



COLUMBIA COLLEGE

2020 / 2021

High School Programs
Grade 10-12



Columbia College
Vancouver, Canada



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This viewbook you hold in your hands is an introduction to Columbia College, British Columbia's oldest college to educate international students as a pathway to university study. I hope it inspires you to want to know more about Columbia College and be part of our community. One of the College's main purposes is to support and motivate you to reach your goals - whether this be to continue on to one of Canada's prestigious universities or to gain valuable work experience prior to doing so. Whatever the path you take, Columbia College prepares you to succeed through our English for Academic Purposes program (EAP), our Secondary school, our University Transfer program, or in one of our many Associate Degree disciplines.


Columbia College is not just an educational institution, but a home away from home for each of our students from over 60 countries. Our faculty have a passion for teaching and helping you feel a sense of belonging. Not only will you graduate with the highest quality education, but you will learn in a safe environment that is culturally and personally enriching.

At the time of graduation, our students tell us they are ready to embrace life in Canada or return home to make a difference to their world. This, to me, is what transformative education is all about: to continue to learn and grow beyond the classroom, and to make an impact in the communities we are part of. On behalf of Columbia College, I welcome you to be part of our outstanding learning environment.

Sincerely,
Robin Hemmingsen

Principal, Columbia College





Vancouver is the perfect city to discover yourself.

SAFE | VIBRANT | DIVERSE



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.

**ONE OF THE TOP MOST LIVABLE CITIES
IN THE WORLD**

MILDEST CLIMATE IN CANADA

45% OF POPULATION IS FOREIGN BORN

HOME TO TOP UNIVERSITIES UBC & SFU

LEADS CANADA IN ECONOMIC GROWTH



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.

GET AHEAD FASTER

Our tri-mester 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.

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

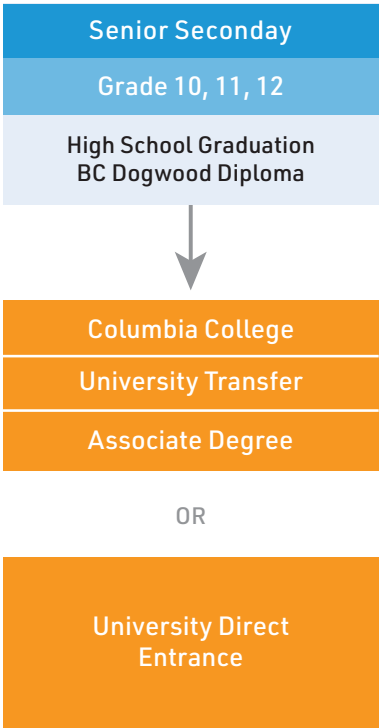
Graduation Requirements*	80 credits
English Language Arts 10	4
Social Studies 10	4
Math 10	4
Science 10	4
Physical and Health Education 10	4
English Language Arts 11	4
Math 11	4
1 Science 11 course	4
Social Studies 11 or 12	4
English Studies 12	4
3 Academic Grade 12 courses	12
2 Career Education courses	8
Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technology	4
4 Electives	16

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

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



3 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
Career Life Education 11, 1 Science 11 or Social Studies 11	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.*



EMBRACING INNOVATION

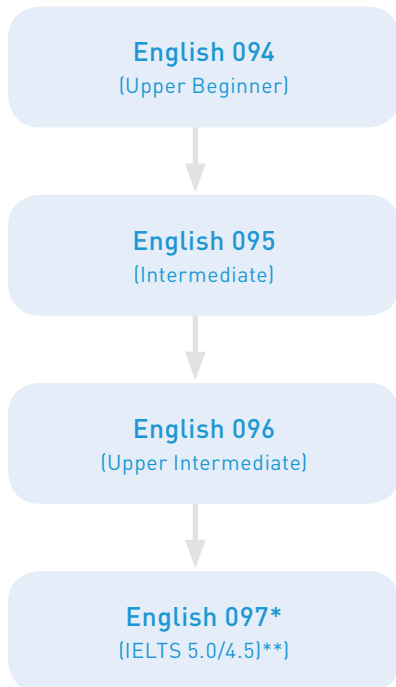
Columbia College Secondary excels in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs to meet the demands of our rapidly changing world. Students pursuing STEM fields have access to university-level labs and equipment, exposing them to higher learning at a younger age. CCS students are not 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.



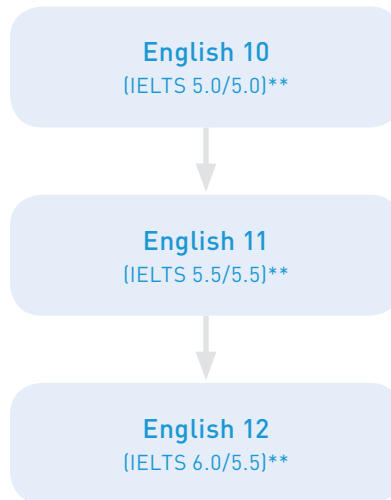
GET THE SUPPORT YOU NEED. BEGIN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL

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

1 English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Minimum 7 weeks



2 High School English Courses Semester-based (4 months)



* 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 Language Centre (ELC)

Columbia College English Language Centre (ELC) prepares students for their academic studies in a collaborative and supportive setting. Students in the ELC have full access to Student Services and college facilities.

The intensive full-time English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program runs for 25 hours a week, while general English as an Additional Language (EAL) students have the option to study full-time or part-time. Innovative teaching methods, current and research-based curriculum framework, e-learning tools, and experiential components are utilized in the lessons whenever possible.

Programs start 6 times per year with a minimum program length of 7 weeks. Once students progress beyond English 096, they can begin registering in high school-level courses* and advance further into high school-level English.

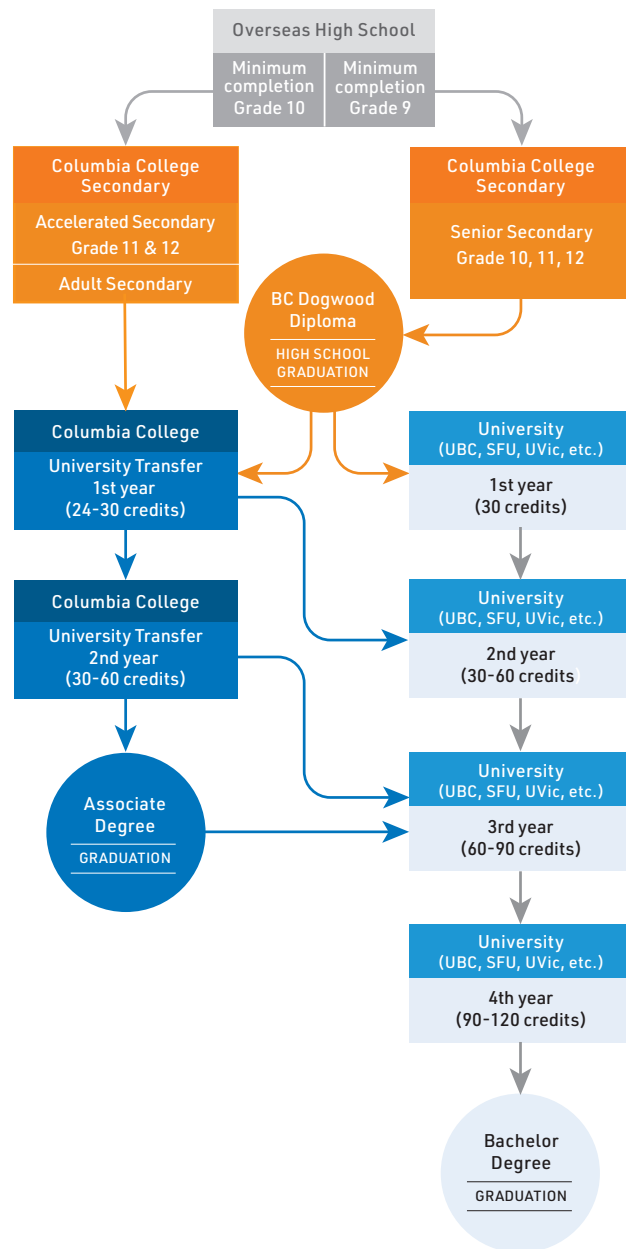
Students do not need to submit external language scores as Columbia College offers its own language tests. For more information, visit www.columbiacollege.ca. Our Language Programs are proudly accredited by Languages Canada.

**Course options may vary depending on student level and availability.*



DISCOVER YOUR JOURNEY

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





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.



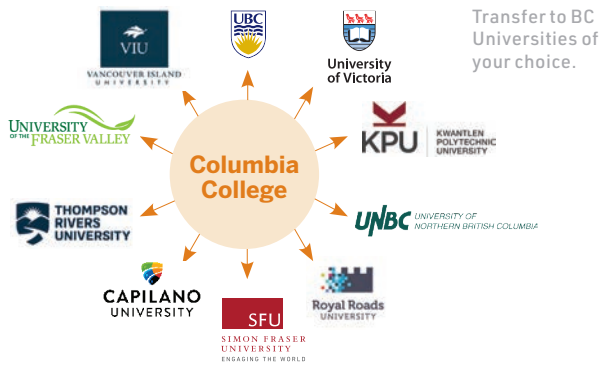
**WHAT'S
NEXT?**

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:

- 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.



Per Course



Save
\$18,000
in one year

Per 30 Credits



Columbia College Major Vancouver Universities



SAMPLE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAM (BUSINESS)

Semester 1	Semester 2
English 100 (3)	Business 272 (3)
Mathematics 111 (3)	Economic 105 (3)
Economic 103 (3)	Business 291 (4)
Phychology 110 (3)	Phychology 102 (3)
Mass communication 110 (3)	English 110 (3)
15 Semester Credits	16 Semester Credits

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

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.

SAMPLE TRANSFER GUIDE TO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

The BC Transfer Guide is available online 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.

Transfer information is correct at the time of publication, but may change. For the latest information on course transfer, consult the BC Transfer Guide at www.bctransferguide.ca.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES

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

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES

- General Science
- Mathematics
- Computer Science

Columbia College (Credits)	Simon Fraser University (Credits)	University of British Columbia (Credits)
Accounting 251 (3)	BUS 251 (3)	COMM 293 (3)
Applied Science 151 (4)	ENSC 204 (1)	APSC 151 (3)
Biology 110 (4)	BISC 1XX (3)	BIOL 1st (4)
Business 250 (3)	BUS 2XX (3)	COMM 296 (3)
Chemistry 121 (4)	CHEM 121 (4)	CHEM 121 (4)
Computer Science 101 (3)	CMPT 100 (3)	CPSC 1st (3)
Economics 103 (3)	ECON 103 (3)	ECON 101 (3)
English 108 (3)	ENGL 1XX (3)	ENGL 111 (3)
Mass Communications 110 (3)	CMNS 110 (3)	ARTS 1st (3)
Mathematics 113 (3)	MATH 151 (3)	MATH 100 (3)
Political Science 200 (3)	POL 221 (3)	POL 101 (3)
Psychology 210 (3)	PSYC 250 (3)	PSYC (3)*



a	University of Victoria (Units)
	COM 200 level (1.5)
	MECH 200 (1.5)
	BIOL 184 (1.5)
	COM 250 (1.5)
	CHEM 101 (1.5)
	CSC 100 (1.5)
	ECON 103 (1.5)
	ENG 100 level (1.5)
	HUM 100 level (1.5)
	Math 100 (1.5)
	POL 100 level (1.5)
	PSYC 200 level (1.5)

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 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

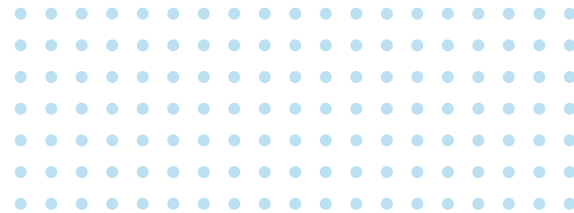


TRIMESTER SYSTEM

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.

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		

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"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

Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
University of Toronto Arts Student

OUR STORIES



"I encourage students to study at Columbia College because you will have the chance to interact with your instructor and ask deep questions that will spark your interest in the subject even more."

- **Nathanael Siaoman** | Indonesia

Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer Student




"I preferred taking my high school courses at Columbia College rather than back home because CC classes were more interesting and allowed me to improve my English. When I moved on to the University Transfer program I was more prepared to take on university-level courses."

- **Fati Sanogo** | Rwanda

Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
SFU Arts Student





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.

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Orientation is provided before each semester begins and is designed to introduce new students to 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 our activities, and make new friends!

ACTIVITIES

Columbia College plans fun trips, activities, and events every week. These include North American and intercultural holiday 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 badminton, soccer, basketball, and dance, and we have an active Student Association made up of elected members who represent the needs and interests of the student population.

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 flus to sports injuries.

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



Facebook: @columbiacollege1936
Instagram: @columbiacollege1936

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVISOR

Regulated by the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), our International Student Immigration Advisors provide 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.



Columbia College
Vancouver, Canada

“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

Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
UBC Arts Student



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“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

Accelerated Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
BCIT Marketing Communications 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

Adult Secondary and University Transfer Graduate
BCIT Chemical and Environmental Engineering 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 Shahsavaripoor | Iran

Senior Secondary Student





HOW TO APPLY

PROGRAM DATES
2020 | 2021

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Jun. 30, 2020 for Fall 2020
- Nov. 16, 2020 for Winter 2021
- Mar. 15, 2021 for Summer 2021
- Jun. 30, 2021 for Fall 2021

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.

FALL SEMESTER 2020

Aug. 31 - Sep 4*	Orientation and registration
Sep. 8	Fall semester classes begin
Dec. 7 - 12	Final exams

WINTER SEMESTER 2021

Jan. 4 - Jan. 8*	Orientation and registration
Jan. 11	Fall semester classes begin
April. 12 - 17	Final exams

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

May. 3 - May 7*	Orientation and registration
May. 10	Fall semester classes begin
Aug. 9 - 14	Final exams

FALL SEMESTER 2021

Aug. 30 - Sep. 3*	Orientation and registration
Sep. 7	Fall semester classes begin
Dec. 6 - 11	Final exams

PROGRAMS IN THE EAP PROGRAM HAVE MID-SEMESTER INTAKES STARTING ON:

- October 22, 2020
- March 1, 2021
- June 28, 2021
- October 21, 2021

**Orientation and registration dates are subject to change.*

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

or

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 \$13,270. 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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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



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, 2020 - August 31, 2021.

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

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

ACADEMIC FEES

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 200
Cost Per Credit	\$ 535
Cost Per Course (4 credits)	\$ 2,140
Graduation Fee	\$ 50
Numeracy/Literacy Assessments	\$ 50 each
Activity Fee	\$ 30/semester

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	
7 Weeks - Full-time	\$ 2,942.50
English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	
14 Weeks - Full-time	\$ 5,885

ACADEMIC PROGRAM TOTAL

Program	Courses	Fees
Accelerated Grade 11 & 12	7	\$ 14,980
Accelerated Grade 12*	4-5	\$ 8,560-10,700
Senior Secondary 10, 11, 12	20	\$ 42,800
Senior Secondary 11, 12	14	\$ 29,960
Senior Secondary 12	9-11	\$ 19,260-23,540
Adult Secondary	3-5	\$ 6,420-10,700

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.

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.

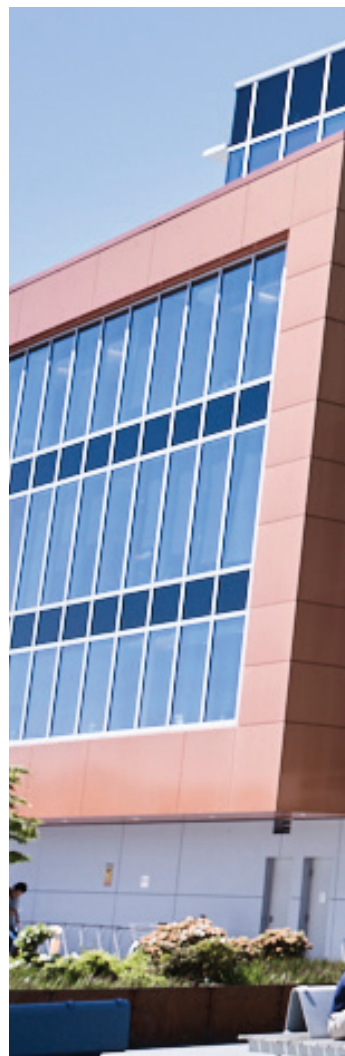
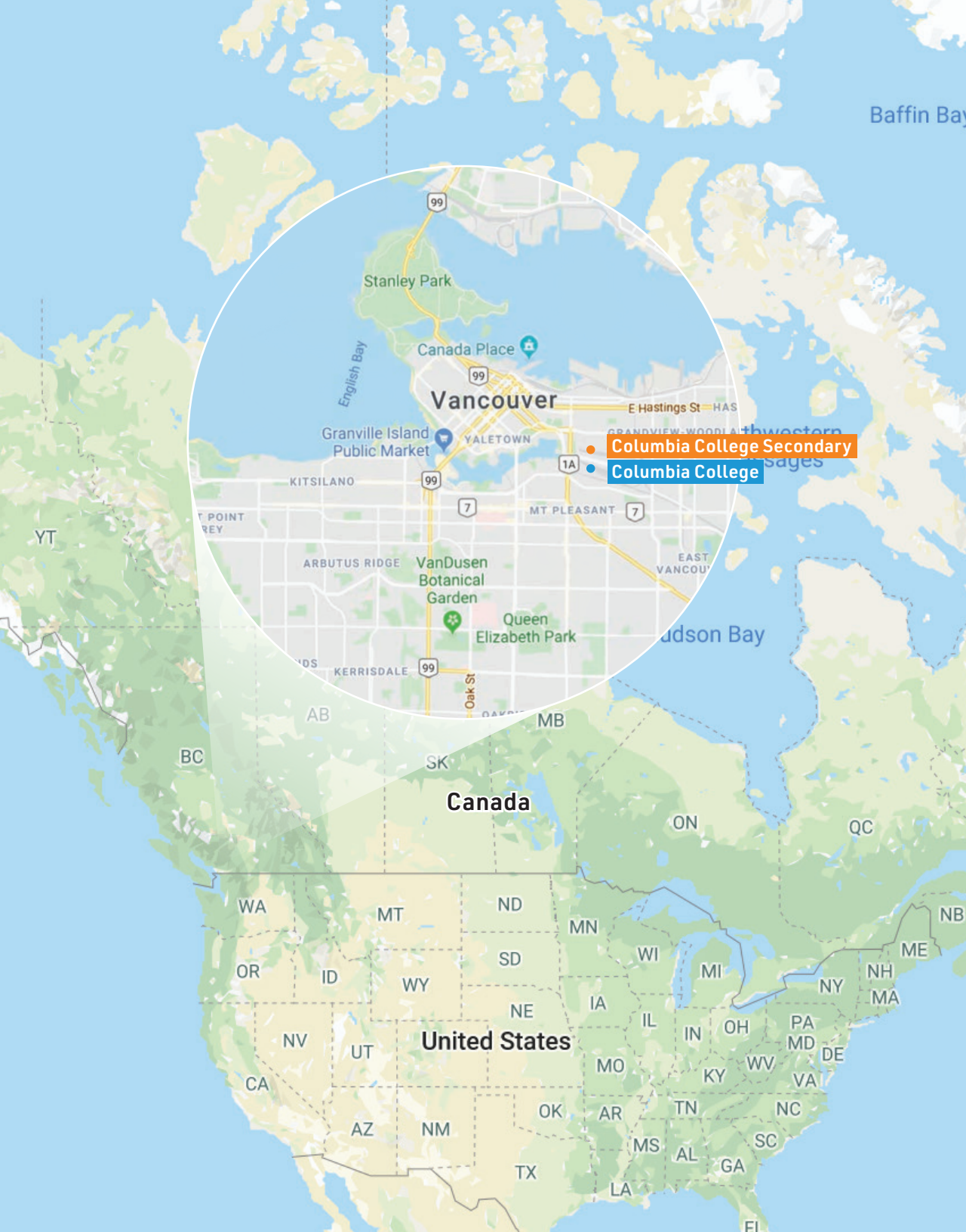
Homestay Deposit Total	\$ 5,850
Placement Fee (one time)	\$ 375
Custodian Set Up Fee (one time)	\$ 325
Monitoring Fee (one time)	\$ 50
Airport Pick Up Fee	\$ 100
Five Months Homestay Fees	\$5,000

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

Refund policy can be found at www.columbiacollege.ca and next line, Sibling discount: 10% discount on first 24 credits.





NORTH CAMPUS



URBAN CAMPUS

5 MINUTE WALK TO SKYTRAIN

10 MINUTES TO
DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

5 MINUTES TO VANCOUVER'S
HISTORIC CHINATOWN

30 MINUTES TO UBC OR SFU

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Columbia
College
Established 1906

MAIN CAMPUS



Columbia College

North Campus
Secondary & English Language Centre

Established 1936



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