

Columbia Law School and Columbia School of the Arts - J.D./M.F.A.

Dual Degree Program

Columbia Law School and the Columbia School of the Arts offer a dual degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. and M.F.A. in Theatre Management & Producing in four years. Students spend five semesters in residence at the Law School and three semesters in residence at the School of the Arts.

Admissions

Prospective students must separately apply and be admitted to both the Law School and the School of the Arts. Applicants may either apply simultaneously to both schools or apply initially only to the Law School and then apply to the School of the Arts once they've commenced their course of study.

For information regarding the admissions process at each school, please contact the [CLS Office of Admissions](#) and the [School of the Arts Office of Admissions and Financial Aid](#) directly.

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Requirements:** 71¹ Law credits; 45 Arts credits
- **Minimum Residency Requirements:** 5 semesters at the Law School; 3 semesters at the School of the Arts
- **Academic Requirements:**
 - Students in the J.D./M.F.A. 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; and (6) for students who first matriculated at the Law School in or after 2016, at least 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 the School of the Arts. For more information on the J.D. requirements, please visit the [J.D. Rules Page](#).
 - For information about the School of the Arts' academic requirements, please click [here](#).

Program Structure

Students in the J.D./M.F.A. dual degree program earn both degrees in four years, spending five semesters at the Law School and three semesters at the School of the Arts. Students generally spend their first year, as well as their final semester, at the Law School, but they otherwise enjoy flexibility as to the timing of their three semesters at the School of the Arts. Students should work closely with [Registration Services at the Law School](#) and the [School of the Arts' Office of Student Affairs](#) to ensure proper registration.

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.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Students in the J.D./M.F.A. 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 [School of the Arts Office of Admissions 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:** Jordana Confino, Assistant Director of Academic Counseling, 212-854-7420; jc4951@columbia.edu
- **Registration Services:** 212-854-2668; registrar@law.columbia.edu

Columbia School of the Arts

- **Admissions & Financial Aid:** 212-854-2134; admissions-arts@columbia.edu
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:** Steven Chaikelson, Director of the Theatre Management & Producing Concentration, 212-854-3408; steven.chaikelson@columbia.edu