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Program accreditation
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration

A cooperative arrangement with the University of Richmond School of Law makes it possible for students to receive a law degree from the University of Richmond and the Master of Public Administration from VCU. The dual degree program is designed to provide its graduates with competency in both public administration and law. This competency is applicable to areas of practice drawing upon knowledge and skills from each of these fields. The program brings together persons interested in both the broader aspects of public policy and government affairs and the law. It also brings together two fields that require complementary knowledge and skills that may be directed toward solving problems that are associated with the affairs of the government and nonprofit sectors. This integration of education in public administration and law draws on the contributions that each discipline can make to a professional knowledge base for practice in both fields.

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Application process
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