

JD/MBA

PROGRAM

One world-class institution. Two degrees.

Making an
Impact
Where
Business and Law
Meet

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





“The advantages I have enjoyed because of my joint-degree education are enormous. I am profoundly grateful for it, and I would be glad to share that perspective with the students. It is important that they understand how empowering the JD/MBA training will be for them. It is important for them to appreciate how great and rare an opportunity they are being given.”



Paul Hilal
JD/MBA '92
*Founder and CEO,
Mantle Ridge LP*

“As an engineer who was deep into his field, the JD/MBA education was a great broadening of my skills, perspective and overall business knowledge. It enabled an immediate change in career direction upon graduation. I went from an engineer to a tax lawyer, and ultimately into finance. This would not have been possible without this valuable experience.”



Jesse J. Greene Jr.
JD/MBA '75
*Retired VP, Financial
Management and Chief
Financial Risk Officer, IBM
Corporation*



Three- and Four-Year Program Structure

Columbia offers an accelerated three-year JD/MBA program and a traditional four-year program, allowing students to carve their own unique paths toward high-impact futures.

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 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.

“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



The
NYC
Edge

“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*

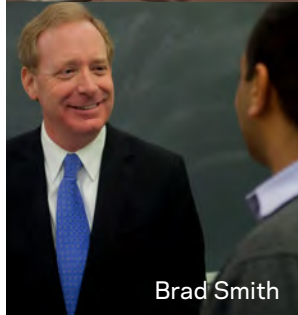


The NYC Edge

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.



Peter Orszag



Brad Smith



Shelly Lazarus

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

President and CEO, eBay Inc.

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



An
Engaged
and
Powerful
Community

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 Milstein 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

- COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL
- 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.

“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*

Take the Next Steps

For more information on the program and to apply:

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