Spring into your future

University Transfer & Associate Degree Programs
The first leap to your dreams starts here.

At Columbia College, we want to get to know and support you.

We designed our University Transfer program for students just like you. Students looking for smaller class sizes and instructors that know their names. Students seeking an exceptional learning environment where academic and personal support is always available. A college that specializes in preparing students not just for success at university, but for life in Canada.

Established in 1936, Columbia College offers a University Transfer program that provides a personalized, nourishing academic environment in the heart of Vancouver. Our students come with drive and curiosity. Our graduates leave with a head start on their education and achieve exceptional results. They are the ones ready to leap into the next stage of life with confidence, knowledge and experience.

Columbia College. The springboard to your future.
Vancouver is the perfect city to discover yourself.


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. Summer means beach time, winter means skiing and playing in the snow. In between there are fabulous restaurants, festivals and so much to do.

A warm, welcoming city, 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.

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
Dive in

Experience homestay in Canada

It’s a smooth dive into Columbia College. We find the best fit for your new home by personally matching you with your homestay family. Caring and safe, you can truly adapt into Canadian life here. Experience new customs, traditions and different ways of seeing the world. We’re here to support you every step of the way.

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Gretta Ishimwe | Burundi

BEGIN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL

You will be placed at the English level that is right for you before entering a university program. You can take university-level courses at the same time based on your English level.

1. English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
   Minimum 7 weeks

   - English 094 (Upper Beginner)
   - English 095 (Intermediate I)
   - English 096 (Upper Intermediate)

2. Advanced Academic English
   Semester-based (4 months)

   - English 097 + 1 course*
   - English 098 + 2 courses*
   - English 099 + 3 courses*

3. University-Level English
   Semester-based (4 months)

   - English 100 + 2 - 4 courses**
   - English 101 + 2 - 4 courses**

* Can be University or High School courses
** Students must take a minimum of 3 courses to be considered full time

English Language Centre (ELC)

Columbia College English Language Centre (ELC) is for students wishing to improve their English in an academic setting. Students in the ELC have full access to Student Services and college facilities.

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.

Programs start 6 times per year with a minimum program length of 7 weeks. Once you progress beyond English 096, you can begin registering in university-level programs and advance further into university-level English.

Students do not need to submit external language scores as Columbia College offers its own language tests. For more information, visit www.columbiacollege.ca. Our Language Programs are proudly accredited by Languages Canada.

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IELTS (Academic): Overall Band 6.5 & Writing Band 5.5
TOEFL IBT: Total 79, Writing 19, plus two of 17, Reading 19, Listening 19, Speaking 19

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Discover Your Journey

Overseas High School
  Minimum completion Grade 10
  Minimum completion Grade 9

Columbia College Secondary
  Accelerated Secondary
  Grade 11 & 12
  Adult Secondary
  BC Dogwood Diploma

Columbia College Secondary
  Senior Secondary
  Grade 10, 11, 12

University (UBC, SFU, UVic, etc.)
  1st year (30 credits)
  2nd year (30-60 credits)
  3rd year (60-90 credits)
  4th year (90-120 credits)

University Transfer
  1st year (24-30 credits)
  2nd year (30-60 credits)

Associate Degree
  GRADUATION

Bachelor Degree
  GRADUATION

Minimum completion
Grade 10
Grade 11
Grade 12

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  1st year (30 credits)

Columbia College’s student base is
95% international students

Columbia College classes are
20-35 students

Columbia College’s tri-mester system
means you can get ahead faster

Students are eligible for direct transfer to some post-secondary institutions. Columbia College students have successfully transferred to:

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Go high

“Columbia College has motivated me to discover myself and realize my dream of becoming an engineer. I can’t be more grateful to my teachers and counsellors at CC who helped me reach UBC."

Parampreet Singh transferred to the University of British Columbia and is currently majoring in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering. Co-op: Bell Canada (4 months), Hydro One (8 months), Schneider Electric (4 months)

Parampreet Singh | India
UBC Graduate, 2019
Columbia College (CC) was where I landed when I arrived from Kyrgyzstan in 2009. They made it easy for me to transition to a new education system and new culture. This is where I developed technical skills like business writing, academic research and communication, which led to academic success at university. I also developed critical thinking and presentation skills, which still helps me today in my professional career. I made friends from all over the world at CC, helping me embrace cultural diversity. Every instructor was professional and supportive. Graduating was so exciting for me – I was awarded an Academic Scholarship to use at SFU! I’m now a Permanent Resident of Canada and work at a global transportation company here. Thanks to Columbia College, I have the tools, motivation and inspiration to be successful as a student, professional and member of the Canadian community.

Nazar Toktonaliev | Kyrgyzstan Columbia College & SFU graduate Permanent Resident
University Transfer Program

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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.
What I would recommend is to take all of the experiences that you can while you’re a student at Columbia College. Classes here are relatively small compared to university and eventually what matters in the end is your attitude. It’s really nice because you get to ask questions about a subject and towards the end of the class when the instructor knows you better they give you personal advice to help us find our way as grown ups.

Iana Sharikova | Russia
University Transfer Graduate
UBC Commerce
Find out what matters most to you and the reason why you started doing this since the beginning, and always go back to it whenever you feel like giving up. The beginning will be tough, and you might feel afraid or confused at some point. It’s all right! We have all been there. Question everything that confuses you, be willing to take up challenges, and do not mind the change. You’ll see one day that every effort you put out today is totally worth it.

Don’t forget that you are also living in the most wonderful time of your life – enjoy it! Join clubs, attend events, go out with friends, buy some samosas from the Entrepreneur Club, apply to be an Orientation Leader, win yourself a place on the Honor Roll, be part of the CC community – they all add up to the depth of your exclusive experience here in Columbia College.

LE MINH HIEU (ETHAN)
Vietnam
University Transfer Graduate
3rd year UBC Commerce Student

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POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

“Columbia College is the place to be if you want to receive a great education while being on the path to university. The college has created a competitive and challenging learning environment where I’ve learned to make a difference.”

FATI SANOGO
Rwanda
Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
Former Student Services Assistant at Columbia College
3rd year SFU Arts Student

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As a Student Services Assistant, I answered questions from students. I also entered data and helped plan events in Student Services. I loved being around people! I’ve developed important skills which will help me in my future career.”

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Columbia College sets a high academic standard and it is not easy for students to easily attain high marks. This allows students who eventually transfer to university to have an easier time with their courses. Columbia College is a great choice for students who have just arrived in Canada and are in the process of adjusting to the new environment. Professors are diligent and responsible. Whenever we constantly have questions for them, they are more than willing to answer. After I graduated from university many years later, I still keep in close contact with some of my past professors at Columbia College. We’re almost like family! They often share their past academic and daily experiences with me, so that I can learn from them and figure out how I want to live my life and make good decisions for my future.

Xiaoyan (Alice) Situ  
China  
Columbia College & UBC Commerce Graduate  
Assistant Manager, HSBC Global Trade and Receivables finance

How to apply

**PROGRAM DATES 2019 | 2020**

| Fall Semester 2019 | Orientation and registration  
| Aug. 26–30, Sep. 3-6 | Fall semester classes begin  
| Sep. 9 | Final exams  
| Dec. 9 - 14 |

| Winter Semester 2020 | Orientation and registration  
| Jan. 2 - 10 | Winter semester classes begin  
| Jan. 13 | Final exams  
| April 13 - 18 |

| Summer Semester 2020 | Orientation and registration  
| April 29-May 8 | Summer semester classes begin  
| May 11 | Final exams  
| Aug. 10 - 15 |

| Fall Semester 2020 | Orientation and registration  
| Aug. 26 - Sep. 4 | Fall semester classes begin  
| Sep. 8 | Final exams  
| Dec. 7 - 12 |

**Application Deadlines**

- Jun. 30, 2019 for Fall 2019  
- Nov. 15, 2019 for Winter 2020  
- Mar. 15, 2020 for Summer 2020  
- Jun. 30, 2020 for Fall 2020

**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

**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 the tuition deposit ($12,900). Letter of Acceptance will be issued upon receipt of payment.

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 classes begin.

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.
Homestay
Columbia College administers our own Homestay service and monthly fees include three meals a day. Students can experience living with a Canadian family during their studies at Columbia College. Homestay fees are $925/month (including 3 meals per day).

Homestay Deposit Total $2,325

- Placement Fee (one time) $375
- Airport Pick Up Fee $100
- Two Months Homestay Fees $1,850

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 are $1000/month (including 3 meals per day).

Homestay Deposit Total $5,850

- Placement Fee (one time) $375
- Custodian Set Up Fee (one time) $325
- Monitoring Fee (one time) $50
- Airport Pick Up Fee $100
- Five Months Homestay Fees $5,000

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

Estimated Tuition (30 credits) $16,050

Estimated Living Costs (12 months)
Room and Board $11,100
Transportation $1,200
Textbooks $1,800
General Expenses $3,000
Total $31,350
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