

# Building International Dual Degree Programs



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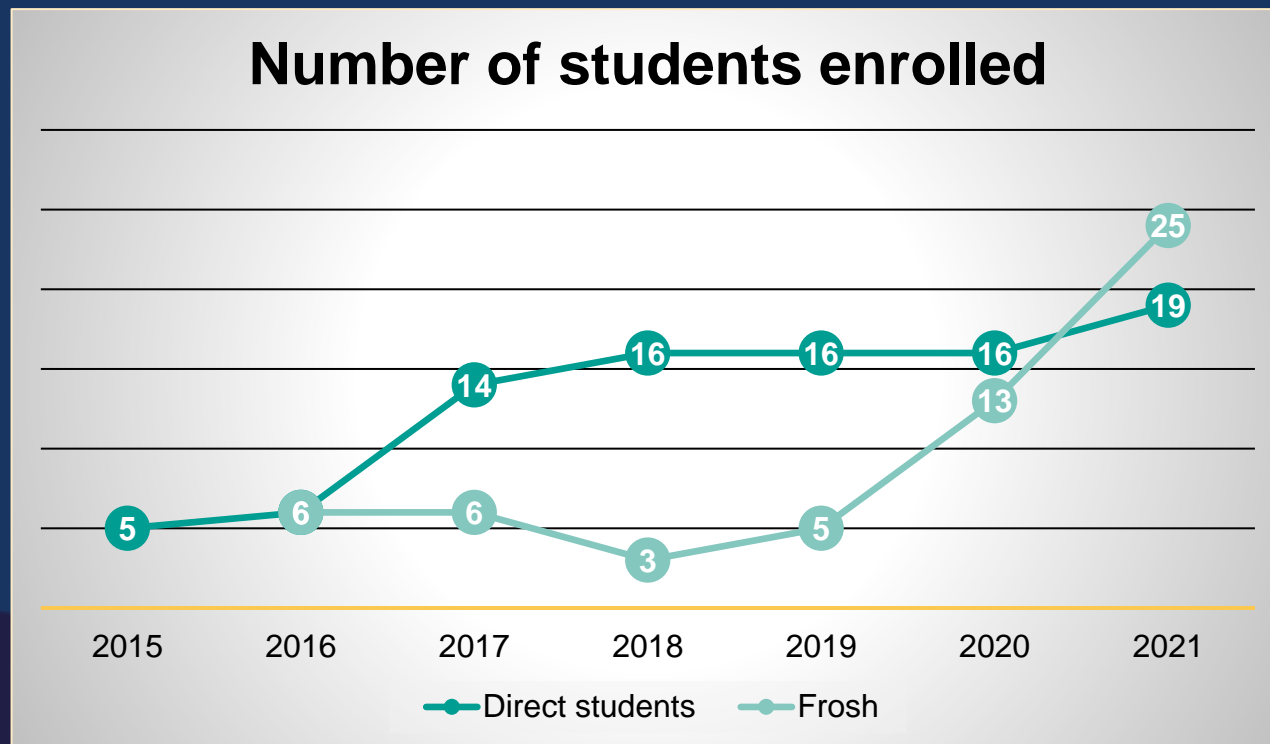


# What is the Sciences Po-UCB Dual Degree?

- **First** two years at a Sciences Po campus in France; **second** two years at UC Berkeley
- Two Bachelor's Degrees
- All courses taught in English
- Students are guaranteed admission to Sciences Po graduate program in Paris upon graduation

## Background of Program

- Dual BA launched in 2015, with a Pilot (direct) Program (students selected after their 2<sup>nd</sup> year at ScPo)
- First “frosh” class admitted Fall 2016

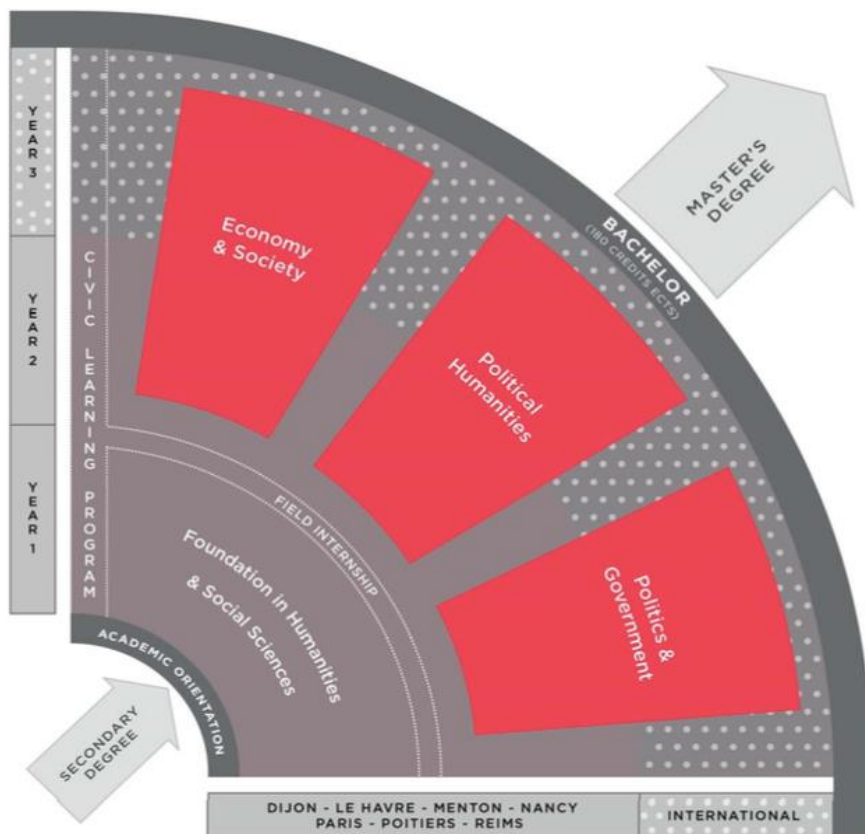


# Admissions Process

- Students complete 2 applications
  - UC Application
  - Supplemental Dual Degree Application (found on our website)
- Reviewed by Berkeley admissions for early admission
  - Selected for interviews in January
  - Notified of acceptance to Dual Degree in mid-February
- Possible to be admitted to Berkeley but denied admission to Dual Degree
- If admitted to Dual Degree Program, could deny and choose to come to Berkeley for regular 4 year degree

## Academics- Sciences Po

### THE NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS



Foundation in Humanities & Social Sciences  
Multidisciplinary Majors

- Year one is foundation
- Year two students specialize (major) in a multidisciplinary subject
- Year three is required to be abroad, for dual degree they do year 3 and 4 at UC Berkeley

## Academics-Berkeley

- Students will put an intended major on their application, but like all students in L&S, come into Berkeley “undeclared”.
- In addition to taking certain L&S requirements, student will also choose a major that fits best with their interests and aligns with the curriculum at Sciences Po.
- This will usually be a major in the social sciences. Majors that are most popular are:

Economics

History

GWS

Legal Studies

Political Science

Political Economy

Global Studies

Philosophy

Sociology

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# How Does this Program Benefit ScPo ?

- Helps recruiting US students who are not willing to let go of a US degree
- ScPo benefits from the name and fame of UC Berkeley internationally
- Directly aligns with ScPo's strategic plan
- Faculty and Departments have expressed their joy at having these students in the classroom
- Students are extremely engaged in and outside the classroom

# How Does this Program Benefit UC Berkeley?

- Help retain top students who have an interest in the social sciences and humanities
- Dual Degrees give crucial space in over-prescribed lower division prerequisite courses and breadth
- Directly aligns with Chancellor Christ's strategic plan
- Faculty and Departments have expressed their joy at having these students in the classroom
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# How Does this Program Benefit the Students?

- Students get the chance to study and immerse themselves in two distinct cultures and learn from the best faculty in the world in both Europe and the United States
- Students have the ability to deeply engage with the world beyond Berkeley's campus
- One on one dedicated advising from admission to graduation
- Extremely prepared for rigor at UCB after Sciences Po
- Experience at a both top tier research university and a small liberal arts university
- Truly an international experience

## Challenges

1. Students and program were unknown to many campus partners
2. A LOT of advising needed
3. Many things unclear
4. Course articulation
  - a. Different system (ECTS, hours, syllabi, etc)
  - b. Curriculum change
5. Website
6. Promotional materials
7. Promotion of program (getting the word out)
8. Clear communication to students and Sciences Po partners (SAT Scores)

# Take away and best practices

- Start small and built from what already exists
- Have one, clearly identified go-to person on each side
- Repeat yourself, as much as you can, to get the word out
- Communicate both within the institution, and outside, to increase awareness of the program

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