

# **Columbia Law School and Columbia Mailman School of Public Health - J.D./M.P.H. Dual Degree Program**

*Columbia Law School and the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health offer a dual degree program that enables students to earn a J.D. and M.P.H. over seven semesters. Students spend five semesters in residence at the Law School and two semesters in residence at the School of Public Health.*

## **Admissions**

Prospective students must separately apply and be admitted to both the Law School and the School of Public Health. Applicants may either apply simultaneously to both schools or apply initially only to the Law School and apply to the School of Public Health 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 [School of Public Health Admissions Office](#) directly.

## **Degree Requirements**

- **Credit Requirements:** 71<sup>1</sup> Law credits; 42 Public Health credits
- **Minimum Residency Requirements:** 5 semesters at the Law School; 2 consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring) at the School of Public Health
- **Academic Requirements:**
  - Students in the J.D./M.P.H. 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 Public Health. For more information on the J.D. requirements, please visit the [J.D. Rules Page](#).
  - For information about the School of Public Health's academic requirements for dual degree students, please click [here](#).

## **Program Structure**

- Students in the J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program earn both degrees over seven semesters, five of which are spent at the Law School and two of which are spent at the School of Public Health. Students must spend the first full year of the program, as well as the last semester of the program, at the Law School, and one full academic year (consecutive Fall and Spring semesters) at the School of Public Health. However, students enjoy flexibility as to the timing of their year at the School of Public Health – i.e., whether they complete it during the second or third year of the program.

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<sup>1</sup> Dual degree students who first matriculated at the Law School in 2017 must earn at least 72 Law School credits in order to graduate.

- During their first year at the Law School, students must complete all first-year Foundation Courses. During their year at the School of Public Health, students must register for a minimum of 32 of the 42 credits required for the M.P.H. degree. Students generally complete the remaining 10 credits of Public Health coursework through cross-registration while in residence at the Law School. Alternatively, students may choose to register with the School of Public Health for an additional summer term, which carries additional tuition obligations, following their year of residency, and to complete their remaining 10 Public Health credits at that time.
- Dual degree students should work closely with [Registration Services at the Law School](#) and the [Office of Student Affairs at the School of Public Health](#) to ensure proper registration.

### **Tuition and Financial Aid**

Students in the J.D./M.P.H. 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 Public Health Financial Aid Office](#).

### **Contact Information**

#### **Columbia Law School**

- **Admissions:** 212-854-2674; [admissions@law.columbia.edu](mailto:admissions@law.columbia.edu)
- **Financial Aid:** 212-854-7730; [financial\\_aid@law.columbia.edu](mailto:financial_aid@law.columbia.edu)
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:** Robert Ford, Associate Director of Academic Counseling and Student Engagement, 212-854-7269; [rf2659@columbia.edu](mailto:rf2659@columbia.edu)
- **Registration Services:** 212-854-2668; [registrar@law.columbia.edu](mailto:registrar@law.columbia.edu)

#### **Columbia Mailman School of Public Health**

- **Admissions & Financial Aid:** 212-305-3927; [ph-admit@columbia.edu](mailto:ph-admit@columbia.edu); [sphfinaid@columbia.edu](mailto:sphfinaid@columbia.edu)
- **Academic Advising and Program Information:** Carlos Correa, Assistant Director of Student Affairs; 212-342-3440; [cc3665@columbia.edu](mailto:cc3665@columbia.edu)
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