Columbia Law School and Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation - J.D./M.S. in Urban Planning Dual Degree Program

Columbia Law School and the Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation ("GSAPP") offer a dual degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. and M.S. in Urban Planning over eight semesters. Students spend six semesters in residence at the Law School and two semesters in residence at GSAPP.

Admissions

Prospective students must separately apply and be admitted to both the Law School and GSAPP. Applicants may either apply simultaneously to both schools or apply initially only to one school and then apply to the other school during their first year of study.

For information regarding the admissions process at each school, please contact the CLS Office of Admissions and GSAPP's Office of Admission and Financial Aid directly.

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Requirements:** 71[1] Law School credits; 36 GSAPP credits
- **Minimum Residency Requirements:** 6 semesters at the Law School; 2 semesters at GSAPP
- **Academic Requirements:**
  - Students in the J.D./M.S. 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. For more information on the J.D. requirements, please visit the J.D. Rules Page.
  - For information about GSAPP's academic requirements for dual degree students, please click here.

Program Structure

Students in the J.D./M.S. dual degree program earn both degrees in four years, spending six terms at the Law School and two consecutive terms at GSAPP. Students must spend their final year of the program at the Law School (during which time they must cross-register for GSAPP's Thesis I & II courses, in addition to their law electives), but otherwise enjoy flexibility as to the sequencing of their enrollment. Students should work closely with Registration Services at the Law School and GSAPP's Office of Student Affairs to ensure proper registration.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Students in the J.D./M.S. 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

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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.

financial aid, prospective students should contact the [Law School Financial Aid Office](#) and the [GSAPP Office of Admission and Financial Aid](#).

Contact Information

Columbia Law School

- **Admissions:** 212-854-2674; admissions@law.columbia.edu
- **Financial Aid:** 212-854-7730; 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
- **Registration Services:** 212-854-2668; registrar@law.columbia.edu

Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation

- **Admissions & Financial Aid:** 212-854-3450; arch_admissions@columbia.edu
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:** Office of Academic and Student Affairs, 212-854-3450, studentaffairs@arch.columbia.edu