

Columbia Law School and Columbia School of International and Public Affairs - J.D./M.I.A. Dual Degree Program

Columbia Law School and the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs (“SIPA”) offer a dual degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. and M.I.A. in four years. Students spend three years in residence at the Law School and one year in residence at SIPA.

Admissions

Prospective students must separately apply and be admitted to both the Law School and SIPA. Applicants may either apply simultaneously to both schools or apply initially only to the Law School and apply to SIPA during their first or second year of study at the Law School.

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

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Requirements:** 71¹ Law School credits; 30 SIPA credits
- **Minimum Residency Requirements:** 6 semesters at the Law School; 2 semesters at SIPA
- **Academic Requirements:**
 - Students in the J.D./M.I.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 SIPA. For more information on the J.D. requirements, please visit the [J.D. Rules Page](#).
 - For information about SIPA’s academic requirements, please click [here](#).

Program Structure

Students in the J.D./M.I.A. dual degree program earn both degrees in four years, three of which are spent at the Law School and one of which is spent at SIPA. Students are generally required to spend the first and fourth years of the program in residence at the Law School, but they enjoy flexibility as to the timing of their two consecutive semesters at SIPA – i.e., they may choose to reside at SIPA during either the second or third year of the program. Students should work closely with [Registration Services at the Law School](#) and the [SIPA Office of Student Affairs](#) to ensure proper registration.

Tuition and Financial Aid

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

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 [SIPA Financial Aid Office](#).

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 International and Public Affairs

- **Admissions & Financial Aid:** 212-854-6216; sipa_admissions@sipa.columbia.edu
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:** Stefan Brown, Senior Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, 212-854-1431, asb167@columbia.edu