

**Sciences Po Paris**  
**School of International Liberal Studies (SILS)**  
**Waseda University**  
**5 Year Bachelor & Master's Programme (5BM)**

**An Introduction**

Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> internationally for Politics & International Studies (QS Ranking 2024), Sciences Po Paris is one of the world's leading universities in the Social Sciences.

Graduate Schools at Sciences Po Paris welcome students from more than 150 countries and regions. The two-year programmes include three semesters at Sciences Po Paris and one semester of internship or studying in France or within the global partnership network. The graduate programmes provide students with both an in-depth academic background in the social sciences and firsthand experience in a professional field the students aim to work in. About 90% of the graduates are employed within six months of graduation, with 40% starting their career outside of France.

Sciences Po Paris admits some of the best students from around the world. It offers Master's programmes taught entirely in English. No prior knowledge of French is required. Students can enroll in intensive French language courses during their studies at Sciences Po Paris.

**YouTube Video**

[【Waseda University】 SILS 5BM Programme With Sciences Po Paris - YouTube](#)

**Master's Programmes under the 5BM Programme**

a) Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA)

[Home | Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs](#)

b) Urban School (US)

[Home | Sciences Po Urban School](#)

c) School of Management and Impact (SMI)

[Home | Sciences Po School of management and impact](#)

## **SILS Application Procedures**

### **<SP1 and SP2 Students>**

#### **Application Requirements**

- (i) The student must be enrolled in SILS AFTER April 1, 2018. Students who are re-admitted to SILS (after a past withdrawal from school) or have changed affiliation from a different school are not eligible to apply.
- (ii) The student must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher at the application period and the GPA of 3.5 must be maintained to the last semester at SILS.
- (iii) **[APRIL Enrollment]** The student must earn all the required graduation credits (124 credits or more) by the end of the seventh semester at SILS.

**[SEPTEMBER Enrollment]** The student must earn at least 112 required graduation credits by the end of the sixth semester at SILS.

Please note that before the admission to Sciences Po Paris, completing 124 required graduation credits is obligatory for April Enrollment and 112 required graduation credits for September Enrollment. Should the student fail to fulfill the abovementioned requirements, the acceptance to the programme will be cancelled even if the student passes the SILS selection.

- (iv) The student is strongly encouraged to study the related/ prerequisite topics of the school to which he/ she is applying. For certain MA programmes, there are prerequisite courses necessary for the review process. Please check the syllabi.

PSIA: [Master programs | Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs](#)

US: [Master Governing the Large Metropolis | Sciences Po Urban School](#)

SMI: [Core curriculum of Master's Degree | Sciences Po School of management and impact](#)

#### **Application Stages**

##### **1) SILS Pre-selection (Application Period: December 1 – January 31)**

The document screening will be conducted about two years before admission to Sciences Po Paris. The required documents in English are as follows:

- (i) Designated Application Form
- (ii) Letter of Motivation (1000-1200 words)
- (iii) Resume (CV) \*Free Format
- (iv) Official Transcripts with GPA (SILS and Study Abroad, if applicable)
- (v) Language Proficiency Certification \*at least TOEFL(iBT) 100 or IELTS 7

Short-listed students will be contacted in April and will be invited for an interview in September of the same year.

## 2) SILS Selection (September)

An interview in English will be conducted in September, about one year before admission to Sciences Po Paris. Three short-listed students will be nominated.

**Once the students are nominated by the SILS Steering Committee, they are required to submit two academic recommendation letters.** The format is free, however, it is preferable to provide a letter linked to a discipline which is relevant to the application.

## 3) Sciences Po Paris Selection

In October, the short-listed students will be recommended to Sciences Po Paris. Between November to January, the short-listed students must submit an official application on the Sciences Po Paris online system, STAN. The Admission Office at Sciences Po Paris will evaluate the application and make the final decision.

## 4) Sciences Po Paris Announcement of Successful Candidates

The admission results will be announced by the end of February the following year. Regarding the registration procedures, the Admission Office at Sciences Po Paris will contact the successful candidates directly.

## Tuition Fees to Waseda University

### (i) APRIL Enrollment

The student will pay the full tuition fees to Waseda University until the end of the seventh semester. For the eighth semester (first semester at Sciences Po Paris), the student shall pay an Account Maintenance Fee, Credit Transfer Fee equivalent to SIX (6) SILS credits, even when the student has earned 124 SILS required graduation credits at the end of the seventh semester, and the Student Mutual Aid Association Fee to Waseda University. For the two years of the 5BM Programme, the 5BM student shall pay the full tuition fees and other miscellaneous fees to Sciences Po Paris.

### (ii) SEPTEMBER Enrollment

The student will pay the full tuition fees to Waseda University until the end of the sixth semester. For the seventh and the eighth semester (first and second semester at Sciences Po Paris), the student shall pay an Account Maintenance

Fee per semester, Credit Transfer Fee equivalent to SIX (6) SILS credits per semester, even when the student has earned more than 112 SILS required graduation credits at the end of the sixth semester, and the Student Mutual Aid Association Fee per semester to Waseda University. For the two years of the 5BM Programme, the 5BM student shall pay the full tuition fees and other miscellaneous fees to Sciences Po Paris.

*\*Accurate as of December 1, 2024, the Account Maintenance Fee is 50,000JPY per semester, the Credit Transfer Fee is 53,000JPY per (1) credit (from AY2024) and the Student Mutual Aid Association Fee is 1,500JPY per semester.*

### **5BM Programme Application and Study Abroad**

To graduate from SILS Waseda, one-year study abroad is compulsory for ALL SP1 students. It is an option for SP2 students.

#### **(i) APRIL Enrollment**

<b>Study Plan</b>	<b>Possibilities for Study Abroad Before the 5BM Programme</b>
SP1	a) Start the one-year study abroad from the 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester. b) Should the one-year study abroad start from the 5 <sup>th</sup> semester, the SILS study abroad credit transfer must be completed by February the following year.
SP2	a) Start the one-year study abroad from the 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester. b) Should the one-year study abroad start from the 5 <sup>th</sup> semester, or the study abroad starting from the 6 <sup>th</sup> semester is for one semester only, the SILS study abroad credit transfer must be completed by February the following year. c) It is an option to study abroad for one semester only on the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> semester.

#### **(ii) SEPTEMBER Enrollment**

<b>Study Plan</b>	<b>Possibilities for Study Abroad Before the 5BM Programme</b>
SP1	a) Start the one-year study abroad from the 4 <sup>th</sup> semester. b) The SILS study abroad credit transfer must be completed by February the following year.
SP2	a) Start the one-year study abroad from the 4 <sup>th</sup> semester.

	<p>b) Should the one-year study abroad start from the 4<sup>th</sup> semester, or the study abroad starting from the 5<sup>th</sup> semester is for one semester only, the SILS study abroad credit transfer must be completed by February the following year.</p> <p>c) It is an option to study abroad for one semester only on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester.</p>
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*\*Please kindly note that the guidelines, the dates and the figures (account maintenance fee, credit transfer fee, student mutual aid association fees, among others) are subject to change without advanced notice.*

### **Important Notes**

#### **Student Status**

- 1) The status of a successful SILS-5BM student at Waseda University during the 5BM Programme until graduation from Waseda University is “Privately-Financed Study Abroad (Enrolled)”.

#### **Payment to Waseda University**

- 2) For the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) semester, the universal Waseda University Alumni Fee will be levied together with the Account Maintenance Fee, the Credit Transfer Fee equivalent to SIX (6) SILS credits and the Student Mutual Aid association Fee.
- 3) The SILS-5BM student must be insured under the Waseda University Overseas Insurance Scheme from the day of departure (from Japan to Paris, and/ or from Japan to a third country before going to Paris) to the final day of the semester when he/ she is expected to graduate from SILS Waseda University.

**April Enrollees:** The overseas insurance will cover from the day of departure to March 31 of the following year.

**September Enrollees:** The overseas insurance will cover from the day of departure to September 20 of the following year.

#### **Re-Enrollment at SILS Waseda University**

- 4) If the SILS-5BM student fails to meet the graduation requirement in the first semester at Sciences Po Paris, he/ she must be re-enrolled at SILS Waseda University the following semester. The regular Waseda University tuition fees will be levied.

#### **Results**

- 5) **Sciences Po Paris and SILS Waseda University will not entertain any inquiries on the**

**nomination and the final admission decisions.**

**Expenses at Sciences Po Paris**

- 6) The SILS-5BM student is fully responsible for the tuition fees, entrance fees and all other costs, including transportation, accommodation, resettling, local healthcare insurance, books and reference, entertainment, among others, before and after starting the 5BM programme at Sciences Po Paris. Waseda University does not bear the costs at Sciences Po Paris.

## Timeline

### April Enrollment

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8	Semester 9	Semester 10	Semester 11
Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
			SILS Pre-Selection (Document Screening)		SILS Selection (Interview)  Sciences Po Paris Selection (may include an interview)	Sciences Po Paris Announcement	MA Programme At Sciences Po Paris			

Study Abroad  
(If Applicable)

Graduate from  
SILS Waseda

Graduate from  
Sciences Po Paris

This timeline may be subject to change.

## September Enrollment

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8	Semester 9	Semester 10
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
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