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PRE-ARRIVAL SESSION
WINTER 2023

Columbia
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WELCOME!



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TODAY'S SESSION:

- Admissions Deadlines & Travel Updates
- Orientation Overview
- Key Dates
- Requirements for registrations
- Live Q&A

MEET THE PANEL



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ADMISSIONS DEADLINES & TRAVEL UPDATES



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MODES OF DELIVERY: WINTER 2023



University Transfer, Associate Degree, University Preparatory

Students with valid or approved student visas/Study Permits

- Studies will be delivered in person and on campus
- Students must arrive in Vancouver by January 2, 2023, at the latest, to attend mandatory three-day orientation in person (January 3 – January 5, 2023)

Students with Study Permit applications still in process

- Studies will be delivered online
- Orientation and course registration will be completed online (December 28, 2022, January 3 – January 6, 2023)

Late arrivals due to visa approval delays could be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Email orientation@columbiacollege.ca for more information.

MODES OF DELIVERY: WINTER 2023

Senior Secondary, Adult Secondary, Accelerated Secondary

Students with valid or approved student visas/Study Permits

- Studies will be delivered in person and on campus

Students with Study Permit applications still in process

- HI-FLEX (online study) could be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Email orientation@columbiacollege.ca for more information.

TO-DO ASAP: FINALIZE ADMISSIONS

Update your student file by sending us:

- Your final academic transcript
- Your high school completion diploma
- Any new IELTS/TOEFL/Duolingo test scores

Email admissions@columbiacollege.ca with your student ID in the subject line.

TO-DO ASAP: CONFIRM ENROLLMENT

If your Study Permit application has been approved or in the process of approval:

1. Fill out our [Enrollment Confirmation Form](https://www.columbiacollege.ca/new-students/orientation/enrolment-confirmation/) online by **December 28, 2022, and upload a copy of your *IRCC Study Permit Approval Letter* or *visa stamp*:**

- <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/new-students/orientation/enrolment-confirmation/>
- You can only complete this form once – duplicate entries are not allowed
- Enrollment Confirmation Form is currently live on our website, an email with instructions was sent on November 24, 2022.

2. Confirm your Orientation schedule

- Our team will contact you to schedule your Math Placement Test (MPT)
- We will provide your orientation schedule after you complete your MPT
- **Please be patient, as we process a high volume of inquiries**

Travel: Preparation, Requirements, Documents

TRAVEL DATES

- Students should be in Canada by **January 2, 2023**, at the latest, to attend orientation in person
- Students are recommended to travel to Canada **not earlier than 3 weeks** prior to classes starting
 - Suggested travel dates: from December 19, 2022 and onwards
 - You may be denied entry by the CBSA officer if you arrive too early

Note that the College will be closed on December 20 – December 26, 2022, and on December 30, 2022 – January 2, 2023.

ACCOMMODATION

- If you are in CC Homestay program, contact Ms. Rosemary Mooney at rmooney@columbiacollege.ca to confirm your placement and arrange airport pick-up.

ENTERING CANADA

The government of Canada lifted all COVID-19 restrictions and you are no longer required to:

- Carry your proof of vaccination
- Take PCR test before or after arrival
- Download and fill out the ArriveCAN app



72 hours before your departure

Please continue to pay careful attention to the latest entry requirements, as things can change with emerging COVID-19 variants

- Check <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/covid-19/updates/> for latest government updates
- Fill out our **Travel Plan Form** at <https://www.columbiacollege.ca/covid-19/travel/form>

DEPARTURE: DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Proof of Medical Insurance
- **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)** from Columbia College
- Digital and Physical copies of both vaccinations (if available)
- Originals or certified true copies of all academic documents
- Passport

NOTE: You no longer require a Travel Letter to enter Canada – your LOA is sufficient.

DEPARTURE: WHAT TO PACK

- Fall/winter clothes
- Rain gear
- Umbrella
- Waterproof boots
- Adapter
- Prescriptions/medications
- Emergency kit
- Some dressy and traditional clothes

A FEW REMINDERS

- Inform us of any updates in your Study Permit application or changes in arrival plans
- Ensure to always include your **full name** and **student ID** when emailing Columbia College
- Check your email often, including Spam/Junk folder
- **DO NOT** send more than one email - allow up to five business days for processing

Email orientation@columbiacollege.ca if you have any questions at any point in your preparation for the **Winter 2023** semester.



ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



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WINTER 2023

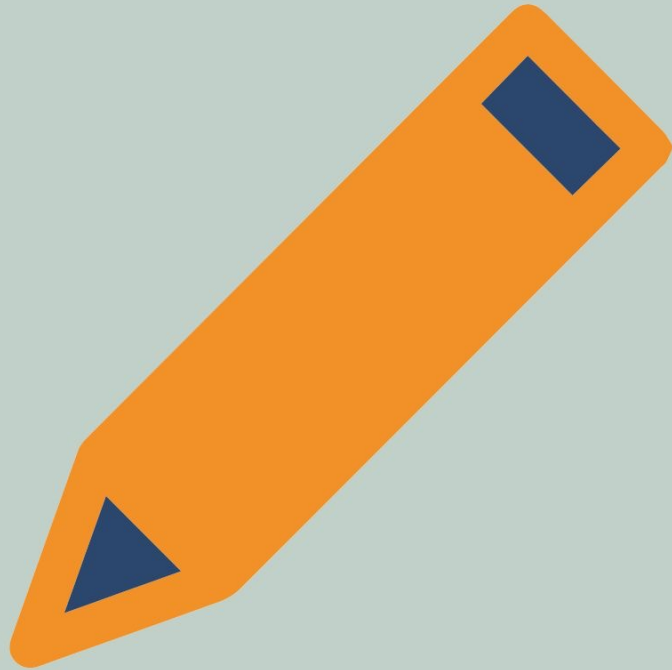
- Orientation for all students will take place both online and in-person
- Information will be shared throughout the month of December
- Registration will take place from **December 28, 2022** to **January 6, 2023**
- Classes will begin on **Monday, January 9, 2023**

WHAT DOES ORIENTATION INVOLVE

- 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)

- KICKOFF / Online orientation for all new students: **December 19, 2022**
- U-PREP course planning: **December 28, 2022**
- High School course planning: **January 4, 2023**
- Course Planning and registration (Teams): **January 4-6, 2023**
- In-person orientation on campus: **January 6, 2023**
- In-person 'Meet & Greet' with Instructors: **January 9, 2023**



KEY DATES

DECEMBER 12, 2022

- Access your Columbia College email account
- If you have received your student visa, completed the Enrollment Confirmation Form, 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 14, 2022

- 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 9, 2022.

WHO IS A STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADOR?

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

December 19 - December 29, 2022

- Attend your **Welcome & Registration** online 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 6, 2022

December 28, 2022

- All students must confirm that they are planning to register for the Winter 2023 semester by this date

December 29, 2022 - 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 the support services that CC offers, as well as get used to our learning platforms so you are ready to begin your classes.

December 28, 2022 & January 3 - 6, 2023

ON-CAMPUS ORIENTATION

- Get to know the campus, where services are provided, and where your classes are located.
- Students will receive their Columbia College Student IDs and Access card (transit).
- Quick introduction to Academic Advisors.
- Applying for BC's medical insurance (MSP).
- Attend educational workshops on Indigenization and EDI
- Take part in fun games, sign up for prizes, and meet your classmates!

January 9, 2023

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

January 16, 2023

- **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/2022/06/Academic-Calendar-2022-2023.pdf> (pages 73 – 76)

ORIENTATION KEY DATES: SNAPSHOT

December 12	Access to Columbia College email and Microsoft 365 accounts
December 14	Connect with your SEA
December 19 - 29	Attend information sessions related to your program
December 28	Deadline to complete Enrollment Confirmation Form
December 29	Complete Columbia 101 module on Moodle
December 28 - January 6	Registration for Winter 2023
December 28, Jan 3 - 6	In-person/on-campus orientation
January 9	First day of classes in Winter 2023
January 16	Last day to make changes to your classes or schedule

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Fill out the **Enrollment Confirmation 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
- Provide a scanned copy (photo) of your Study Permit after your arrival in Canada



MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT)

- **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 after you complete the Enrollment Confirmation Form.
- This test is mandatory for all post-secondary programs (University Preparatory, University Transfer, and Associate Degree)
- DO NOT miss your MPT – your registration may be delayed
- 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/>



MEDICAL INSURANCE

We recommend that all students who are travelling in advance to begin their studies in Canada in Winter 2023 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, 2022, and you will need your Columbia College student ID number to proceed.

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.

IMPORTANT CONTACT

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

studentservices@columbiacollege.ca

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