spend two years at Le Havre, which, of the seven Sciences Po campuses, specializes in Europe-Asia regional studies. About half of its students come from these regions, making it the perfect environment for honing international awareness.
- (ii) English-based Program: Classes at the Sciences Po Le Havre Campus are given in English. Keio University (Mita Campus) also offers a number of classes in specialized subjects in English, so the Program participants will be able to take classes in both Japanese and English.
- (iii) An intensive B.A. : In this Program, students will be able to study a good balance of social sciences and other general subjects at the Sciences Po Le Havre Campus, followed by intensive study of economics at Keio. The emphasis is also placed on developing foreign language skills: Japanese for participants from Sciences Po and French for those from Keio.
- (iv) Advancement to graduate school: Sciences Po normally offers a combined undergraduate-postgraduate education lasting a total of five years. This means that B.A. graduates from the various campuses can advance to the M.A. programs in Paris without further examination. The same will apply to Keio University students taking part in this double degree program.
- (v) A full-fledged “double degree”: Many of the double degree programs offered by Japanese universities so far include a short overseas stay of only about a year, making them closer in nature to conventional student exchange programs. By contrast, this Program offers a stay of about two years in the partner institution, thereby not only promoting learning of knowledge, but also allowing participants to cultivate their identity as students of both universities.

3. About Sciences Po

Sciences Po, founded in 1872, is one of the top Grandes Écoles in France. It has produced many leading industrialists, central bank presidents and bureaucrats, heads of state and cabinet ministers in France and other countries, heads of international agencies, and other notable graduates. Keio University signed a comprehensive exchange agreement with Sciences Po in October 1987, since when there has been lively activity in student and research exchanges between our two universities.

Sciences Po: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/>

Le Havre Campus (Europe-Asia Campus): <http://college.sciences-po.fr/sitehavre/>

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