One world-class institution. Two degrees.
Why Pursue the JD/MBA at Columbia?

Globalization and innovation are changing the way we do business—and today’s leaders must be prepared to adapt to an ever-evolving economic landscape. At the heart of this dynamic world is New York City, the hub for industries such as finance, media, and law—and home to Columbia University. Columbia Business School and Columbia Law School have partnered to offer future leaders the opportunity to earn two prestigious degrees in as few as three years through Columbia’s JD/MBA Program.

Access to Expertise

— The dual degree program provides access to preeminent faculty members from two exceptional schools, giving students an unparalleled academic advantage.
— Students benefit from powerful Columbia alumni networks in both law and business, connecting them to trailblazers across industries and disciplines around the globe.
— Students get a jump start on their post-graduation pursuits, receiving career advice and access to resources from the Law School’s Office of Career Services and Professional Development and the Career Management Center at Columbia Business School.

At the Center of Success

— The program is located in New York City, the business capital of the world and headquarters to the most prestigious law firms in the U.S.
— Many high-tech industries and startup companies also call New York City home, providing a direct entry for those interested in entrepreneurial pursuits.
— For students looking to make a difference in the public sector, New York City is an ideal launching ground for ventures in social entrepreneurship or careers in government, including financial regulation.

“Obtaining both a JD and an MBA degree provides a unique perspective on managing opportunity and risk. It gives a professional an edge by providing them with multiple frameworks for understanding and solving a variety of problems. Having both degrees enables recipients to have many more career choices and develops the circumspection organizations value in their senior professionals.”

Michael Malone, Associate Dean for MBA and EMBA Programs, Columbia Business School
Academic Excellence
Three-year program structure
Students earn degrees from both Columbia Law School and Columbia Business School in just three years and enter the job market a year earlier than traditional dual-degree programs allow. Three-year program students spend the first year at the Law School, the second year at the Business School, and the third year taking a combination of law and business courses, some of which will count toward both degree requirements.

Four-year program structure
The four-year program affords students the opportunity to grow their skills by taking additional business or law electives—after completing their core requirements—in their area of interest or to explore subject areas they would not normally have time for in the accelerated program. Students who begin their studies at the Law School have a choice of staying at the Law School during the second year before proceeding to the Business School or spending the second year at the Business School then structuring the remaining two years as a combination of business and law courses.
Academic Requirements

Upon graduation, JD/MBA students will have earned a total of 71 credits towards their JD and 45 credits towards their MBA. This includes joint electives, which count toward both degrees.

Sample Curriculum

Business
Sample business core courses:
— Managerial Economics
— Financial Accounting
— Business Analytics

Sample business electives:
— Advanced Corporate Finance
— Capital Markets and Investments
— Corporate Governance
— Real Estate Transactions

Law
Sample law foundation classes:
— Legal Methods
— Contracts
— Constitutional Law

Sample law electives:
— Capital Market Regulations
— Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy
— Strategic International Commercial Transactions

Intellectual Assets

Students in both the three- and four-year programs can tap the immense intellectual capital in courses taught by faculty members from both schools—experts who are among the most distinguished in their fields.

“I am a big fan of JD/MBAs in my classes. I find these students to be well thought out in their responses to questions. Based on the legal training and perhaps self-selection to study law, I find that these students can look at large amounts of information and get right to the heart of the matter. This skill is critical to success in business, even more so now that competition in the financial industry is at an all-time high.”

Donna Hitscherich, Senior Lecturer in Discipline in Business and Director of the Private Equity Program

“I constantly encounter the intermixed nature of business and law in negotiating contracts, setting corporate strategies and creating culture at my company.”

Shanita Nicholas, JD/MBA ’13 Co-founder, Sip and Sonder

Exception: Students who first matriculated at the Law School in 2017 must earn a total of 72 Law credits.
“Business and law, I feel, are intimately related. I knew that getting a JD/MBA would give me the skills and enough—for lack of a better term—arrows in my quiver to be a threat in any situation I’d encounter going forward.”

David Shapiro, JD/MBA ’14
Consultant, McKinsey Recovery & Transformation
The NYC Edge

JD/MBA students work with career service professionals in both the Business School and Law School to connect with future employers. Columbia’s New York City location provides an ideal launching pad for prestigious internships—with the potential to turn into full-time positions after graduation. JD/MBA alumni work in public and private sectors across all industries and in all parts of the world-sharing a single ambition to leave a lasting impact.

Theory and Practice

Previous JD/MBA Guest Speakers

- Samuel A. Alito
  US Supreme Court Justice
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg ’59LAW
  US Supreme Court Justice
- Stephen Breyer
  US Supreme Court Justice
- William H. Donaldson
  Former Chairman, US Securities and Exchange Commission; Former CEO, New York Stock Exchange
- Laurence Fink
  Chairman and CEO, BlackRock
- Shelly Lazarus ’70BUS
  Former Chairman and CEO of Ogilvy and Mather
- Peter Orszag
  Managing Director and Vice Chairman of Investment Banking, Lazard
- Sam Palmisano
  Retired Chairman and CEO of IBM
- Brad Smith ’84LAW
  President and Chief Legal Officer, Microsoft
- Timothy Steinert
  General Counsel of Alibaba
- Donald Verrilli, Jr. ’83LAW
  Solicitor General of the United States
- Devin Wenig ’91LAW
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Post-graduation

Public Sector

- Federal Reserve System
- Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- US Securities and Exchange Commission

Banking

- American Express
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ
- Barclays
- BNP Paribas
- Citi
- Deutsche Bank
- Goldman Sachs
- E*Trade
- Evercore
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- London Stock Exchange
- Merrill Lynch
- Morgan Stanley
- Perella Weinberg
- UBS
- Wells Fargo

Consulting

- Bain & Company
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Boston Consulting Group
- Ernst & Young
- McKinsey & Company

Global Law Firms

- Allen & Overy
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- Clifford Chance
- Cravath Swaine & Moore
- Debevoise & Plimpton
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Hogan Lovells
- Jones Day
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Latham & Watkins
- Linklaters
- Morrison & Foerster
- Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
- White & Case

Other

- AllianceBernstein
- Bloomberg LP
- Continental Grain
- eBay
- Google
- Microsoft
- National Football League
- NBCUniversal
- Standard & Poor’s (subsidiary of McGraw Hill Financial)
- Twitter
- Uber (Singapore)

Internships

- Alpha Venture Partners
- Apple
- Bank of America
- Credit Suisse
- Federal Reserve Bank
- Federal Trade Commission
- Jones Day
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Linklaters
- Microsoft
- NY Attorney General’s Office
- NY Supreme Court
- Paine Schwartz Partners
- Samsung
- US Securities and Exchange Commission
Graduates of Columbia's JD/MBA Program join an expansive global community of over 65,000 alumni from the Business and Law Schools. The Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy coordinates activities and events to help students connect with our strong alumni network such as the JD/MBA Annual Dinner, career panels, mentorship programs, mentoring breakfasts, and many more.

Center and Programs

- Center on Corporate Governance
- Center for International Commercial and Investment Arbitration
- Center for Law and Economics Studies
- Center for Contract and Economic Organization
- The Charles Evans Gerber Transactional Studies Center
- The Eugene Lang Entrepreneurship Center
- Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership
- Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business
- The Paul Millstein Center for Real Estate
- Private Equity Program
- Program for Financial Studies
- Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy
- Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. Center for Leadership and Ethics

"The JD/MBA program has attracted an exceptional group of students: very able analytically but also self-starters; people who have a good sense about how to make their way in the world, determined, and ambitious in the right way. I expect this group to have highly successful careers and also to make significant contributions to society."

Jeff Gordon,
Richard Paul Richman Professor of Law,
Columbia Law School

Student Clubs

Columbia Business School and Columbia Law School host over 200 student clubs and organizations. Among these are Columbia Business and Law Association, Columbia Law and Entrepreneurship Society and the Real Estate Association just to name a few.
Take the Next Steps

For more information on the program and to apply:
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