# Columbia Law School and Columbia School of Social Work - J.D./M.S.W. Dual Degree Program

*Columbia Law School and the Columbia School of Social Work ("CSSW") offer a dual degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. and M.S.W. in four years. Students spend five semesters in residence at the Law School and three semesters in residence at CSSW.*

## Admissions

Prospective students must separately apply and be admitted to both the Law School and CSSW. Applicants may either apply simultaneously to both schools or apply initially only to one school and then apply to the other school after commencing their course of study.

For information regarding the admissions process at each school, please contact the CLS Office of Admissions and the CSSW Office of Admissions directly.

## Degree Requirements

- **Credit Requirements:** 71[1] Law School credits; 45 CSSW credits
- **Minimum Residency Requirements:** 5 semesters at the Law School; 3 semesters at CSSW
- **Academic Requirements:**
  - Students in the J.D./M.S.W. program must satisfy all academic requirements for the J.D. degree, including: (1) all first-year Foundation Courses; (2) a course in Professional Responsibility; (3) the Major Writing credit; (4) the Minor Writing credit; (5) a minimum of 40 hours of Pro Bono service; (6) a course in Legislation and Regulation; and (7) six points of Experiential Coursework credit. The primary distinction is that, for students in the dual degree program, the Law School will accept one term of full-time residency and up to 12 academic credits toward the J.D. degree for work completed at CSSW. For more information on the J.D. requirements, please visit the J.D. Rules Page.
  - Although students are in residence at CSSW for only three semesters, their CSSW coursework spans four semesters, including four semesters of Field Instruction. For information about CSSW's academic requirements for J.D./M.S.W. students, please click here.

## Program Structure

Students in the J.D./M.S.W. dual degree program earn both degrees in four years, spending five semesters (or 2.5 academic years) in residence at the Law School and three semesters (or 1.5 academic years) in residence at CSSW. Students should work closely with Registration Services at the Law School, the Office of Enrollment and Student Services at CSSW, and their academic advisers at both schools to determine the sequencing of their enrollment.

## Tuition and Financial Aid

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[1] Dual degree students who first matriculated at the Law School in 2017 must earn at least 72 Law School credits in order to graduate.

Students in the J.D./M.S.W. dual degree program will be charged tuition according to the rates effective at the school in which they are in residence each term.  For more information regarding tuition and financial aid, prospective students should contact the [Law School Financial Aid Office](#) and the [CSSW Office of Financial Aid](#).

**Contact Information**

**Columbia Law School**

- **Admissions:**  212-854-2674; [admissions@law.columbia.edu](mailto:admissions@law.columbia.edu)
- **Financial Aid:**  212-854-7730; [financial_aid@law.columbia.edu](mailto:financial_aid@law.columbia.edu)
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:**  Robert Ford, Executive Director of Student Services, Community Engagement, and Equity, 212-854-7269; [rf2659@columbia.edu](mailto:rf2659@columbia.edu)
- **Registration Services:**  212-854-2668; [registrar@law.columbia.edu](mailto:registrar@law.columbia.edu)

**Columbia School of Social Work**

- **Admissions:**  212-851-2400; [cssw-admit@columbia.edu](mailto:cssw-admit@columbia.edu)
- **Financial Aid:**  212-851-2293; [swfinaid@columbia.edu](mailto:swfinaid@columbia.edu)
- **Enrollment and Registration Services:**  212-851-2436; [swstudentservices@columbia.edu](mailto:swstudentservices@columbia.edu)
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