Purpose
The Coordinated JD/PhD Program is designed for students interested in completing interdisciplinary work during their enrollment at Harvard University and is founded on the belief that students’ legal and liberal arts graduate studies can both be enriched through this pursuit. Students completing the Coordinated Program receive a JD from Harvard Law School and a PhD from Harvard’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. It is expected that these students will be strong candidates for teaching posts at law schools and in arts and sciences programs, as well as for other positions in law and academia. To date, the Coordinated JD/PhD Program is established in the Departments of economics, government, health policy, and history; this list will expand based on student interest. Students who wish to explore the Coordinated Program, and who are eligible to do so based on the criteria set forth below, are encouraged to contact Catherine Claypoole, assistant dean for academic affairs at the Law School (claypool@law.harvard.edu), or Rise Shepsle, assistant dean of student affairs at GSAS (rshepsle@fas.harvard.edu).

Admissions
Prospective students must apply to and be separately admitted to both the Law School and a GSAS PhD program before applying to the Coordinated JD/PhD Program. Students must apply to the Coordinated Program no later than June 1 of their second year of enrollment in either the Law School or GSAS program.

Once a student has been admitted to both programs, he or she applies to the Coordinated Program by submitting a plan of study, which must be approved both by the student’s GSAS department and the Vice Dean for Academic Programming at the Law School. Acceptance of this plan of study constitutes admission into the Coordinated Program.

Students who are enrolled in one program but have not yet been admitted to the second School must apply to the second School no later than their second year in the first program, meeting the second School’s application deadline for matriculation the following year. (Once they are admitted to the second program, they must also meet the June 1 deadline for applying to the Coordinated JD/PhD Program.)

Students who are already separately enrolled in both a PhD program and the Law School’s JD program, in addition to meeting the above requirements, are encouraged to apply to the Coordinated Program as soon as possible.

Registration and Course of Study
Overview—Students will be registered in only one School during any given semester/term. They will be expected to complete all requirements for the JD degree within six years of the date they first enroll in either the Law School or GSAS; they may graduate from the Law School before completing the PhD. Ordinarily, students must have satisfactorily completed at least 16 half courses and have paid four terms of full tuition to receive the PhD. Students will have two primary faculty advisors, one at the Law School and one at GSAS, who will jointly advise students.

Course of Study at the Law School and GSAS—Students will be expected to complete the first-year program, three upper-level fall or spring semesters, and two winter terms at the Law School, for a total of five fall or spring semesters and two winter
terms. In lieu of the sixth Law School semester generally required of JD students, students in the Coordinated Program take that sixth semester at GSAS, completing courses or dissertation work pre-approved by the Law School and equivalent to at least ten Law School credits. Students ordinarily will be expected to complete at least four years (eight terms) in GSAS. There may be opportunities for cross-registration.

**Funding**

Students will be eligible for Law School financial aid during the five semesters in which they are enrolled in and pay tuition to the Law School.

Students will be eligible for GSAS funding during the terms they are enrolled in GSAS, following the standard pattern of funding for students in the social sciences and the humanities.

**Housing and Student Life**

Students may apply for housing through either School for the years in which they are enrolled for at least one semester/term at both Schools. In all other years, students must apply for housing to the School in which they are enrolled. GSAS and the Law School will work together to ensure that the student services offered by both Schools are available to JD/PhD students during all their years in the Coordinated Program.