



# Columbia College

Vancouver, BC, Canada



**PRE-ARRIVAL SESSION**

**WINTER 2022 STUDENTS**

DECEMBER 1, 2021 – 8:30 AM PST



# WELCOME!

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## TODAY'S SESSION:

- Admissions Deadlines & Travel Updates
- Orientation Overview
- Key Dates
- Requirements to register
- Live Q&A



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# MEET THE PANEL

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# Admissions Deadlines & Travel Updates

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# Notice of Delivery: Winter 2022

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## Classes have moved back into an in-person delivery as mandated by the Government of British Columbia in Fall 2021

- Columbia College re-opened for in person delivery in Fall, 2021
- All institutions will be following the BC Public Health Advice on how to safely study on campus and will monitor situation closely
- Students will be asked to wear masks in all public spaces of Columbia College and must be fully vaccinated
- If you are not able to travel to Canada due to delayed Study Permit or travel restrictions, limited online delivery available with FLEX classes



# Confirm Enrollment

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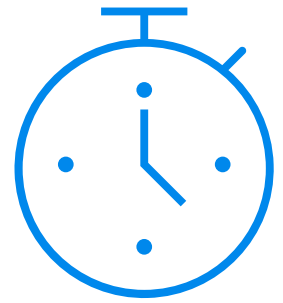
## When your study permit has been approved or in the application process:

- Fill out our Confirmation of Enrollment online by **December 20<sup>th</sup>** and upload a copy of your IRCC approval letter or visa stamp or application receipt:  
<https://www.columbiacollege.ca/new-students/orientation/enrolment-confirmation/>
- Once complete, you will be contacted to schedule an Orientation appointment
- If you do not receive your Study Permit by December 30, you will be able to register for online courses from your home country. Please note that there are limited online classes available.
- SDS applications must register as no longer permitting deferrals if study permit approved. Please email [cacierno@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:cacierno@columbiacollege.ca) for more information.



# Study Permit Updates

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- IRCC has extended time spent studying online from outside Canada to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- Studying online will count towards PGWP
- We will be offering a limited number of online classes for those who are unable to travel to Canada and wish to proceed without Study Permit
- **All students studying online must submit proof of visa application before receiving Orientation appointment**
- Online classes will be FLEX to accommodate time differences

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- **If you receive a Study Permit Rejection before January 17<sup>th</sup>,** you will receive a full refund of Tuition Deposit
  - **If you receive a study permit rejection AFTER January 17<sup>th</sup>,** you will receive a refund of the second semester tuition only.
  - Any other refund inquires must be directed to Admissions as penalties will apply once Orientation begins



# Travel: Preparation, Requirements, Documents

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# Entering Canada

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- **There are numerous steps to prepare prior to travelling to Canada. Please pay careful attention to following information and continue to check the government of Canada's requirements for entering Canada as they do change frequently!**
- **Anyone travelling to Canada must download ArriveCAN app to enter arrival details: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>**
- **All Columbia College students MUST also fill out our Travel Form once your travel plans are complete at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/covid-19/travel/form>**

**NOTE: You will not get an Orientation appointment, if you do not submit the Travel Form**



# Entering Canada: Omicron Variant

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**The emergent Omicron Variant is changing travel regulations daily. It is very important to continuously check in on any upcoming changes.**

**Foreign nationals who have travelled to any of these countries within the previous 14 days will not be permitted entry to Canada: Nigeria, Malawi, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Eswantini, and Mozambique.**

**If you are a Canadian Citizen or PR from one of these countries, please contact [cacierno@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:cacierno@columbiacollege.ca) for arrival information**

**More info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/11/government-of-canada-introduces-new-measures-to-address-covid-19-omicron-variant-of-concern.html>



# Entering Canada: Omicron Variant

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**Effective November 30th, Canada has amended entry requirements for ALL travellers to Canada:**

**All fully vaccinated travellers arriving by air (except USA) will be subject to arrival testing. Fully vaccinated travellers will be required to quarantine while they await the results of their arrival test.**

**Unvaccinated travellers will be tested on arrival, day 8, and quarantine for 14 days in a designated quarantine facility while awaiting arrival tests. Details on facilities not yet released.**

**More info:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/11/government-of-canada-introduces-additional-measures-to-address-covid-19-omicron-variant-of-concern.html>



# Travel: Vaccinated Travelers

**Effective November 30th, vaccinated travellers will have to quarantine until negative results are received on COVID tests conducted on arrival.**

- To be considered **fully vaccinated**, a traveller must have received the full series/mix of a vaccine — or combination of vaccines — **accepted by the Government of Canada** at least 14 days prior to entering Canada: Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Bharat Biotech (Covaxin), Sinopharm, Sinovac.
- Travellers can receive their vaccine in any country, and must provide documentation supporting their vaccination in English, French or with a certified translation to upload onto ArriveCAN.
- Please carry original COVID vaccination certificates.
- **Vaccinated travellers MUST PRESENT QUARANTINE LOCATION on ArriveCan and CC Travel Form**



# Travel: Unvaccinated Travelers

**Vaccination is required for travel within Canada as of November 30th. It is recommended to travel direct to Vancouver rather than connecting flight.**

**If you are unvaccinated or have only had one dose of vaccine, you must prepare to Quarantine for 14 Days upon arrival in Canada.**

- Quarantine is mandatory and punishable by law if found in violation
- COVID test upon arrival, as well as on Day 8
  
- **If you are unvaccinated or have only had one dose of vaccine, you must prepare to Quarantine for 14 Days upon arrival in Canada**
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- COVID test upon arrival, as well as on Day 8

Please note that entry requirements will change after January 15<sup>th</sup>, wherein all travelers to Canada must be fully vaccinated: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/11/government-of-canada-announces-adjustments-to-canadas-border-measures.html>



# Quarantine

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## **We can assist in arrangements with Homestay only:**

Please contact **Mrs. Rosemary Mooney** PRIOR to booking flights to ensure availability at [rmooney@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:rmooney@columbiacollege.ca)

- Private Bathroom: \$1,000 for 14 days
- Shared Bathroom: \$800 for 14 days

## **Other quarantine options**

- private facility or hotels

**NOTE: If you test positive for COVID-19, you will not be permitted to stay in homestay and must make other arrangements**



# Quarantine

## Please take Quarantine seriously as this is how we stop the spread of COVID-19!

- Upon arrival, go IMMEDIATELY to your quarantine destination. You **may not** stop to get supplies, groceries, or anything. No visitors! NO ONE can visit you during quarantine.
- See the **Monthly Events Calendar** for activities through the College to help keep you busy at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/events>.
- Bring things to entertain yourself such as books, movies, crafts, etc., as it can be difficult.
- **Do not disobey quarantine – there will be repercussions both with the Government and Columbia College.**

## You will receive numerous check-ins to verify your quarantine from both the Government of Canada and Columbia College

- **Failure to respond to quarantine checks will result in a report to the Vancouver Police Department.**
- Please be sure to provide Canadian phone numbers if you are in quarantine in a private accommodation.
- Check your email and TEAMS daily as you MUST respond to quarantine check-ins.
- If you are not fully vaccinated, you will need to complete a COVID-19 test on Day 8 of Quarantine from home. A test kit with instructions will be given to you at the airport.
- During Quarantine, CC support staff will register you for your COVID-19 vaccine, and help you apply for MSP (Medical Services Plan of BC).
- If you develop symptoms of illness during quarantine, the Campus Nurse will help to connect you to medical care. We offer online nursing and counselling support during quarantine.



# Prior to Departure

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- Notify us of your arrival details. All students must provide arrival information by filling our **Travel Form** at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/covid-19/travel/form>.
- Download **ArriveCAN** app and upload relevant information prior to your departure.
- Ensure you obtain a negative PCR Test Certificate within 72 hours of departure.

## **Please carry the following documents with you while travelling to Canada:**

1. CC Self Travel Form with arrival location
2. Proof of Medical Insurance
3. Negative PCR Test result
4. Letter of Acceptance from Columbia College
5. Digital and Physical copies of BOTH vaccinations (if available)
6. Copy of all academic documents
7. Passport



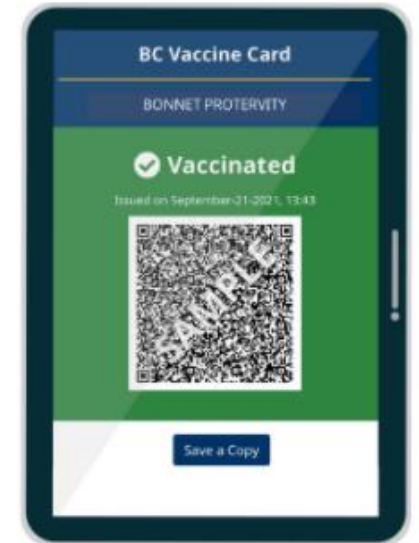
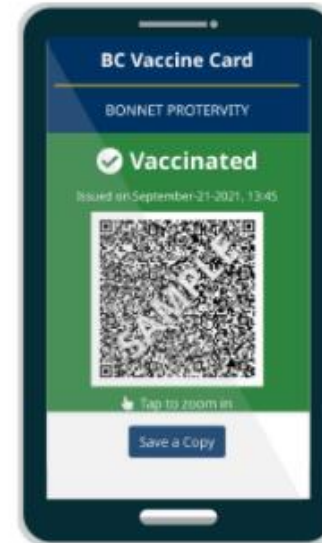


# COVID-19: BC Vaccine Passport

- Over 81% of population is fully vaccinated
- Cases now mostly with unvaccinated population
- Life is largely back to normal with mask and social distance precautions
- Do not delay getting vaccinated if you can
- Practice good hygiene and stay vigilant!

## You will need to register for BC Vaccine Card to enter most public spaces in BC

- Restaurants, patios, indoor ticketed sports, concerts, gyms/fitness centers, weddings, parties, nightclubs, casinos, etc.
- Instructions will be provided on how to do this but be sure to carry your proof of vaccination until complete if you wish to enter any public spaces.





# A Few Reminders:

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- Be sure to always include your full name and student ID when emailing Columbia College.
- Make sure your email is up to date with Admissions.
- Check your Spam/Junk box.
- Check your email often to ensure you are aware of any changes.
- Update us on any Study Permit approvals or changes in arrival details/quarantine locations.
- DO NOT send more than one email. Allow 1-3 business days for response.



# ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

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Student Services Manager



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Student Life Coordinator





# WINTER 2022

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- Orientation for all students will take place both online and in-person
- Information will be shared throughout December 2021
- Registration will take place from **December 28, 2021** to **January 7, 2022**
- Classes will begin on **Monday, January 10, 2022**





# WHAT DOES ORIENTATION INVOLVE

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- Getting familiar with our learning platforms and technology
- Getting to know other students
- Preparing for your registration
- Learning about the services that we provide
- Ensuring that you are ready for classes





# ORIENTATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS (GRADES 10, 11, 12)

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- Online orientation for all new students: **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**
- Online course planning and registration: **Thursday, January 6, 2022**
- In-person orientation on campus: **Friday, January 7, 2022**





# KEY DATES

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# DECEMBER 8, 2021

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- Access your Columbia College email account
- If you have paid your tuition deposit in full and have provided all required documents, you will be given your Columbia College student credentials for your **email** and **Microsoft 365** accounts
- Please make sure your email is updated with Admissions and check your Spam/Junk folder often!







# DECEMBER 15, 2021

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- Connect with your dedicated **Student Engagement Ambassador (SEA)**
- You will be contacted by your dedicated SEA through your College email and Teams accounts
- SEAs are current Columbia College students who are here to answer your questions, help through the registration process and support you to be ready to start your classes on January 10, 2022





# DECEMBER 28, 2021

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- Attend your **Welcome & Registration** sessions
- You will be invited to attend a variety of information sessions related to your program, registration, and preparing your classes. We will send this information to you through your CC email account – keep checking for updates about these sessions.
- **Attendance at these sessions is mandatory for your registration to be completed**
- The last day to register is Friday, January 7, 2022



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# DECEMBER 30, 2021

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- All students must confirm that they are planning to register for the Winter 2022 semester by this date

**From December 30, 2021:** Complete the Columbia 101 module

- You will receive access to your **Columbia 101** module on Moodle.
- **Columbia 101** is a self-paced program that is designed to help you learn about all of the support services that CC offers, as well as get used to our learning platforms so you are ready to begin your classes.





# January 10, 2022

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- **First day of classes!**
- Your Student Engagement Ambassador will help you to prepare for your first week





# January 17, 2022

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- **Last day to make changes to your classes or schedule**
- Please review our refund policy in advance as penalties will apply once Orientation/Registration begins at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Refund-Policy-2018.pdf>





# ORIENTATION KEY DATES: RE-CAP

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<b>December 8</b>	Access to Columbia College email and Microsoft 365 accounts
<b>December 15</b>	Connect with your SEA
<b>December 28</b>	Attend information sessions related to your program
<b>December 30</b>	Complete Columbia 101 module on Moodle
<b>December 30 – January 7</b>	Registration for Winter 2022
<b>January 10</b>	First day of classes in Winter 2022
<b>January 17</b>	Last day to make changes to your classes or schedule



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADORS (SEAs)

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Student Engagement Ambassador



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# WHAT IS A STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADOR?

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Your **Student Engagement Ambassador (SEA)** will:

- Organize group meetings and discussions for you to get to know other students and make new friends
- Provide tutorials and information guides on important steps to follow
- Support with your registration
- Help make sure that you are prepared to start classes







# MATH PLACEMENT

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- **All university level students are required to take the MPT before registration.**
- You will be contacted by a member of our Admissions team about scheduling a date and time for your MPT.
- For more information about the test, and to download the study guide or sample tests at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/future-students/requirements/mathematics-placement/>.





# REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

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- Pay your tuition deposit in full
- Fill out the **Enrollment Confirmation Form** and **Travel Form** to receive your Orientation Appointment
- Take the **Math Placement Test** (all university level students)
- Complete the **Columbia 101** Moodle module
- Attend your orientation and information sessions





# Medical Insurance

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We recommend that all students who are travelling in advance to begin their studies in Canada in January 2022 purchase medical insurance before their arrival in the case that medical treatment is required.

Our international student insurance provider, **guard.me**, can provide insurance to students from their arrival date at a cost of \$1.65 per day of coverage using this link:

<https://www.guard.me/columbiacollege/departments/early-arrivals>.

You will be able to purchase insurance until December 31, 2021 and you will need your Columbia College student ID number in order to proceed.

When you complete your registration for classes at the end of December or beginning of January, you will automatically be enrolled for guard.me coverage for the Winter 2022 semester (up to April 30, 2020).

Once you arrive in Canada, you should enroll in British Columbia's Medical Services Plan. For more information about medical insurance for Columbia College students, click [here](#) or e-mail [medicalinsurance@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:medicalinsurance@columbiacollege.ca).



# IMPORTANT CONTACT

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If you need help at any point, please contact us at

**[studentservices@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:studentservices@columbiacollege.ca)**





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**LIVE Q&A**

**SEND US YOUR QUESTIONS**



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