

application

visiting student program
at Columbia College

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
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Information about the Visiting Student Program

Information for Candidates

The Visiting Student Program at Columbia College is open to students currently enrolled in a degree-seeking undergraduate program at another four-year college or university who will have completed one full year of college work by the time of enrollment. As a Visiting Student you may take any course in Columbia College excluding the following courses in our Core Curriculum:

- Contemporary Civilization C1101-C1102: Introduction to Contemporary Civilization
- English C1010: University Writing
- Humanities C1001-C1002: Masterpieces of Western Literature and Philosophy (Literature Humanities)
- Humanities W1121: Masterpieces of Western Art
- Humanities W1123: Masterpieces of Western Music
- Science SCNCC1000 and C1100 Frontiers of Science

Visiting Students at Columbia College are also not permitted to register for courses at Barnard College or The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) without express permission from the instructor and permission from the Center for Student Advising. Visiting Students must maintain full-time status by registering for a minimum of 12 points per semester. We recommend that you plan out your curriculum at Columbia College in advance and consult your dean or academic adviser to make sure the credits will transfer back to your home institution.

You may access the Columbia College *Bulletin* online at www.college.columbia.edu/bulletin.

Transfer Admission:

Students who enroll at Columbia College as Visiting Students are not eligible to apply for transfer admission. If you are interested in transfer admission, please go to www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions.

Financial Aid

There is no financial aid available from Columbia for Visiting Students. However, financial aid from your home institution may transfer to Columbia. You should consult with your home institution's financial aid office.

Housing

Housing for Visiting Students is not guaranteed, but we will try to accommodate students who wish to live on campus. Admitted students will be notified at the time of admission if we are able to provide on-campus housing.

Deadlines and Instructions

SPRING SEMESTER

Application must be postmarked by November 15 (Notification is mid-December).

FALL SEMESTER

Application must be postmarked by March 15 (Notification is mid-May).

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Visiting Student Program Application (including essay)
2. The Statement of Good Standing and Letter of Recommendation (to be completed by your dean or academic adviser)
3. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (Students submitting transcripts in a language other than English must submit an English translation of their official transcript.)
4. To be considered for admission to Columbia, you must be comfortable with rapid and idiomatic spoken English. If your home language is not English and if your primary language of instruction has not been English for at least five years, you are required to take an English proficiency examination. Both of the examinations listed here are given all over the world, several times a year:
 - I. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). You are urged to visit www.toefl.org as quickly as possible for more information on this examination. A minimum score of 600 (paper-based test), 250 (old computer-based test), or 100 (new Internet-based test) is necessary for admission to Columbia. Your score must be reported directly to Columbia by the testing service, using report code 2116 (Columbia College).
 - II. IELTS (International English Language Testing System). You are urged to visit www.ielts.org as quickly as possible for more information on this examination. A minimum score of 7.0 is necessary for admission to Columbia.

5. A nonrefundable check or money order for \$75.00 made payable to Columbia University

A NOTE ON YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: Please note that we will e-mail all decisions regarding your application. Applicants should maintain a valid e-mail address during the entire application process, as most of our information (i.e., application confirmation, decision information, etc.) is communicated electronically. As a result, be sure to make arrangements with your Internet service provider to allow for Columbia University-sent e-mail to be delivered without filtering or junk mail routing. If either of your addresses (e-mail or mailing) changes, you must notify us in writing.

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Visiting Student Program Application

PERSONAL DATA

Please print or type in the space provided

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
REC: _____
D/E: _____

Name

LAST OR FAMILY NAME (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS) _____ US SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE). DO NOT USE HYPHENS. _____

FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

SUFFIX _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Male Female

Address

NUMBER, STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE (ADAPT TO YOUR COUNTRY AS NECESSARY) _____

COUNTRY _____ E-mail _____

Telephone

HOME TELEPHONE (BEGIN WITH AREA OR COUNTRY CODE) _____ IF APPLICABLE (BEGIN WITH AREA OR COUNTRY CODE) _____

Cell phone _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s)

LAST OR FAMILY NAME _____ FIRST _____

LAST OR FAMILY NAME _____ FIRST _____

APPLICATION DATA

For which term are you applying? Fall _____ (YEAR) Spring _____ (YEAR) Have you visited Columbia's campus? Yes No

Do you wish to reside on campus? Yes No Have you previously applied to Columbia? If yes, indicate year. Yes _____ (YEAR) No

(Please see statement on housing in Information about the Visiting Student Program)

Is either parent a full-time Columbia employee? If yes, duration of employment: _____ Yes No

Please list any relatives who have graduated from or are attending Columbia University (add extra sheet if necessary):

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DIVISION ATTENDED	DEGREE/YEAR RECEIVED

How did you hear about Columbia's Visiting Student Program? Friend Columbia Web site Other _____

COLLEGES

PRESENT COLLEGE	CITY, STATE, ZIP	DATES ATTENDED
FORMER COLLEGE (IF APPLICABLE)	CITY, STATE, ZIP	DATES ATTENDED

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Statement of Good Standing and Letter of Recommendation

To the Applicant: After you have completed sections 1 and 2, give this form to your Dean or Academic Adviser.

Section 1

Candidate's name _____
LAST OR FAMILY NAME FIRST MIDDLE

Candidate's address _____
NUMBER, STREET

CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTRY (IF NOT U.S.)

Official name of current college or university _____

Section 2

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, effective January 1, 1975, provides that an applicant admitted to and enrolling in Columbia is entitled to review records on file in the Dean of Student Affairs Office. If an applicant wishes his or her recommendations to Columbia submitted on a confidential basis, this right of access may be waived. While confidential recommendations are no longer required of applicants, if you wish this form to remain confidential, please sign below.

"I will not seek access to this confidential recommendation submitted on my behalf and used for admission and initial academic counseling purposes only."

Candidate's signature _____ Date _____

To the Dean or Academic Adviser:

The Statement of Good Standing and Letter of Recommendation must be postmarked by November 15 for spring admission or March 15 for fall admission.

Your candid and considered remarks on this student will be of great help to the Committee on Admissions in its evaluation. You may use the space provided, or you may attach your own letter; in either case, you must return it to the candidate in a sealed official envelope. The candidate must return the entire application package, including this recommendation, to Columbia at the time of application.

Has the candidate ever been on any type of academic or nonacademic probation? Yes No

If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

I recommend this candidate for admission to Columbia College's Visiting Student Program. Yes No

Dean/Adviser name _____ College/University _____

Title _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____