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YOUR



VOICE



 Columbia
College

High School
(Grade 10-12)

2024/2025

‘VANCOUVER IS THE PERFECT CITY TO DISCOVER YOURSELF’

Safe. Vibrant. Diverse.



This is the place for adventure.

A downtown core with music, theatre, shopping, food, and sports. A natural setting for hiking in the mountains or biking next to the ocean. Vancouver is your home away from home.

Discover life in Canada at Columbia College, in the heart of the city. With easy access to everything you need, Vancouver is the ideal place to continue your education and experience life in one of the world's greatest cities.



1

One of the most
Liveable Cities
in the World

2

Mildest Climate
in Canada

3

Leads Canada in
Economic Growth

4

45% of Population is
Foreign Born

5

Home to
Top Universities
such as UBC & SFU

WHY COLUMBIA COLLEGE?



**20-35
STUDENTS**

per Class, small
Classroom sizes

We welcome
Students from
more than

60 COUNTRIES



95%
INTERNATIONAL

**Student base at
Columbia College**

3

**Intakes
per Year**



OUR CAMPUSES

Our two campuses - Main Campus and North Campus - attract, nurture and transform more than 2,000 students from Canada and 60+ countries around the world.

Our Main Campus is a five-storey, 73,000 square foot building just east of Vancouver's downtown core. Located in front of the famous Vancouver Pacific Central Station, the building provides well-equipped facilities to students and staff, including science laboratories (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Physics), a library, and student lounges. We are 5 minutes walk from the Main Street Science World skytrain station and 10 minutes drive from downtown.



10 MINS TO DOWNTOWN



Learn more about our campuses at
columbiacollege.ca/about/campus

Columbia College is located on the territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Musqueam, Squamish, Stó:lō, and Tsleil- Waututh Nations.



**DOWNTOWN
VANCOUVER**



**NORTH
CAMPUS**

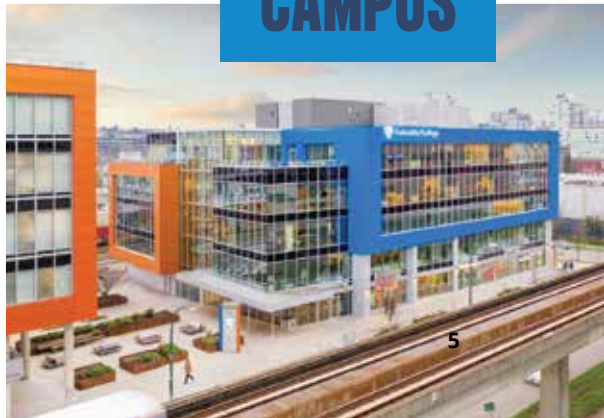
SCIENCE WORLD



SKYTRAIN STATION



**MAIN
CAMPUS**



CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

LEARN THE
LIFE YOU
WANT
TO LEAD

International Centre for Student Success (ICSS)

Counselling, Tutoring, Immigration, Career Advisors, Digital Literacy and Skills Training, as well as annual Limitless Student Conference.

Centre for Equitable Access to Transformative Education (CREATE)

Scholarships and Bursaries for equity deserving communities such as refugees and students experiencing displacement.

Collaborative Education Lab (Co-LAB)

Multi-disciplinary, student-centered projects to empower leadership within social, economic, and environmental challenges.



Key Programs for Students



Learn more at:

[columbiacollege.ca/
futurestudents/charitable-
programs-for-students](https://columbiacollege.ca/futurestudents/charitable-programs-for-students)

Access Card Program

This program is intended to partially offset the costs of a Compass Card and provide initial stored value for students to begin accessing public transit in Metro Vancouver.

Student Emergency Support Program (SESP)

This program is intended to help students get back on their feet when an urgent or unexpected need arises that they cannot meet themselves.

Tuition Instalment Plan (TIP)

Full-time continuing students may pay their tuition fees in three instalments once their tuition deposit is completed. This eases the financial pressure on students overall to pay fees through installments.

Community Connection Program (Work-Placement)

In this work placement program, Columbia College will match students with projects alongside local community organizations for paid work experience. Students therefore gain valuable experience while building relationships with local organizations.

Student Teaching, Adaptation, Readiness Training (CC START)

CC START is CC's newest initiative to help new students get acclimated to the education system in Canada. By completing three micro-credentials on the academic system, learning skills, and personal well-being, students can strengthen their understanding of the educational journey ahead and gain practical skills and toolkits leading to higher resilience and readiness.

LEARN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL



English for Academic Purposes

1 Semester
(4 months)

High School English Courses

1 Semester
(4 months)

ENGLISH 097
IELTS 5.0/4.5**
+ 1 COURSE*

ENGLISH 10
IELTS 5.0/5.0**

ENGLISH 11
IELTS 5.5/5.5**

ENGLISH 12
IELTS 6.0/5.5**

You will be placed at the English level that is right for you before entering a High School Program. Students can submit an IELTS/TOEFL score or take Columbia College's English Placement Test to determine their English level.

Students whose English level is lower than English 097 can start at one of Columbia College's ESL partner schools.

* Students can enroll in 1 high school course.

** Refers to IELTS Overall band and Writing Band. Other external testing scores accepted.

Students need to take literary assessments for graduation.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Columbia College English for Academic Purposes (EAP) prepares students for their academic studies in a collaborative and supportive setting. Students will have full access to Student Services and college facilities.

Students are strongly recommended to present Proof of English Proficiency at the time of application. If not, the college does offer its own English Placement Test. For more information, visit our website.



IELTS

(Academic)

English 12

Overall Band 6.0 & Writing Band 5.5

English 11

Overall Band 5.5 & Writing Band 5.5

English 10

Overall Band 5.0 & Writing Band 5.0

English 097

Overall Band 5.0 & Writing Band 4.5



Check out our full list of accepted English Proficiency exams at:

columbiacollege.ca/english-language-requirements

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. Senior Secondary (Grade 10, 11, 12)

This program is certified by the BC Ministry of Education and fully conforms to the ministry's requirements. Successful graduates will receive a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), which is the same credential offered by all public high schools in BC.

This is a requirement for direct entry into a Canadian university. Students will follow the revised 2018 graduation curriculum implemented by the BC Ministry of Education. Literacy and numeracy assessments will be required for graduation.

Senior Secondary
Grade 10, 11, 12
High School Graduation
BC Dogwood Diploma



Columbia College
University Transfer and/
or Associate Degree

OR

University Direct
Entrance

Graduation Requirements

80 credits

English Language Arts 10	4
Math 10	4
Science 10	4
Physical and Health Education 10	4
English Language Arts 11	4
Math 11	4
Science 11	4
Social Studies 11 or 12	4
English Studies 12	4
3 Academic Grade 12 courses	12
2 Career Educations courses	8
Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technology	4
4 Electives	16
Social Studies 10	4

2. Adult Secondary (Grade 11 & 12)

This program is for students who are over 18 years of age. Students will receive a BC Adult Dogwood Diploma, certified by the BC Ministry of Education.

Graduation Requirements*

20 credits

English Studies 12	4
Math 11 or 12	4
3 Academic Grade 12 Courses	12

**Prerequisite courses must be completed and may increase the number of credits required to complete the program.*

3. Accelerated Secondary (Grade 11 & 12)

Students with strong grade 10 or 11 results can choose to accelerate their high school program. Please note that the Accelerated Secondary Program is a non BC Ministry of Education Program. Students who choose this path will not receive the BC Ministry of Education Dogwood Diploma. Accelerated student can transfer into 2nd or 3rd year at a Canadian university upon completion of their University Transfer program at Columbia College.

Graduation Requirements*

28 credits

Literary Studies 11 or Composition 11	4
English Studies 12	4
Math 11 or Social Studies 11	4
Career Life Education 11, Science 11 or Social Studies 11	4
3 Academic Grade 12 Courses	12

**Prerequisite courses must be completed and may increase the number of credits required to complete the program.*



4. University Preparatory

Tailored to each student's needs, this program provides missing courses for students who have completed high school but lack the prerequisites for their university studies.

It is normally a one semester program comprised of a maximum of four appropriate academic courses, which can be a combination of high school and university courses. Upon completion, students can proceed into Columbia College's University Transfer or Associate Degree programs.



SAMPLE PROGRAMS



SAMPLE SENIOR SECONDARY PROGRAM

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
English 10	English 11	English Studies 12
Math 10	Social Studies 10	Math 11
Science 10	Chemistry 11	Physics 11
	Career Education 10	
Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6
Social Studies 11	Social Studies 12	Career Education 12
Math 12	Physical Health Education	DUAL CREDIT***
Marketing 11	Physics 12	DUAL CREDIT***
Chemistry 12		

*** For example, Science students may choose university courses such as Math 113 and Computer Science 101 as dual credit courses; Arts or Business students may select courses such as Psychology 110 and Economics 101. Other options available if prerequisites are met.

SAMPLE ACCELERATED (GRADE 11 & 12) PROGRAM

Semester 1

Literary Studies 11

Math 11

Social Studies 11

Semester 2

English Studies 12

Math 12

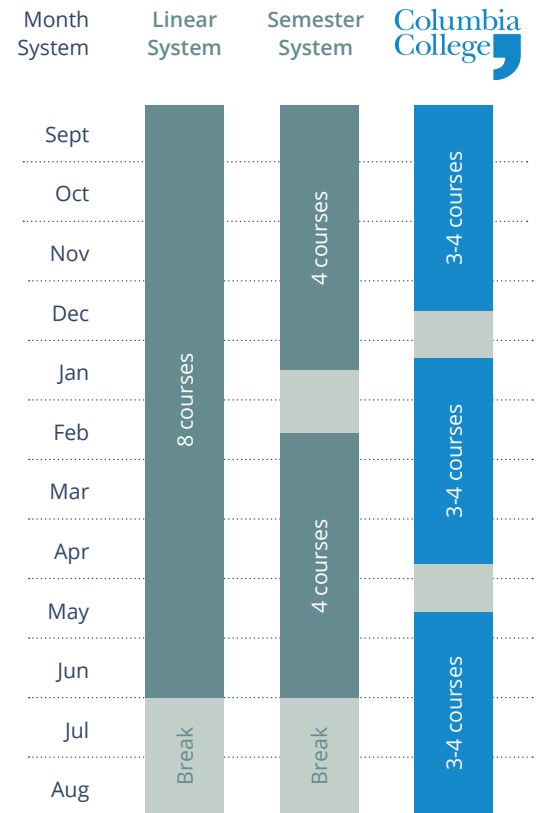
Geography 12

History 12

Trimester System

Columbia College students benefit from 3 start dates a year, with intakes in January, May, and September.

This means you can take more courses over a 12-month period, moving through the program more quickly than a linear system.

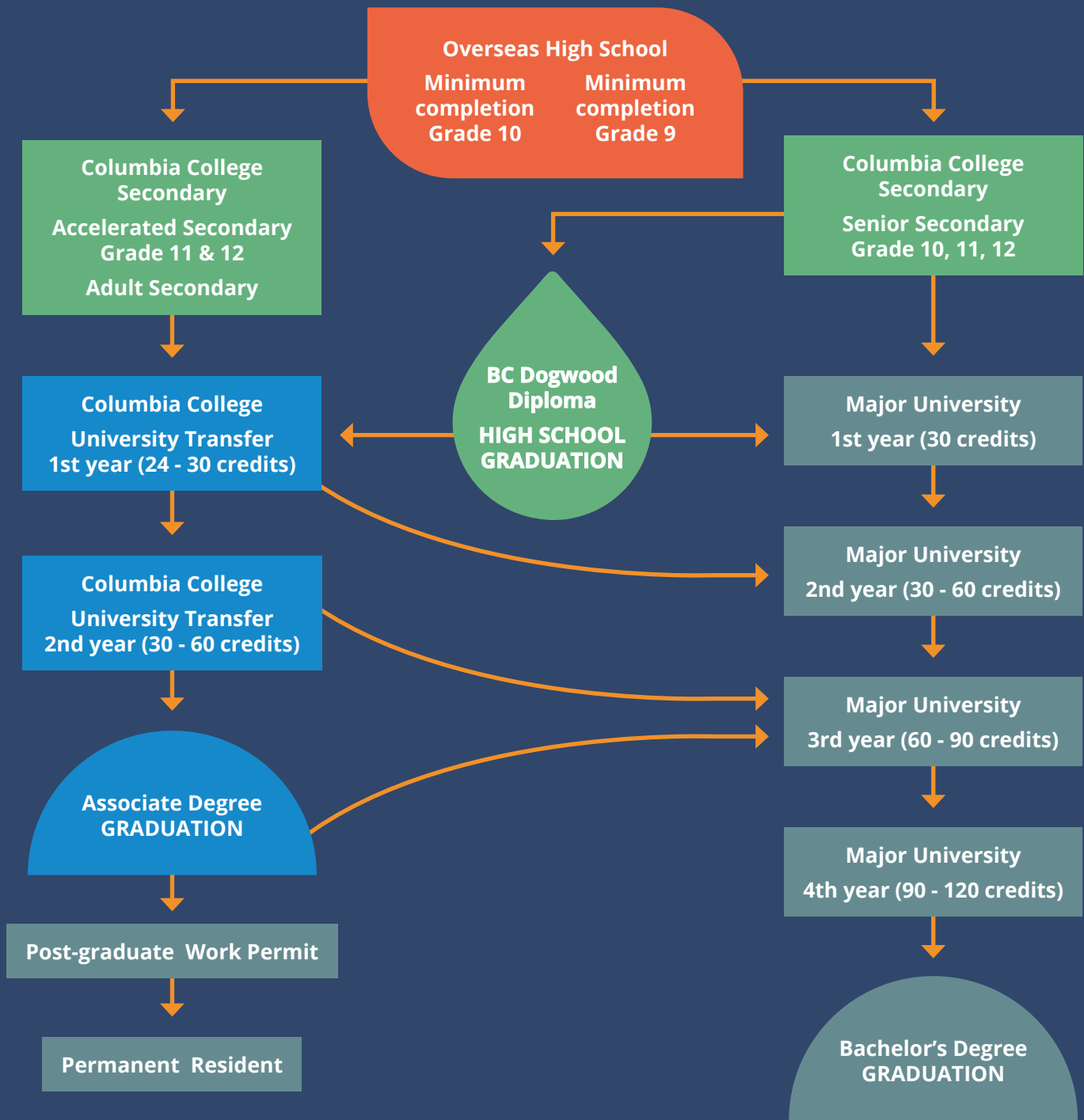


DISCOVER YOUR JOURNEY

**Students are eligible
for direct transfer to
many post-secondary
institutions.**

Our students have successfully transferred to many universities in Canada, including:





WHAT'S NEXT?

Columbia College High School excels in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs to meet the demands of our rapidly changing world. Students pursuing STEM fields have access to university-level labs and equipment, exposing them to higher learning at a younger age.

Students are not only better prepared to pursue university programs and adapt to the Canadian post-secondary system, but can apply directly to universities or complete an Associate of Science at Columbia College.

**GET
READY!**



UNIVERSITY TRANSFER



Learn more at:

[columbiacollege.ca/programs/
university-transfer](https://columbiacollege.ca/programs/university-transfer)

British Columbia offers the smoothest college-to-university transfer system in Canada, which is overseen by the British Columbia Council on Admission and Transfer.

In the BC transfer system, students can take up to 60 credits at first and second year level to transfer to Canadian universities. Over the years, Columbia College has been one of the top providers of international students to the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.

Advantages include small class sizes, more attention and support for all students and affordable tuition fees in comparison to universities.

Program Areas

- Arts
- Business
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Science

Graduate from Top BC Universities of your Choice

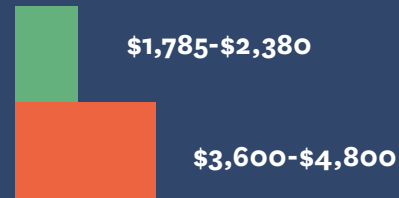
Take up to 60 credits at first and second year level at Columbia College and then transfer those credits to any university in British Columbia and across Canada.



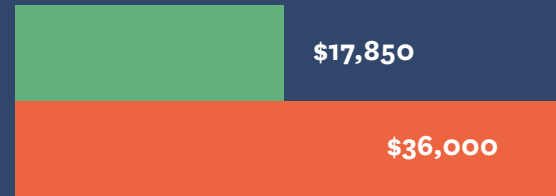
Pay Competitive Fees

Columbia College University Transfer students save up to \$18,000 Canadian dollars in one year.

Per Course



Per 30 Credits



■ Columbia College
■ Major Universities in Vancouver

Save
\$18,000
in one year

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year university degree.

With an Associate Degree, you can enter into the third year of a university's bachelor's degree program or apply for a Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP).



Associate of Arts Degrees

- Business Administration
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- General
- International Studies
- Mass Communication
- Political Science
- Psychology

Associate of Science Degrees

- Computer Science
- General
- Mathematics



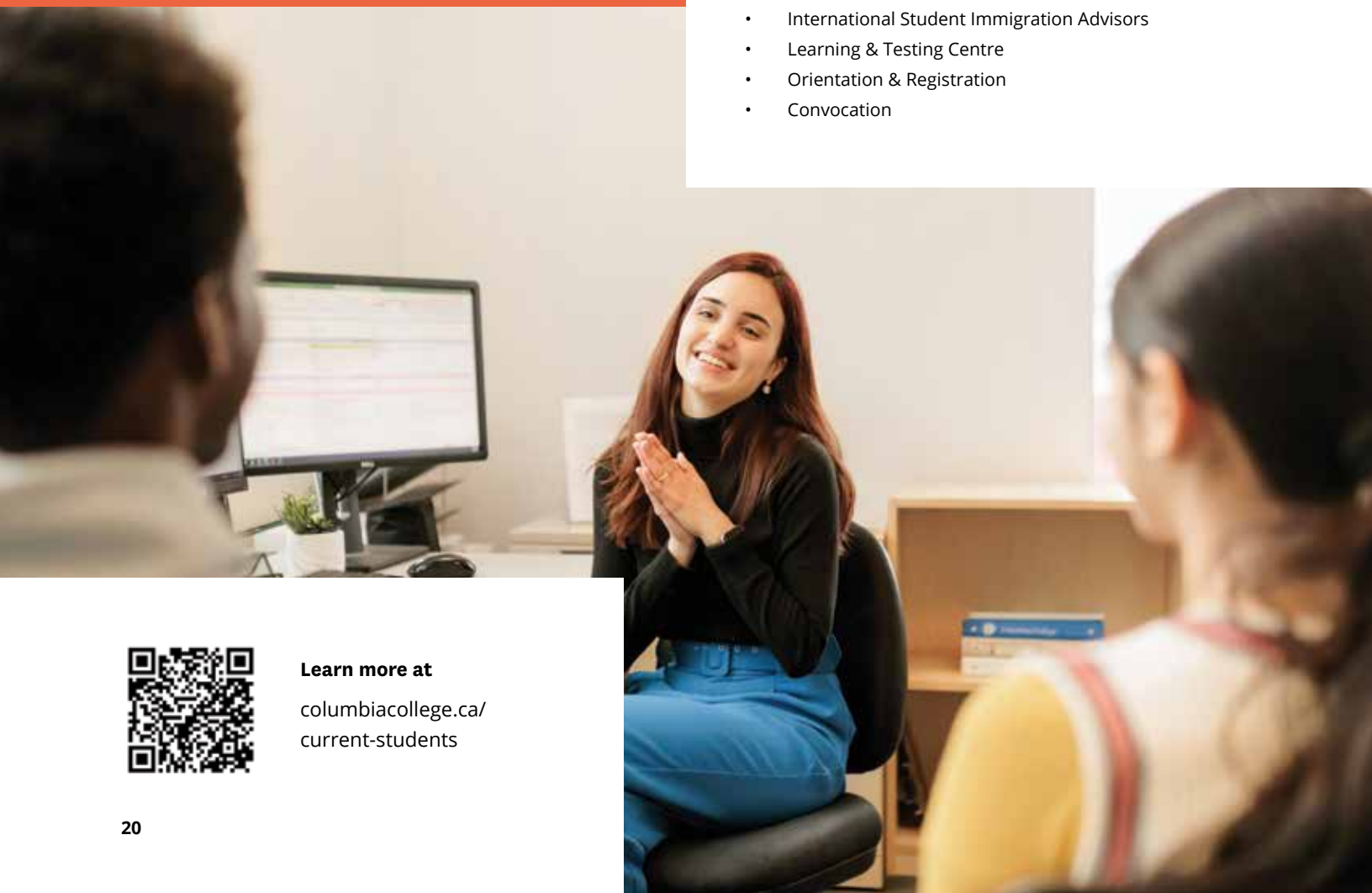
Learn more at:

columbiacollege.ca/programs/associatedegrees/

STUDENT SERVICES

Columbia College understands the needs of international students. We offer a full range of student services to help you with your academic, personal, and social life in Canada.

- Academic Advisors
- Career Services
- Counselling Services
- Health Services
- International Student Immigration Advisors
- Learning & Testing Centre
- Orientation & Registration
- Convocation



Learn more at
[columbiacollege.ca/
current-students](https://columbiacollege.ca/current-students)



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Make the most of your Canadian experience at Columbia College! Learn new skills, make new friends and build memories by getting involved in the campus community outside of the classroom.

- Student Clubs & Events
- Student Association (CCSA)
- Limitless: International Student Conferences

STUDENT LIFE

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Instagram: [@columbiacollege1936](https://www.instagram.com/columbiacollege1936)

Facebook: [fb.com/columbiacollege1936](https://www.facebook.com/columbiacollege1936)



Learn more at

[columbiacollege.ca/
student-life](https://columbiacollege.ca/student-life)

#LIFE
AT CC



HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Columbia College's Homestay program provides international students an opportunity to live in a Canadian home and experience local culture while pursuing their studies.



FUN.SAFE.AFFORDABLE.

Why Homestay?

Experience Canadian Life

Integrate smoothly into Canadian life and cultures by living with a Canadian homestay family.

Build your Language Skills

Improve on or learn a new language as you communicate with your homestay family.

Enjoy the Convenience

Adjust more quickly to your academic and social life in Canada, as your homestay family prepares meals for you each day and makes sure your basic needs are met.

Explore Vancouver

Your homestay family will assist you in experiencing the best of what the city has to offer.

Create Lifelong Friendships

Your homestay family will care for and support you as you adjust to living in a new city, and make sure your time in Vancouver is memorable.



**Apply to our Homestay
online at:**

columbiacollege.ca/homestay

TESTIMONIALS



“Being an international student is not easy, but there are always people to help you. I loved Geography 12 because my instructor, Carolyn, was great at teaching and encouraged me to do well. Meeting other international students at Columbia College Secondary was a very memorable experience in Canada.”

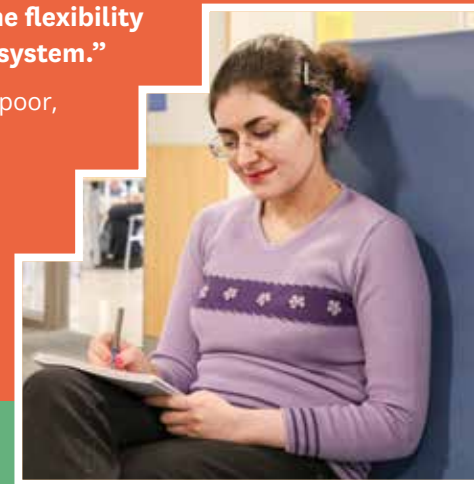
Warisara Laohongvichit, Thailand

Columbia College: Accelerated Secondary & University Transfer;
BCIT Marketing Communications Student

“Students who have plans to study abroad should consider studying at Columbia College due to its variety of programs, informative instructors, helpful staff, small classes, availability of different clubs and activities, and the flexibility of the trimester system.”

Saghar Shahsavariipoor,
Iran

Columbia College: Senior
Secondary Student



“Columbia college is a very resourceful starting point especially for international students like me. They provide very useful resources that are easily accessible for all students. The college also introduced me to lots of good friends that I treasure”

Abigail Fiona Suwanto, Indonesia

Columbia College: Accelerated Secondary &
University Transfer in Psychology; **UBC Arts** Student



“Columbia College prepares students for university. The science instructors are very experienced, and every teacher has a unique way of teaching which challenges and inspires me to do better. I am glad I chose this college because of the friends I have made. I feel like I am at home away from home.”

Areej Riaz, Kuwait

Columbia College: Adult Secondary and University Transfer;
BCIT Chemical and Environmental Engineering Student



“What I really like about high school at Columbia College is that I don’t have to spend eight to nine months to finish a course. I only need to spend four months. Class sizes are small and teachers are helpful in answering questions. I’ve started my own club here and grown my leadership skills”

Lam Thieu Hien (Ethan), Vietnam

Columbia College: Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer;
Graduate UBC Arts Student



“I found that when I came here it already felt like a second home. Because Singapore has an urban lifestyle it wasn’t hard for me to adapt. The school system here is very accepting and the teachers are open and approachable.”

Nuna Bte Dhahrusalam, Singapore

Columbia College: Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer;
University of Toronto Arts Student

FEES

All students are required to pay tuition fees in effect for the semester of registration. Early payment of fees does not exempt a student from future fee increases.



Learn about our scholarships for future and current students at

columbiacollege.ca/scholarships



Columbia College Society is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the BC Societies Act and registered as a Canadian charity.

Academic Fees (Canadian Dollars)

Effective September 2024 - August 2025

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$200
Tuition Fees (per credit)	\$595
Cost per course (4 credits)	\$2,380
Graduation Fee	\$50
Numeracy/Literacy Assessments	\$50/each
Activity Fee	\$35/semester

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

14 Weeks Full-Time (English 097)	\$4,760
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ACADEMIC PROGRAM TOTAL

Program	Courses	Fees
Accelerated Grade 11,12	7	\$16,660
Accelerated Grade 12	4-5	\$9,520 – 11,900
Senior Secondary 10,11,12	20	\$47,600
Senior Secondary 11,12	14	\$33,320
Senior Secondary 12	9-11	\$21,420 – 26,180
Adult Secondary	3-5	\$7,140 – 11,900

INTERNATIONAL TUITION DEPOSIT

Includes first semester medical insurance, 24 credits, and activity fee.	\$14,540
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LOCAL TUITION DEPOSIT

Valid study permit holder, Permanent Resident, or Canadian Citizen. Includes 12 credits, and activity fee.	\$7,175
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*Refund policy can be found at columbiacollege.ca/about/collegepolicies/
Sibling discount: 10% discount on first 24 credits.*

Homestay & Custodian Fees (Under 19 years old)

Columbia College will only assist in making custodianship arrangements for students if they're under 19 years old and are placed within our Homestay program.

Custodianship homestay fees must be paid in full for the entire 5 month semester in advance.

Homestay fees including custodianship fee are \$1300/month (including 3 meals per day), \$1100/month (dinner only) or \$1000/month (no meals).

Homestay Deposit Total	\$7,350
Placement Fee (one time)	\$375
Custodian Set Up Fee (one time)	\$325
Monitoring Fee (per semester)	\$50
Airport Pick Up Fee	\$100
Five Months Homestay Fee	\$6,500

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST

Estimated Tuition (9 courses)	\$21,420
Estimated Living Costs (12 months)	
Room and Board	\$15,600
Transportation	\$2,000
General Expenses	\$3,500

TOTAL	\$42,520
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HOW TO APPLY

**We'll guide you
through each step.**

Applicants must have a satisfactory record of academic achievement, meet the College's minimum English Proficiency requirements and be at least 15 years old upon registration.

**READY TO
COMPLETE
YOUR
APPLICATION?**

PROGRAM DATES 2024 | 2025



See detailed schedules:
columbiacollege.ca/deadlines



Key Dates

FALL SEMESTER 2024*

Sept. 3 - 6*	Orientation and registration
Sept. 9	Semester classes begin
Dec. 9 - 14	Final exams

WINTER SEMESTER 2025*

Jan. 6 - 10	Orientation and registration
Jan. 13	Semester classes begin
Apr. 14 - 19	Final exams

SUMMER SEMESTER 2025*

May 5 - 9	Orientation and registration
May 12	Semester classes begin
Aug. 11 - 16	Final exams

FALL SEMESTER 2025*

Sept. 2 - 5	Orientation and registration
Sept. 9	Semester classes begin
Dec. 8 - 13	Final exams

**Dates are subject to change.*

Steps to Apply

1 Apply Online or In-Person



Apply online at
applycc.columbiacollege.bc.ca

or Make an appointment with an
Admissions Officer **P** +1 604 683 8360
E admissions@columbiacollege.ca

2 Accept Offer

After receiving Offer of Admission, students must pay tuition deposit. A Letter of Acceptance will be issued upon receipt of payment and the Proof of English Proficiency. The college will also provide a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) for students who are applying for student visas from overseas.

3 Apply for Study Permit

4 Attend Orientation

Orientation is designed for students to transition smoothly to life in Canada and at Columbia College. Complete your registration, meet your teachers, and make new friends through organized events before the start of class.

Application Deadlines

- Jun. 28, 2024 for Fall 2024
- Nov. 15, 2024 for Winter 2025
- Mar. 15, 2025 for Summer 2025
- Jun. 30, 2025 for Fall 2025

Application Requirements

- Completed online application form
- Original or certified transcripts (include an English translation)
- Proof of English Proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL or Columbia College's English Placement Test)
- Copy of the information page of your passport
- \$200 application fee

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