“We train versatile professionals to forge a just society—leaders who are intellectually adventurous, emotionally intelligent, and actively engaged in solving the world’s problems.”

GILLIAN LESTER
DEAN AND THE LUCY G. MOSES PROFESSOR OF LAW
The world looks to Columbia Law.

For more than 160 years, the unique confluence of our unparalleled location, intellectual vitality, and innovative spirit has prepared Columbia graduates to guide society forward.

Be ready when the world looks to you.

Live in the world’s most dynamic city. Learn from top-notch legal scholars deeply engaged with real-world issues. Connect with exceptional classmates and a global alumni community. Lead the way through a fulfilling career in any field you choose.
To study at Columbia Law School is to immerse yourself in an intellectually challenging environment with all the benefits of a great university. Your classes will be taught by professors who are leading authorities in their fields of study. You will develop practical lawyering skills by participating in clinics, externships, simulations, and policy labs. You will find opportunities to collaborate with scholars and practitioners to tackle real-world challenges through data science, advocacy, and litigation. You will learn to think critically and responsibly about the law and its impact on individual lives, judicial institutions, and global affairs.
Columbia Law professors are leading voices in the national conversation about the political and legal dynamics of the administrative state. At a time when the limits of federal, state, and private-sector authority—and the role of government itself—are being debated, our faculty members are producing important research that illuminates constitutional and statutory frameworks; the roles of Congress, the executive branch, and the judiciary; and questions about separation of powers. The Center for Constitutional Governance explores these issues in a range of policy areas, including health care, civil rights, immigration, financial regulation, and national security.

Columbia Law School has a proud history of promoting justice and equality in the United States and around the world. Our faculty and alumni have had pivotal roles at social justice and human rights organizations, such as the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Amnesty International. Our robust course offerings cover a range of issues, such as critical debates within the field of intersectionality studies and human rights reparations under domestic and international law. Through the Immigrants’ Rights Clinic and the Human Rights Clinic, as well as other experiential opportunities, students gain an up-front view of how the law can remedy systemic problems through impact litigation, direct-service representation, policy initiatives, and grassroots advocacy.

**AREAS OF STUDY**

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**HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE**

Founded in 1998, the Human Rights Institute (HRI) is one of the oldest and largest law school human rights centers in the world. An anchor for the human rights community at Columbia Law, HRI advances international human rights through education, advocacy, fact-finding, research, and scholarship. Partnering with communities and organizations, HRI promotes justice and accountability for human rights violations, strengthens human rights law and institutions, and builds collective power. For example, students have traveled to the Central African Republic to help a nongovernmental agency document war crimes and advocated on behalf of sexual assault survivors in Papua New Guinea.
Studying in one of the world’s financial capitals, Columbia Law students gain a deep understanding of corporate, securities, and transactional law. Taught by professors with unrivaled expertise and deep connections to top New York practitioners, students analyze the most pressing legal and organizational issues in both domestic and international spheres and in contexts ranging from multibillion-dollar enterprises to small businesses and nonprofit organizations. At Columbia, the tradition of studying developments in corporate law is brought to life by groundbreaking scholarship in areas such as bankruptcy, securities regulation, mergers and acquisitions, white-collar crime, and antitrust law, among others. Columbia’s Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership and the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy are hubs, hosting visiting scholars and sponsoring an array of events that bring to campus leading professionals from the worlds of business, law, and government.

The Law School is forging new paths in the teaching, scholarship, and practice of environmental law. The curriculum includes courses on U.S. environmental law, international environmental law, climate change law, energy regulation, environmental issues in business transactions, natural resources law, and animal law. Through the Environmental Law Clinic, students gain experience representing local, regional, and national organizations dealing with environmental challenges. Our Sabin Center for Climate Change Law works to create and advance legal responses to global climate change. A frequent collaborator with Columbia University’s renowned Earth Institute, the Sabin Center also offers students the opportunity to work as interns and research assistants.

**Corporate, Securities, and Transactional Law**

**Environmental Law**

“I chose Columbia Law because it presented an opportunity for a top legal education in an amazing city. In addition to having a rich curriculum that covers a wide array of legal topics, Columbia has knowledgeable faculty members who are approachable and willing to chat about their research with interested students.”

ALEXIS DANIELLE CAMPBELL ’20
With courses covering the cultural and historical contexts of LGBTQ rights, queer theory, family law, and sexual rights claims in domestic and international contexts, Columbia is at the forefront of the study of gender and sexuality law.

The Law School’s Center for Gender and Sexuality Law develops new approaches to complex issues facing identity-based social justice movements. Columbia Law is also home to the country’s first clinical program focused on issues of gender and sexuality law, which provides students with opportunities to participate in impact litigation, legislative work, and community advocacy projects.

Rapid advancements in technology, media, entertainment, and science have made intellectual property (IP) one of the most challenging, exciting, and controversial areas of contemporary law. Columbia Law offers traditional courses such as Copyright Law, Patents, and Trademarks, as well as specialized courses focusing on internet law, communications policy, law and the arts, and privacy and the Constitution. Because of our New York City location, many seminars are taught by some of the world’s most prominent arts and IP lawyers. Our strengths in IP are bolstered by the Kernochan Center for Law, Media, and the Arts and by experiential offerings such as the Arts and Entertainment Law and Copyright Dispute Resolution externships.

"Scholars are more useful the closer they are to the facts of the world. New York City—a major market for commerce, communications, and science—is fertile ground for scholarship and practice in IP law and technology.”

PROFESSOR TIM WU
AUTHOR OF THE CURSE OF BIGNESS: ANTITRUST IN THE NEW GUILDED AGE
Columbia Law is an established leader in international and comparative law. Members of our faculty helped craft postwar institutions such as the United Nations, created the modern legal framework for global human rights law, and pioneered the study of foreign legal systems. Today the Law School is at the forefront of thinking and policy behind issues of security, armed conflict, global human rights, trade, international arbitration, migration, global governance, and international finance, among other areas. Our centers and programs with a regional focus (including Chinese, European, Israeli, Japanese, and Korean Legal Studies) engage and host leading thinkers, scholars, and activists; take on pressing policy issues; and enable students to collaborate with faculty on cutting-edge research. In addition, our close ties with other law schools around the world enable students to study abroad as part of the J.D. experience.

Our national security law curriculum exposes students to the challenges facing government officials and policy advocates today. Many of our faculty members have held high-level government posts on both sides of the political aisle, allowing them to articulate the demands and difficulties U.S. officials face while balancing domestic law with national security issues and foreign policy concerns. Our National Security Law Program coordinates offerings in this area. Popular courses include Intelligence Law, Military Law and the Constitution, and National Security Investigations and Prosecutions. Students can join the National Security Law Society, which fosters close connections with faculty and practitioners through events and networking opportunities.

National Security Law

“Cybersecurity is an area where interdisciplinary research and the search for solutions are critical because the problems are partly technical, they are partly political, and they are partly legal. At Columbia we have thinkers from all of those disciplines coming together.”

PROFESSOR MATTHEW WAXMAN
FACULTY CHAIR, NATIONAL SECURITY LAW PROGRAM
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Columbia Law School’s vibrant intellectual life fosters a rich exchange of ideas, both in and out of the classroom. Students work with faculty on research that advances the understanding and application of law in the United States and around the world.

20+ CENTERS AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING

- Center for Chinese Legal Studies
- Center for Constitutional Governance
- Center for Gender and Sexuality Law
- Center for Institutional and Social Change
- Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration
- Center for Israeli Legal Studies
- Center for Japanese Legal Studies
- Center for Korean Legal Studies
- Center for Public Research and Leadership
- Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity
- Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought
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Our faculty are the leading scholars and thinkers in their fields. Their work shapes policy and influences the world’s most powerful public and private institutions.

The Law School’s specialized research centers and programs also bring students together with renowned theorists, practitioners, CEOs, judges, and policymakers to address a wide range of contemporary issues, from Brexit to reproductive rights. Our centers regularly convene conferences and symposia—often hosting leaders from government agencies, law firms, and NGOs—and provide students with opportunities to serve as research assistants and co-authors on pressing issues of the day.

Columbia’s student-run law reviews and specialized journals, many of which are the top publications in their areas, enable students to immerse themselves in scholarship of the highest quality.

“Our students have an extraordinary array of options for finding an intellectual home here. Every day I see them working alongside their faculty mentors, making an impact on issues they care about, and seeking out new ideas and new challenges. It’s a joy and a privilege to teach—and to learn from—such talented students.”

PROFESSOR BERT HUANG
VICE DEAN FOR INTELLECTUAL LIFE
At Columbia Law School, we believe that every legal professional has a responsibility to serve, whether through human rights or social justice advocacy, a career in government or at a nonprofit, or pro bono lawyering at a private firm.

Our faculty members are renowned scholars with extensive experience in public interest and government service. They design courses and seminars that equip students with innovative approaches to advocate for social justice as well as impart substantive knowledge of the law.

In addition to the robust curriculum, students have opportunities for fellowships, research, and hands-on work in public service. Columbia is home to important research centers, such as the Center for Public Research and Leadership, highly regarded academic journals like the Human Rights Law Review, and pro bono initiatives such as A Jailhouse Lawyer’s Manual, a guide for prisoners to pursue claims pro se. Student organizations help the community flourish by hosting service projects and events and coordinating mentoring programs. And the newly created, three-year Public Interest/Public Service Fellows Program provides special opportunities for peer and faculty mentoring, connecting with practitioners and alumni, and end-to-end career counseling to prepare fellows for the competitive public service jobs market.

Our diverse public interest community is anchored by our Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) office. SJI brings leading advocates to campus and provides support to students and graduates in pursuing public sector career and professional development opportunities. SJI also administers our Guaranteed Summer Funding program, which provides funding for summer internships in the public sector, and counsels students who want to take advantage of Columbia’s generous Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

“Columbia has perhaps the most generous LRAP program, and that alone is going to allow me to do what I am passionate about: Go straight into public service.”
SUZ KROEBER ’21
Experiential learning is infused into every piece of our curriculum; it’s a fundamental way we ensure that students become proactive, effective, and ethical lawyers.

From clinics and externships to simulations, labs, and workshops, experiential learning is central to a Columbia Law education. Our moot court program gives students experience with timely issues in social justice, environmental, intellectual property, and gender identity law. Under the guidance of full-time faculty members or distinguished practitioners, students gain hands-on training that prepares them for leadership roles in a variety of settings, including firms, nonprofits, government agencies, and academia.

“The clinic allows students to combine the role of being a counselor for individual clients with being an advocate for systemic policy change. That's exciting.”

PATRICIO MARTÍNEZ LLOMPART ’18
CHALLENGING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MASS INCARCERATION CLINIC PARTICIPANT

27 EXTERNSHIPS
Arts and Entertainment Law
Civil Litigation: Employment
Constitutional Rights in Life and Death Penalty Cases
Copyright Dispute Resolution
Criminal Appeals
Criminal Prosecution: District Attorney’s Office, Manhattan/Brooklyn
Domestic Violence Prosecution
Federal Appellate Court
Federal Court Clerk: EDNY, SDNY
Federal Prosecution: U.S. Attorney’s Office, EDNY, SDNY
Government: Semester in Washington, D.C.
Holistic Defense With the Bronx Defenders
Immigration Defense
Immigration Law and the Family Court
In-House Counsel
Knight First Amendment Institute
Law, Power, and Social Change
Lawyering for Social Justice (Pro Bono Scholars Program)
Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem
Community Defense
New York Attorney General’s Office:
Financial Enforcement and Economic Justice, Social and Environmental Justice
Representing NYC: New York City Law Department
Trusts and Estates
United Nations

30+ POLICY LABS AND SIMULATIONS, INCLUDING
Advanced Bankruptcy: Deals and Issues in the Current Environment
Appellate Advocacy
Bioethics Mediation
Conflict Resolution and Diplomacy
Counseling the Digital Innovator
Deals Workshop
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
IP Transactional Practice
Counseling, Negotiating, and Drafting
Law and Finance in Theory
Law and Theatre
Negotiation Workshop
Practicing International Law
Real Estate M&A and Restructuring Deals Workshop
Trial Practice

11 CLINICS
Adolescent Representation
Challenging the Consequences of Mass Incarceration
Community Advocacy Lab
Entrepreneurship and Community Development
Environmental Law
Health Justice Advocacy
Human Rights
Immigrants’ Rights
Lawyering in the Digital Age
Mediation
Sexuality and Gender Law
As a student at Columbia Law School, you will have access to the vast curricular and extracurricular resources of a historic Ivy League university. You will study side by side with students and scholars from around the world.

In taking courses at other Columbia graduate schools, you will have the opportunity to leverage your law school education and to pursue alternative legal careers in the arts, diplomacy, finance, journalism, public health, technology, or urban planning. You will learn from renowned professors in an environment where innovation, excellence, and integrity are core values. Students have a multitude of other interdisciplinary options through events and study with the Data Science Institute, the Earth Institute, the Knight First Amendment Institute, and additional university centers.

**JOINT-DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Columbia University’s outstanding graduate and professional schools provide Columbia Law students with abundant opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary study and collaboration. Joint-degree options in addition to those below are available on an ad hoc basis.

- Business School
  - MBA, three- and four-year programs
- Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
  - M.S. in urban planning
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
  - Ph.D. in select programs
- Journalism School
  - M.S.
- Mailman School of Public Health
  - M.P.H.
- School of International and Public Affairs
  - M.I.A., M.P.A., and special programs
- School of Social Work
  - M.S.W.
- School of the Arts
  - M.F.A. in theatre management and producing

Above: George and Amal Clooney (center), co-presidents of the Clooney Foundation for Justice, launched the TrialWatch initiative at the Law School in 2019. Bottom left: Justice Luis Roberto Barroso of the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court at an event co-sponsored by the Columbia Law School Brazilian Association and the Parker School for International and Comparative Law.
When you come to Columbia Law School, you become a New Yorker. You will find your home in the world’s most diverse and vibrant city—the crossroads of culture, finance, advocacy, media, and law.
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Home is Morningside Heights on Manhattan’s historic Upper West Side, a friendly community with the vibe of a traditional college town.

You will run into classmates and professors at the biweekly farmers market or at one of the countless restaurants in nearby Harlem. You can find tranquility and recreational opportunities at one of the three magnificent parks surrounding Columbia’s iconic campus. Everything you need for a full life is within walking distance.

YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

During your school year, venturing beyond Columbia by bus, bike, or subway is easy.

It’s a short trip to your externship at the United Nations or a federal court, your internship at a district attorney’s office or the national headquarters of the ACLU or NAACP, or your job interview at a top law firm or NGO.

YOUR LEISURE TIME

Attend a Broadway show, a concert at Lincoln Center, or a basketball game at Madison Square Garden.

Go with your classmates for brunch in Brooklyn or shopping in SoHo. Spend the day at the ocean or enjoy a ski weekend in upstate New York or Vermont.

“Having the opportunity to learn, grow, explore, and begin my legal career in such an intellectual and cultural hub has been such a unique and fulfilling experience.”

MICHAEL JOSEPH PURCELL ’19
Columbia Law School fosters an ethos of inclusion and collaboration in a supportive, student-centered environment. Your remarkable classmates and professors will inspire you with their fierce intelligence, enlighten you with their unique perspectives, and impress you with their determination to make a difference. You will find allies, mentors, professional colleagues, and lifelong friends.
YOUR CLASSMATES

Columbia Law School students have a zeal for learning, a commitment to excellence, and a resolve to effect change in the world. They are endlessly curious, imaginative, mindful, and resourceful. Their broad range of backgrounds and experiences is integral to the social and intellectual life of our community.

“I have made lifelong friends at Columbia—people who will be a part of both my professional and personal life after I graduate. The collegial atmosphere of the entire Law School community is a great thing to see.”

SHIV PATEL ’19

“Being a part of the legacy of Columbia Law School is amazing. I am now amongst a cohort of leaders and change makers and people we study in history books.”

PATRICIA OKONTA ’18 (LEFT)

“Coming from a small liberal arts college, where everyone is collaborative and knows one another, I was surprised at how similar it felt here. The tone is set from the top, and it trickles down that Columbia is a place where everyone is going to succeed.”

SABRINA SINGER ’18

Student Profile

48% WOMEN

40% STUDENTS OF COLOR

12% INTERNATIONAL

8.3% OF STUDENTS HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE

200+ COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

100+ UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

76 LANGUAGES SPOKEN/READ

46 STATES + D.C.

32 COUNTRIES ACROSS SIX CONTINENTS

You will have myriad opportunities to bond with your extraordinary classmates. Students come together for study and sports, for parties and pro bono work, and for exploration of New York City. You will make connections and friendships that will enrich, and likely define, your Columbia Law experience.
A Columbia Law School education prepares you to lead. Whether you envision yourself at a law firm, a district attorney’s office, a startup, or an international NGO, your Columbia degree positions you to succeed.
Columbia Law career advisers are with you from the beginning, providing career and professional development counseling that continues through your time in law school and beyond graduation. Our extensive alumni network and close connections with leading employers provide unrivaled access to a world of opportunities.

Our office of Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) serves as the hub for career advising, pro bono opportunities, and an array of events to support students and alumni interested in public interest law and government service. SJI helps students apply for fellowships and offers stipends for first- and second-year students to work for public interest organizations and government agencies. SJI regularly invites leading public servants and social justice advocates to speak on campus and hosts networking events and career skills workshops.

Columbia Law’s Office of Career Services and Professional Development helps students and graduates explore opportunities in top law firms and businesses around the world. From global firms to boutique firms, from multinational corporations to Silicon Valley startups, our counseling team will assist you in developing a career road map tailored to your goals, passions, and geographic preferences. From editing résumés to conducting mock interviews, they will guide you every step of the way. Over four days each summer, through our Early Interview Program, the most prestigious law firms interview our students in New York City and other major legal centers.

“Columbia shaped and enriched my life in ways that I am still realizing and continuing to appreciate.”
ERIC HOLDER JR. CC ’73, LAW ’76
82ND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
One of the best ways to build a solid foundation for your legal career is by securing a clerkship in a state or federal court. At Columbia, we have a staff dedicated solely to clerkship counseling. They offer a variety of programs in which judges, faculty, and alumni share information about clerkship opportunities and experiences. In any given year, at least 100 Columbia Law School graduates begin judicial clerkships around the country.

For graduates seeking careers in the legal academy, our Careers in Law Teaching Program provides training and expert guidance. Professors work with students and graduates to develop their individual research agenda and scholarship in preparation for an academic career. Our semester- and year-long postgraduate fellowship programs allow fellows to participate in the intellectual life of the Law School and serve as a springboard for prestigious jobs at leading law schools around the world.
Our Curriculum

Columbia Law School offers innovative courses in both emerging and traditional areas of law. The faculty continually develop new seminars and workshops to address urgent legal issues and to prepare students for the complexities of lawyering in an increasingly globalized world.
FIRST-YEAR FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

Civil Procedure
Students are introduced to the principal elements of the civil litigation process, including the major phases of a lawsuit, issues of standing and jurisdiction, the effects of prior adjudication, the role of the jury, and alternatives to formal adjudication. This course also covers pleadings, discovery, pretrial adjudication, pre- and post-trial motions, and remedies such as injunctions and punitive damages.

Constitutional Law
This course explores the architecture of the Constitution, the American tradition of judicial review, and theories of constitutional interpretation and enforcement. Students learn about the individual and group rights afforded by the Constitution, its amendments, and two centuries of judicial interpretation, and they consider the foundations of constitutional consent, authorization, and limitations on states and the federal government, including separation of powers.

Contracts
Contract law examines the nature of promises. Students explore how contracts are formed, interpreted, breached, and enforced. Contracts are considered within a range of contexts, such as the sale of goods or land and employment or family agreements. The legal doctrines governing contracts are also discussed in light of theories of justice, economic analysis, and other frameworks for evaluating public policy.

Criminal Law
Defining and administering the penal code is at the forefront of policy debates across the United States. This course considers crimes and defense strategies in light of the purposes of punishment (e.g., deterrence or retribution), the application and adjudication of law by the judicial system, and the role of criminal sanctions in modern society. The course also addresses the intersection of criminal law with criminology, jurisprudence, and social theory.

Foundation-Year Moot Court
To help students develop the core skills of legal practice, such as writing and delivering an argument, the Foundation-Year Moot Court requires each student to write a legal brief and argue the case orally in front of a panel of judges. Students also may choose to participate in one of many approved extramural moot court competitions in specialized areas of law, such as international or intellectual property.

Legal Methods I and II
Legal Methods I offers an intensive introduction to the legal system and case analysis. All students take Legal Methods I, and each section shares a virtually uniform curriculum. Legal Methods II builds on that introduction, exposing students to important legal methods and jurisprudential, ethical, social, or cultural perspectives relevant to different areas of the law. Students have the opportunity to choose which section of Legal Methods II they take, depending on their own intellectual and professional interests.

Legal Practice Workshop I and II
In the fall semester, students are given intensive training in the research, writing, and analytical skills needed in legal practice through written assignments situated in practice contexts, seminar discussions, and personal conferences. The second part of the workshop, in the spring, emphasizes appellate advocacy. Students research, write, and argue an appellate brief through the Foundation-Year Moot Court program or one of the alternative extramural competitions.

Property
As a core social institution, property law poses fundamental questions about efficiency, fairness, the distribution of wealth, and the tension between public and private rights. This course examines the history and theory of ownership, government regulation, and the legal devices for allocation and development of resources. Questions about ownership of intellectual property (such as artistic and digital creations) are considered, and emerging issues, such as the ownership of body parts and cyberspace, are also explored.

Torts
Tort law focuses on the common-law doctrines and precedents that assign duties of care and liability for noncontractual wrongs. This course considers negligence, the role of custom, malpractice, emotional and economic harm, causation, strict liability, products liability, nuisances, damages, defenses, and alternatives to litigation.

FIRST-YEAR ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS
First-year students are able to choose one elective course during the spring semester. Recent offerings have included the following:
- Corporations
- Empirical Analysis of Law
- Federal Income Taxation
- Ideas of the First Amendment
- International Law
- Labor Law

- Law and Contemporary Society
- Law and Legal Institutions in China
- Lawyering for Change
- Legislation and Regulation
- Transnational Litigation
The following list of courses and seminars constitutes the course of study originally approved by the Faculty of Law for the academic years 2018–2019 and 2019–2020. You can expect some changes to be made. To view the official and updated course of study, please consult our online curriculum guide (law.columbia.edu/courses), where you will find comprehensive descriptions of the curriculum, special programs, law journals, and opportunities for independent study, community externships, court clerkships, and moot court experiences.

### Upperclass Curriculum

#### Administrative Law and Public Policy
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Administrative Law
- Energy Regulation
- Health Law
- Information Privacy
- Land Use
- State and Local Government Law
- Topics in Education Law
- Unfair Competition and Related Topics in Intellectual Property

#### Commercial Law
- American Contract Law
- Commercial Finance
- Contracts and Economic Organization

#### Constitutional Law
- Advanced Constitutional Law: First Amendment
- Advanced Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Constitutional Governance
- Constitution and Foreign Affairs
- Federal Courts
- Ideas of the First Amendment
- Law of the Political Process
- Military Law and the Constitution
- Modern Constitutional Interpretation and Scholarship

#### Civil Procedure and Dispute Resolution
- Conflict of Laws
- Courts and the Legal Process
- Evidence
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Mass Torts

#### Corporate Law
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Advanced Corporate Law: Mergers and Acquisitions
- American Corporate Law
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Bankruptcy Law
- Capital Markets Regulation
- Complex Deal Structuring: Spin-offs and IPOs
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Finance and Valuation
- Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy
- Deals
- Financial Crises, Regulatory Responses
- Financial Statement Analysis and Interpretation
- International Securities Regulation
- Litigation, Economics, and Statistics
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Regulation of Financial Institutions

#### Criminal Law and Procedure
- Advanced Criminal Law: The Death Penalty
- Comparative Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Investigations
- Federal Criminal Law
- The Jurisprudence of Crime: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

#### Environmental Law
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- International Environmental Law

#### Food Law and Policy
- Food Systems and U.S. Environmental Law
- International Environmental Law
- Victims’ Rights

#### International Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Bankruptcy Law
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- American Corporate Law

#### International Criminal Investigations
- The American Bail System
- Criminal Law and Neuroscience
- Internet Investigations
- International Criminal Investigations
- Internet and Computer Crimes
- National Security Investigations and Prosecutions
- Policing the Police
- Sentencing

#### Intellectual Property
- Social Science and the Criminal Justice System
- Topics in Criminal Prosecution and Defense
- Victims’ Rights

#### Natural Resources Law
- Environmental Issues in Business Transactions
- Food Systems and U.S. Environmental Law
- International Bankruptcy and Insolvency

#### Technology, Business, Law, and Policy
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate and Public Responsibility
- Corporate Law
- Deals Workshop: Transactional Legal Strategies
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Services: Business Models, Regulatory Structures, and Policy Issues
- International Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Corporate Finance: Interdisciplinary Perspectives
- International Capital Markets
- International Corporate Finance
- International Mergers and Acquisitions
- International Public Mergers and Acquisitions
- International Private Mergers and Acquisitions

#### January Term

Every January, before the beginning of the spring semester, Columbia Law School offers a range of intensive one-week courses on cutting-edge legal topics. January Term, or J-Term, is a time for students to explore areas of the law that may not be part of their regular course of study. Classes are designed by full-time faculty to be pedagogically innovative and provide experiential learning opportunities. Offerings have included Bioethics Mediation; Conflict Resolution and Diplomacy; Financial Methods for Lawyers; Social Justice Advocacy; and the Technology, Business, Law, and Policy of AI.
FINANCING YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION

Admissions decisions at Columbia Law School are made without regard to an applicant’s financial need.

Therefore, grant applications are reviewed only after a student has been admitted. If you are interested in grant assistance, you must complete your application as early as possible so that it can be evaluated soon after you have been admitted. Students admitted under the Early Decision Plan are reminded that they should not expect to be notified of their financial aid package before the end of March, at the earliest.

We strongly recommend that all applicants file the required forms no later than February 15, even if they have not yet received an offer of admission.

The Law School awards grant assistance primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need. However, there are a number of fellowships that are not based on need that are awarded at the time an applicant is admitted to the Law School. There is no separate application for these fellowships. Each year a substantial portion of the entering class receives a Law School grant in the form of a partial tuition waiver. However, the majority of law students utilize educational loans to finance their expenses in whole or in part.

2019–2020 TUITION AND EXPENSES

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Total expenses, including tuition and student fees, are estimated at $101,345. Budget components are adjusted annually.

THE LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Columbia Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) supports Columbia J.D. graduates who pursue public interest and public service careers by providing them with financial assistance to service the educational debt they assumed while at the Law School.

In addition to the traditional LRAP, participants may elect to participate in both the Columbia Law School LRAP and the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

All Columbia J.D. graduates in qualifying employment are entitled to its generous assistance, and there is no salary cap. In some cases, graduates who demonstrate exceptional dedication and potential for contribution to the public good are awarded public interest fellowships, which provide enhanced loan repayment assistance to the fellows.

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LRAP SUMMARY

Participants are not expected to contribute to annual loan payments if their calculated income is less than $55,000.

Graduates may elect to participate in the Columbia Law School LRAP, the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, or a combination of the two programs.*

Graduates may join the program up to seven years after graduating.

LRAP loans are partially forgiven from years three to five and fully forgiven on an annual basis in years five to 10.

Spousal educational debt service up to $10,000 may be included in the repayment formula.

LRAP participants with dependent children are eligible for an allowance of up to $10,000 per child.

Program eligibility provisions are available for graduates on parental leave or in part-time employment.

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2019–2020 Dates and Deadlines

Early Decision
November 15, 2019

Financial Aid
February 15, 2020

Regular Decision
February 15, 2020

Transfer
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