Spring into your future

High School Programs

Grades 10 - 12
Vancouver is the perfect city to find your passion.


Columbia College is located on the territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Musqueam, Squamish, Stó:lō, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Their stewardship of the land informs how we care for and sustain each other at the college.

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 Secondary, 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.

FAST FACTS

3rd most livable city in the world
Mildest climate in Canada
45% of population is foreign born
Home to top universities UBC & SFU
Leads Canada in economic growth

Your Campus:

Vancouver
80% of our high school faculty hold Masters degrees or PhDs.

Our programs

Decide which program is right for you. Columbia College Secondary operates on a semester system. You can take 3-4 courses per semester. With three semesters per year, this means less time to graduate. You will have access to university-level labs and services during your studies.

1. Senior Secondary (Grade 10, 11, 12)
   This program is certified by the BC Ministry of Education. Graduates receive the same credential as any public high school in BC (BC Dogwood Diploma). This is the requirement for direct entry into a Canadian university. Students will follow the new curriculum proposed by the Ministry of Education. Literacy and numeracy assessments will be required for graduation.
   Graduation Requirements* 80 credits
   - English Language Arts 10 4
   - Social Studies 10 4
   - Math 10 4
   - Science 10 4
   - Fine Arts or Applied Skills or Technology 10 4
   - Physical and Health Education 10 4
   - English Language Arts 11 4
   - Math 11 4
   - 1 Science 11 course 4
   - Social Studies 11 or 12 4
   - English Studies 12 4
   - 3 Academic Grade 12 courses 12
   - 2 Career Education courses 8
   - 4 Electives 16

2. Accelerated Secondary (Grade 11 & 12)
   Students with strong grade 10 or 11 results can choose to accelerate their high school program. This program requires fewer courses for completion and allows students to proceed to the University Transfer Program at Columbia College. Accelerated students can transfer into 2nd or 3rd year at a Canadian university upon completion of their University Transfer program at Columbia College.
   Completion Requirements* 28 credits
   - Literary Studies 11 or Composition 11 4
   - English Studies 12 4
   - Math 11 or Social Studies 11 4
   - 3 Academic Grade 12 courses 12
   - Career Life Education 11, 1 Science 11 or Social Studies 11 4

3. 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

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. Normally just one semester long, students proceed into Columbia College’s University Transfer program.
   *Prerequisite courses must be completed and may increase the number of credits required to complete the program. Subject to new curriculum updates.

Get ahead faster
Our tri-semester system means you can start any grade in January, May or September. Complete high school in as little as 2 years.

Dual Credit
Take university level courses in high school and get credits for both university and high school at the same time.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE (ELC)

Columbia College English Language Centre is for students wishing to improve their English in an academic setting. Programs are offered part-time or full-time (25 hours a week) and cover core skills such as listening, speaking, reading and writing plus additional elective courses. Students in the ELC have full access to Student Services and college facilities.

Programs start 6 times per year with a minimum program length of 7 weeks. Once a student progresses beyond English 096, they can begin registering in a high school program and advance further into high school English.

Our Language Programs are proudly accredited by Languages Canada. For more information on external testing scores and English Language Programs, visit www.columbiacollege.ca

GET THE SUPPORT YOU NEED. BEGIN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL

You will be placed at the English level that is right for you before entering a High School Program. Students can submit IELTS/TOEFL score or take Columbia College’s Language Writing Assessment during orientation.

1. English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
   - Minimum 7 weeks
   - English 094 (Upper Beginner)
   - English 095 (Intermediate)
   - English 096 (Upper Intermediate)
   - English 097* (IELTS 5.0/4.5)**

2. High School English Courses
   - Semester-based (4 months)
   - English 10 (IELTS 5.5/5.0)**
   - English 11 (IELTS 5.5/5.5)**
   - English 12 (IELTS 6.0/5.5)**

* 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.

Dive in

Experience homestay in Canada
It’s easy to take the plunge at Columbia College Secondary. We personally match you with families for the best fit and experience in our homestay service. Caring and safe, you can truly integrate into Canadian life here. Enjoy new customs, traditions, and different ways of seeing the world. We’re here to support you every step of the way.

I had a great time with my homestay family. They really took care of me. I learned all about their culture, and my English improved every night at dinner. It’s my home away from home.

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Sometimes you need help with excelling. Our experienced tutors are here to help you in areas you are struggling with. They will break down information and slow down each step. This leads to higher grades and eventually learning on your own. You will walk away with skills for success in university or college.

Charlie Cheung | Hong Kong
University Transfer Student, completed Uprep Program

I wanted better grades in Math to get into university. Thanks to the tutors who went the extra mile to help me with my school work, my grades improved significantly. I got my first "A" in Canada! I’m so proud of my Grade Point Average now.

Fred Tabarsi, BSc | Math Tutor
28 years at Columbia College
Columbia College Secondary 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. CCS 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.

For those who have never studied abroad, going to college first is a good decision because you’ll get used to an English-learning environment in a small class setting before going on to university.

Ivy Hu | China
Senior Secondary Graduate
University Transfer Student

Oghenetega Emmanuel Akpovboubo | Nigeria
University Transfer Student

Spring ahead
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 universities in BC and across Canada. 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. Entrance to university is based on grade point average of courses taken at Columbia College and is determined by the university each semester.

Advantages include:
- Same courses and quality as a university
- Small class sizes mean personal attention to each student and a closer relationship with instructors and classmates, potentially resulting in a higher GPA
- Affordable tuition as prices per course are lower than university. Columbia College charges same tuition per credit, regardless of faculty
- Students will graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the university they transfer to.

SAMPLE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAM

**Semester 1**  **Semester 2**

**English 100 (3)**  **Business 272 (3)**  
**Mathematics 111 (3)**  **Economics 105 (3)**  
**Economics 103 (3)**  **Business 291 (4)**  
**Psychology 110 (3)**  **Philosophy 102 (3)**  
**Mass Communication 110 (3)**  **English 110 (3)**  

15 Semester Credits  15 Semester Credits

For more information, look under University Transfer Programs at www.columbiacollege.ca

Save $16,950 in one year

**TRANSFER TO BC UNIVERSITIES OF YOUR CHOICE**

**PROGRAM AREAS**
- Arts
- Business
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Science

**SAMPLE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAM**

**BUSINESS**

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Associate Degree

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 Degree program.

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES**
- General Arts
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Mass Communication

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES**
- General Science
- Computer Science
- Mathematics

**SAMPLE TRANSFER GUIDE TO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES**

The BC Transfer Guide is available online and at Student Services to help students plan their University Transfer courses. Each course at Columbia College is listed with its equivalent at other BC institutions so students know exactly how their courses transfer before they register each semester.

**YEAR 1**
- Columbia College

**YEAR 3**
- Major University

**YEAR 4**
- Major University

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE**

**Columbia College**

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NUNAZRIAH BINTE DHARULSALAM  
Singapore  
Accelerated Secondary Graduate  
University Transfer 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 also very accepting and the teachers are very open and approachable.

4.0 GPA IN ALL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES  
COMPLETED TWO UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR DUAL CREDIT TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

MINH HANG CHU  
Vietnam  
Accelerated Secondary Graduate  
University Transfer Student  
Accepted to University of Calgary

“Joining clubs and activities at school have been one of my best memories here. I’ve made so many new friends.”

STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR  
FOUNDER OF THE STUDENTS’ IMPACTS CLUB

LAM THIEU HIEN (ETHAN)  
Vietnam  
Accelerated Secondary Graduate  
University Transfer Student  
Accepted to UBC

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.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND FOUNDER OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE JOURNAL, AESTH.

RECEIVED THE GERRY BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN FALL 2017

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

Everybody is new in the first semester of high school so I encourage you to make the first step. Break the ice. Get involved!

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

ADEL TALYSPAYEVA  
Kazakhstan  
Adult Secondary Graduate  
Accepted to BCIT

VOLUNTEERS AS A CHESS TEACHER FOR CHILDREN ON THE WEEKENDS

FOUNDER OF THE CC BOOK CLUB  
STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

MARIA HERRO  
Syria  
Adult Dogwood Graduate

“My favourite event at the college is the potluck where everyone brings a special or favourite dish from their country. I get to learn about different cultures and traditions.”

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

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EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. I WILL readily parlay my free time for valuable life lessons that I gain from volunteering.”

“I volunteer because I believe education goes beyond the classroom. I will readily parlay my free time for valuable life lessons that I gain from volunteering.”

ATTENDS ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA  
VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD BANKS FOR REFUGEES ON THE WEEKENDS  
COMPLETED TWO UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR DUAL CREDIT TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

SEMESTER 1  SEMESTER 2  SEMESTER 3
English 10  English 11  Science 10
Math 10  Social Studies 10  Math 11
Physical Health & Ed 10  Drama 10  Computer Studies 10
Career Education 10

SEMESTER 4  SEMESTER 5  SEMESTER 6
English 12  Social Studies 12  Physics 12
Chemistry 12  DUAL CREDIT***
Chemistry 11  Physics 11  DUAL CREDIT***
Career Education 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 ELC PROGRAM

SEMESTER 1  SEMESTER 2*
Integrated Skills 096  Integrated Skills 097
Academic Writing 096  Academic Writing 097
Conversation & Listening 096  English for Sciences 097**
Academic Reading & Vocabulary 096  Academic Study Skills 097**
Math 11

* Subject to successful completion of courses in Semester 1.
** 7-week courses

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.

TRIMESTER SYSTEM

Month System
Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug
Public Linear
8 courses
Break
Public Semester
4 courses
4 courses
Break
Columbia College Trimester
3-4 courses
3-4 courses
3-4 courses
Break
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Break

Students will have a 3-4 week break between semesters.
Student Life & 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.

**ACTIVITIES**
Columbia College plans fun trips, activities, and events every week. These include North American and intercultural holidays celebrations, trips to Whistler and Victoria, and much more. We believe it is important for students to have an active and healthy lifestyle by engaging in activities, and this is a great way to meet other students. Clubs include the Student Association, badminton, soccer, basketball, dance, yoga and more.

Want to find out what real student life is like at Columbia College? Check us out on social media, explore our campus, experience student takeovers, and more.

Follow us on Facebook at CCactivities and Instagram at columbiacollege1936

**ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION**
Orientation is provided before each semester begins and is designed to introduce new students to the academic and social life at Columbia College. Orientation is particularly important for International Students and is key to making a smooth and successful start in Canada. Complete registration, get a city tour, join in on free local activities, and make new friends!

**LEARNING & TESTING CENTRE**
Students can book appointments with our qualified Social Science, Math, English, and Economics tutors who are available to help with coursework free of charge.

**HEALTH & COUNSELLING**
Columbia College has academic program counsellors to help you with course planning, transfer options, career planning, and personal issues. As well, we have two licensed practical nurses who help students with ailments ranging from colds and flu to sports injuries.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVISOR**
Regulated by the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), our International Student Immigration Advisor (RISIA) provides workshops, information sessions and handouts on pertinent immigration issues to our students, including information relevant to the Post Graduation Work Permit program.

**CAREER SERVICES**
Career Services supports Columbia College students in all their career and employment needs. From resume writing to career development workshops, students are provided with strong support that will prepare them for the working world.

LIMITLESS: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE
Limitless is Columbia College’s annual academic conference where students present their research to the community and engage in conversations on a particular theme with keynote speakers and workshop facilitators. The goal of the conference is to celebrate academic excellence and equip students with practical tools and skills to succeed in today’s world.
How to apply

STEPS TO APPLY

1. Apply in person or online
   - Make an appointment with an Admissions Officer.
   - Phone: +1 604 683 8360
   - E-mail: admissions@columbiacollege.ca
   - Visit www.columbiacollege.ca and click on “Apply Now” to fill in the application form.

2. Accept offer
   - After receiving Offer of Admission, students must pay tuition deposit of $12,900. Letter of Acceptance will be issued upon receipt of payment.

3. Apply for study permit

4. Attend Orientation
   - Orientation is mandatory for all secondary students as it ensures a smooth transition and successful start in Canada. Complete registration, meet your teachers, and make new friends before classes begin.

Application requirements

1. Completed application
2. Original or certified transcripts (include an English translation)
3. External English test results if available (or take a placement test at Columbia College)
4. Copy of the information page of your passport
5. $200 application fee

PROGRAM DATES 2019 | 2020

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Programs in the EAP Program have mid-semester intakes starting on:

- Oct. 28, 2019
- March 2, 2020
- June 29, 2020
- Oct. 26, 2020

Visit www.columbiacollege.ca/calendar for detailed schedules.

Applicants must have a satisfactory record of academic achievement and be at least 15 years old upon registration.

I recommend Columbia College to other students due to its diverse and supportive learning environment. Relatively small classes were very beneficial to me as I learned more effectively while meeting friends who were going through similar academic journeys.

VIOLA KUSTARIO
Indonesia
Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
4th year UBC Science and Co-op Student

I enjoyed all the activities offered at the college. My friends and I went white river rafting at Squamish, kayaking at Bowen Island, snowboarding at Whistler, and more! It was a great way to meet other students and try out different outdoor activities in and around Vancouver.

CC DRAGON BOAT GOLD MEDALIST
JOHN HELM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, 2016

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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. All fees are in Canadian dollars, effective September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020.

Academic Fees

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<td>Numeracy/Literacy Assessments*</td>
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English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

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<td>7 Weeks - Full-time</td>
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Homestay & Custodianship Fees

Students can experience living with a Canadian family during their studies at Columbia College. Columbia College Secondary will only assist in making custodianship arrangements for students if they are placed with a Columbia College Homestay family.

Homestay fee includes 3 meals/day at $1000 per month. All students who require custodianship must pay homestay fees in full for the entire semester (5 months) in advance.

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How to Pay

Our preferred method to receive fees is Flywire: www.flywire.com/pay/columbiacollege

For information about other methods of fee payment, please e-mail us at admissions@columbiacollege.ca

International Tuition Deposit

- $12,900
- Includes first semester medical insurance, 24 credits, and activity fee.

Local Tuition Deposit

- $6,450
- Valid study permit holder, Permanent Resident, or Citizen. Includes first semester medical insurance, 12 credits, and activity fee.

Estimated Living Costs (12 months)

- Tuition: 9 courses $19,260
- Room and Board $12,000
- Transportation $1,200
- General Expenses $4,000

Total $36,460

Homestay & Custodianship Fee estimates are based on an average of 5 months, for an estimated total of $5,850. These fees can be paid in full or in 2 installments; the final installment is due before departure and is subject to change.

*Individual Assessment may vary credits and price based on English level. Estimate only. Refund policy can be found at www.columbiacollege.ca
Sibling discount: 10% discount on first 24 credits.