



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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About Columbia University

For more than 250 years, Columbia has been a leader in higher education in the nation and around the world. At the core of our wide range of academic inquiry is the commitment to attract and engage the best minds in pursuit of greater human understanding, pioneering new discoveries, and service to society.

Our distinguished faculty, alumni and student body are expanding the boundaries of knowledge in medicine, sciences, the arts, humanities, and the professions. The University offers an outstanding and comprehensive array of academic programs. These include three undergraduate schools, thirteen graduate and professional schools, a world-renowned medical center, four affiliated colleges and seminaries, twenty-five libraries, and more than one hundred research centers and institutes.

Columbia is both global and local in focus. As a vital part of New York, our research and teaching are enhanced by the vast resources of one of the world's greatest cities. We are an intellectual community of some 40,000 students, faculty and staff who work continually to expand our mission of teaching, research, patient care, and public service.

For additional historical background, please visit: <http://www.columbia.edu/content/history.html>

About the School of Continuing Education

Since 1995 the School of Continuing Education (SCE) at Columbia University has been a resource for those who wish to take their lives in new directions.

Our students are motivated, serious, academically oriented people who seek professional, personal, and academic development in subjects that range from the sciences to the humanities to the arts.

In 2002 the School of Continuing Education became Columbia's first new school in 50 years. The School became both a Faculty and a Department of Instruction in the Arts and Sciences, and was granted the authority to confer the Master of Science degree.

The School is now home to 14 exceptional Master of Science degree programs in the following fields:

<i>Actuarial Science</i>	<i>Narrative Medicine</i>
<i>Bioethics</i>	<i>Negotiation and Conflict Resolution</i>
<i>Communications Practice</i>	<i>Sports Management</i>
<i>Construction Administration</i>	<i>Strategic Communications</i>
<i>Fundraising Management</i>	<i>Statistics</i>
<i>Information and Knowledge Strategy</i>	<i>Sustainability Management</i>
<i>Landscape Design</i>	<i>Technology Management</i>

The School is also home to eleven professional certificate programs in areas ranging from Biotechnology to Business to Quantitative Studies for Finance.

Though this offering is diverse, the School of Continuing Education's programs are unified by our mission: *to transform knowledge and understanding in service of the greater good: a just, sustainable and compassionate global society.*

Your Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations

WHO WE ARE

The Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations (SLAR) is a team of student services professionals committed to providing enrolled students with information about Columbia's wealth of academic and student life resources.

WHAT WE DO

SLAR works closely with other student services offices on campus to provide SCE students with up-to-date information about registration, email account management, tuition and financing, and immunizations requirements, among other things. Some of the offices SLAR works most closely with are the University Registrar, Student Financial Services, Columbia University Information Technology (CUIT), the ID Center, and Columbia Health Services.

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

The student handbook contains the information students need most urgently in order to establish themselves at Columbia. In addition to the student handbook we encourage SCE students to refer to our website (<http://www.ce.columbia.edu>) for program-specific information.

The School of Continuing Education is your first point of contact at Columbia. If you are unable to find information regarding student services, academic advising and/or resources in this handbook or online, please contact either your program director or SLAR. Please be advised that policies and procedures at other schools at Columbia may be different and/or not apply to Continuing Education students. Thus, it is important that you communicate with us directly with your questions.

Email: sce-studentaffairs@columbia.edu

Phone: (212) 854-0419

Please save this handbook for future reference.

Your Academic Experience

Your program director and/or faculty advisor are your primary contacts for questions regarding your course of study, degree requirements and course content.

The Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations is your primary contact for questions regarding academic policy and procedures, and changes in your student status.

What follows is an outline of important information related to some of the School of Continuing Education policies and procedures, including what constitutes satisfactory progress toward degree, the grading system, and how to manage changes in your student status, such as leaves of absence and withdrawals.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

The School of Continuing Education considers a student's academic progress to be satisfactory when a student maintains at least the minimum GPA required for their program and completes their program at a pace that is within the maximum timeframe for the program. The academic progress of each student is reviewed shortly after the end of each term.

Grade Point Average

Degree candidates must complete all requirements for the degree with an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 (B). Every course creditable toward the degree must be taken for a letter grade. Students in certificate programs are required to maintain an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 (B). Post baccalaureate students must maintain an overall minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C).

If a student's overall GPA falls below the minimum criteria outlined above then the student is placed on academic probation. Students who earn two or more grades of IN or UW, in a semester, will also be placed on academic probation. Students who earn two final grades of C+ or below and students who earn one final grade of D or F are subject to dismissal.

After one term of academic probation, if a student has a second term of unsatisfactory academic progress the student is subject to dismissal from the academic program and the School of Continuing Education. All decisions to place a student on academic probation or to dismiss for academic reasons are subject to appeal.

Pace of Completion

Students must complete all requirements for degree programs and non-degree programs within the time prescribed by each program. Programs must be completed within the following time frame:

MS Actuarial Science	3 Years
MS Bioethics	3 Years
MS Communications Practice	2 Years
MS Construction Administration	5 Years
MS Fundraising Management	4 Years
MS Information and Knowledge Strategy	16 Months
MS Landscape Design	2.5 Years
MS Narrative Medicine	3 Years
MS Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	3 Years
MS Sports Management	4 Years
MS Strategic Communications	16 Months
MS Sustainability Management	3 Years
MS Technology Management	16 Months
Advanced Business Certificate for Undergraduates - Visiting	2 years
Advanced Business Certificate	3 years
Bioethics Certificate - Online	2 years
Biotechnology Certificate	2 years
Business Certificate	2 years
Business Certificate - online	2 years
Classics Certificate	2 years
Climate Science & Policy Certificate	2 years
Critical Issues in International Relations Certificate (Summer Only)	2 years
Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology Certificate (EEEEB)	2 years
Graduate Foundations Certificate - fall 2013	2 years
Human Rights Certificate (Summer Only)	2 years

Psychology Certificate	2 years
Quantitative Studies for Finance Certificate	2 years
Sustainability Analytics Certificate	2 years
Sustainable Water Management Certificate	2 years
Undergraduate Visiting Business Certificate	2 years
United Nations Studies Certificate (Summer Only)	2 years

Federal Financial Aid – Title IV Eligibility

To receive financial aid under the programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA--College Work-Study, Perkins Loan, Stafford/SLS loans) as amended, a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the standards and practices of the institution in which the student is enrolled. Federal regulations require that such institutions measure such progress at least once each year. A student who is not maintaining satisfactory progress, and whose inadequate progress is not judged to be attributable to mitigating circumstances, is ineligible to receive financial aid from the aforementioned programs. For further information, consult Student Financial Services in 210 Kent Hall.

After the review of records has been completed, students will be alerted to any identified deficiencies and advised of the means to remedy them, and told of the consequences of their failure to do so. Extension of the time allowed for completion of a degree may be granted by the Dean on the recommendation of the program director, but only when specific mitigating circumstances warrant. Students who are correcting deficiencies in a manner prescribed by the program director or who are granted extensions will ordinarily be eligible for financial aid under Title IV of the HEA.

Appeals of Academic Probation or Dismissal

When a student believes that either academic probation or dismissal has been decided upon unfairly or inappropriately, students may appeal the decision as follows:

Students in Degree Programs: Students may appeal the decision first to the Associate Dean of Student Life and Alumni Relations. If still aggrieved, the student may send a final appeal to the Dean of the School of Continuing Education.

Students in Non-Degree Programs: Students may appeal the decision to the Associate Dean of Non-Degree Programs. If still aggrieved, the student may appeal to the Associate Dean of Student Life and Alumni Relations. A student may then send a final appeal to the Dean of the School of Continuing Education.

GRADING SYSTEM

The University grading system is as follows:

- A = excellent
- B = good
- C = fair
- D = poor but passing
- F = failure (the grade of F is a final grade and is not subject to reexamination)

Plus and minus grades are also used, except with D.

UW (unofficial withdrawal)

May be assigned to students who discontinue attendance in a course without officially dropping it. Although marks of UW are not counted as part of a student's overall academic average, they do indicate that the student is not making satisfactory academic progress. Thus, students who receive marks of UW may be placed on academic warning or probation, or they may be asked to terminate their studies. The mark of UW is permanent and cannot be changed by subsequent completion of course work (see INC, below). A student may repeat a course in which he or she received a UW, but the grade for the repeated course will not count in the student's grade point average.

Grade point averages are computed on the following scale:

A+	=	4.33
A	=	4.00
A-	=	3.67
B+	=	3.33
B	=	3.00
B-	=	2.67
C+	=	2.33
C	=	2.00
C-	=	1.65
D	=	1.00
F	=	0.00

INC (Incomplete)

Granted only with the permission of the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations in consultation with the course instructor. Students who wish to receive the mark of INC must submit a petition in writing to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations before the last day of class; no petition will be accepted after that date. The purpose of the mark of INC is to permit postponement of the final written work or exam for the course when incapacitating illness (as certified in writing by the University Health Service or by a private medical practitioner), serious family emergency, or other comparably grave situations require such postponement. The major portion of the course requirements must have been completed if a student is to be eligible for the mark of INC.

Students who are granted the mark of INC must agree with the course instructor on a terminal date for the completion of the work required for the course. The mark of INC becomes a permanent mark when the course work is not completed by the assigned deadline. In extraordinary instances, a maximum one-term extension may be granted by the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations. Students with marks of INC in 50 percent or more of their coursework will not be permitted to register for the following term. An INC may not be removed by auditing or otherwise attending the course a second time.

If you request an incomplete in a class you will need to submit this form to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations: http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Application_for_INC.pdf. You may submit the form in person in 203 Lewisohn Hall or via email: sce-studentaffairs@columbia.edu. Students are required to consult their professors regarding their decision/request.

Transfer of Credit

In principle, the School of Continuing Education does not accept transfer credit for degree work done at another institution. However, students enrolled in an M.S. degree program may petition the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations for transfer credit or advanced standing if they believe course work they have previously done is duplicative.

GPA Calculation

When the registrar calculates the grade point average, courses are weighted according to the number of credit points. In the case of repeated courses, only the grades earned for the first attempt will be figured into the grade point average. Except in the case of a grade issued to replace an INC authorized by the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations, all grades are based exclusively on the work completed by students during the term a course is offered, i.e., supplementary or revised work completed after a course has ended may not become the basis of a change of grade except in the case of an authorized INC.

Advanced Standing

No more than six points of advanced standing toward the M.S. degree will be granted either for appropriate graduate courses completed as a postgraduate nondegree student at Columbia with a grade of B or better, or for appropriate graduate courses completed as a degree candidate in another school of Columbia University with a grade of B or better, as long as those points were taken in excess of the requirements for the degree conferred by the other Columbia school. Advanced standing will only be given if the course(s) completed was/were taken within four years (12 terms) of the completion of all requirements for the degree.

CHANGES IN YOUR STUDENT STATUS

Should you need, after you begin your program and register for classes, to request a leave of absence, withdraw permanently from your program, or otherwise change your student status, you will need to let both your program director and the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations know.

There are forms associated with making changes to both your course of study and to your student status. This section explains them in further detail.

Leave of Absence Request

A student who must interrupt studies for a compelling reason—for example, sustained ill health—may be granted a leave of absence for a stated period, usually not to exceed one year. During the period of leave, a student may not use Universities facilities, including libraries.

The period of a leave of absence is not counted as part of the time allowed for the completion of degree requirements. Students on leaves of absence are not usually eligible to defer payment of University and government loans.

Leave for Military Duty

Any student who is a member of the National Guard or other reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or of a state organized militia and is called or ordered to active duty will be granted a military leave of absence for the period of active duty and for one year thereafter. Upon return from military leave of absence, the student will be restored to the educational status attained prior to being called or ordered to such duty without loss of academic credits earned, scholarships or grants awarded, or tuition or other fees paid prior to the commencement of active duty. The University will credit any tuition or fees paid for the period of the military leave of absence to the next enrollment period or will refund the tuition and fees paid to the student, at the student's option. Students in need of a military leave of absence should contact the Dean of Students for their school.

If you are enrolled in a degree program and decide to take a leave of absence you will need to submit this form to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations: http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Request_for_LOA.pdf. You may submit the form in person in 203 Lewisohn Hall or via email: sce-studentaffairs@columbia.edu. You will need to consult your program director regarding your decision to take a leave.

Withdrawing

The University defines withdrawing as dropping one's entire program of courses in any given semester. Ceasing to attend classes or simply notifying the instructor does not constitute withdrawing.

Over the course of the first half of a term, varying percentages of tuition are refunded, depending on the date when a student withdraws. For the schedule, see Withdrawal and Refunds (<http://ce.columbia.edu/Student--life-and-alumni-relations/Withdrawal-and-Tuition-Refund>).

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FORM

Students must submit Notice of Withdrawal forms to SLAR via email to sce-studentwithdrawals@columbia.edu or fax them to (212) 854-4101. **Failure to complete all sections of this form will significantly delay the withdrawal process.** A non-refundable, \$75 fee is applied to all withdrawals after the change of date deadline. Please check your account on Student Services Online (SSOL) (<http://ssol.columbia.edu>) approximately one week after submission to either pay your bill or to request a refund.

You may pay your bill either online through SSOL or send checks payable to **Columbia University to Columbia University, Student Account Payment, 210 Kent Hall, 1140 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY, 10027**. Please be sure to include your UNI or PID, also known as your C-number. Refunds are not automatically issued. If you are entitled to a refund, you must request it online via SSOL **after the withdrawal has been processed.**

Students enrolled in both full term and partial term, or in multiple, partial term online Business Certificate courses are NOT ELIGIBLE for the partial term withdrawal refund schedules. Students who wish to drop partial term courses must do so during the Change of Program periods associated with each of those partial terms. If students drop individual, partial term courses after the partial term Change of Program periods, **they will be responsible for the full cost of the course.**

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Libraries

The Libraries are wonderful gathering places to pursue scholarly research, to learn about and use information technology, to write, to study, and to draw on our rich collection of print and electronic resources.

At your disposal is a fully integrated research library. Columbia's Libraries, with over 10 million volumes, over 100,000 current journals and serials, and an extensive collection of electronic resources, manuscripts, rare books, microforms, and other nonprint formats, rank as one of the top five academic library systems in the nation. We hope you will explore one or more of the 22 libraries at Columbia and its affiliated institutions to access the rich array of both traditional and electronic information services. For more information, visit: <http://library.columbia.edu/>

Writing Center

The Writing Center provides writing support to students enrolled in Columbia courses. In one-on-one consultations and workshops, writing consultants offer feedback and strategies to help students improve at every stage of their writing, from brainstorming to final drafts. The Writing Center is open throughout the academic year – fall semester, spring semester, and Summer Session.

To learn more about the Writing Center or to schedule an appointment with a writing consultant, please visit their main office in 310 Philosophy Hall or visit their website: <http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/uwp/writing-center>

Computer Labs

A number of different types of computing facilities are available to students of the university. These facilities range from simple informational kiosks to high-end workstations to walk-in consulting centers. Access requirements and schedules are provided in the detailed descriptions for each location. Please visit the website: <http://cuit.columbia.edu/>

Library Information Office
201 Butler Library
535 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10027
lio@columbia.edu
(212) 854-7309

Area Studies
302-309 International Affairs
420 W. 118th Street
New York, NY 10027
area@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-3630

Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library
300 Avery, 1172 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10027
avery@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-3501

Barnard College Library
Lehman Hall, 3009 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
refdesk@barnard.edu
(212) 854-3953

Biological Sciences Collection
biology@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4715

Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
burke@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 851-5606

Business & Economics Library
(Thomas J. Watson Library)
130 Uris, 3022 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
business@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-7804

Butler Library
(Nicholas Murray Butler Library)
535 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10027
butler@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-7309

Center for Human Rights
Documentation & Research
318 International Affairs
420 W 118th Street
New York, NY 10027
chrdr@columbia.edu
(212) 854-3630

Chemistry Collection
chemistry@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4709

Columbia Center for Oral History
801 Butler Library
535 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10027
oralhist@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-7083

Columbia University Archives
Butler Library, 6th Floor East
535 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10027
uarchives@columbia.edu
(212) 854-3786

East Asian Library
(C.V. Starr Library)
300 Kent, 1140 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10027
starr@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4318

Engineering Library
(Ambrose Monell Library)
422 S.W. Mudd
500 W. 120th Street
New York, NY 10027
engineering@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-2976

Geology Library
601 Schermerhorn
1190 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10027
geology@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4713

Geoscience Library
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
Palisades, NY
geology@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(845) 365-8808

Health Sciences Library
701 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
hs-library@columbia.edu
(212) 305-3692

Journalism Library
203 Journalism, 2950 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
journalism@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-3916

Law Library
(Arthur W. Diamond Library)
316 Greene
New York, NY 10027
(212) 854-3737

Lehman Social Sciences Library
300 International Affairs
420 W. 118th St.
New York, NY 10027
lehman@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4170

Mathematics Library
303 Mathematics
2990 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
mathsci@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4712

Milstein Undergraduate Library
Butler Library
535 West 114th St.
New York, NY 10027
undergrad@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-5327

Music & Arts Library
(Gabe M. Wiener Library)
701 Dodge, 2960 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
music@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4711

Physics & Astronomy Collection
physics@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-3943

Psychology Collection
psychology@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-4714

Rare Book & Manuscript Library
Butler Library, 6th Floor East
535 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10027
rbml@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 854-5153

Science & Engineering Library
401 Northwest Corner Building
550 West 120th Street
New York, NY 10027
ref-sci@columbia.edu
(212) 851-2950

Social Work Library
1255 Amsterdam Ave., 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10027
socwk@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
(212) 851-2194

Computer Labs

LABS WITH CONSULTANTS PRESENT

212, 213 & 213A Butler Library
36 Windows stations
4 Macintosh stations

251 Engineering Terrace/Gussman Lab
80 Windows stations
6 Macintosh stations

323 International Affairs Building
39 Windows stations
8 Macintosh stations
22 stations for group work (DSSC)

215 Lehman Library (EDS)
13 Windows stations

LABS WITHOUT CONSULTANTS

200 & 300 Lerner Hall, Student Center
28 Windows stations
10 Macintosh stations
6 ColumbiaNet

Hands-On Electronic Classrooms

CLASSROOMS WITH CONSULTANTS PRESENT

252 Engineering Terrace
18 Windows stations

CLASSROOMS WITHOUT CONSULTANTS

407 Mathematics
20 Windows stations

558 Schermerhorn Ext.
15 Macintosh stations

Your Fall 2013-Spring 2014 Registration

Fall 2013 registration for newly admitted Master of Science students will take place from Monday, August 26, 2013 to Friday, August 30, 2013. For detailed Spring 2014 registration dates, please be sure to check <http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/registration/registration-dates>.

NEW STUDENTS: ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration on Student Services Online (SSOL) (<http://ssol.columbia.edu>):

Fall 2013: Monday, August 26-Friday, August 30

Spring 2014: <http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/registration/registration-dates>

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

The Directory of Classes (<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwbl>) is Columbia's online course bulletin. Use it to locate courses' five-digit call numbers (which you'll need to register), to find out when and where courses meet, who the professors are, to see if courses require departmental or professor permission, to check enrollment numbers and to see if courses are lectures or seminars, among other things.

IDENTIFY AND REGISTER FOR COURSES WHICH NEED APPROVAL

Some courses require the approval of either the professor teaching them or the department offering them. To determine whether or not the course you want to register for requires approval, check the "Approvals Required" line on the course's webpage on the Directory of Classes: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwbl>. If you see "Department" or "Instructor" listed in the "Approvals Required" line, you will need to secure approval in writing (a print-out of an email from a professor is fine). Also check the "Open To" line. If you do not see "School of Continuing Education" listed you will need to secure written approval even if it says "None" in the "Approvals Required" line. **You will not be able to register online for courses that require written approval.** You will have to come to in-person registration with either an email print-out of the approval, or a signed Registration and Add/Drop form. You do not need an appointment to register in person.

CROSS-REGISTRATION

If a course is offered through another school, SCE students will have to cross-register for it. In order to determine whether a course is offered through another school, please check the "Division" line on the course's webpage in the Directory of Classes. If it lists a school other than SCE and doesn't list SCE in the "Open To" line, you will most likely have to cross-register to take it. For approval to cross-register and instructions about how to do so, please consult with your program director.

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR COURSES IN THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

You may register yourself online (<https://ssol.columbia.edu>) on Student Services Online using your Columbia email and password. All students are assigned registration appointment times: <http://registrar.columbia.edu/content/appointment-times-and-pins>. **You can only register online during these appointment times.** These appointment times will be available on Student Services Online (<https://ssol.columbia.edu>) about two weeks prior to the registration period.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD

Fall 2013: Tuesday, September 3-Friday, September 6
Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13

Spring 2014: <http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/registration/registration-dates>

Dropping Individual Classes

The Change of Program Period is a window of opportunity during which you may drop individual courses from your schedule without financial penalty. You may drop an individual course online on SSOL. You may also complete a Registration and Add/Drop form (http://registrar.columbia.edu/files/registrar/registration%and%add_drop_1.pdf) and submit it to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations.

Withdrawing from All of Your Classes

You may also withdraw, meaning drop all of the courses you're registered for during the Change of Program Period and receive a full tuition refund. When withdrawing within the Add/Drop Period, there is no \$75 withdrawal fee. **Students cannot withdraw online. They must submit the Notice of Withdrawal form** (http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Notice_of_WD.pdf) **directly to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations.**

Adding Classes

Students may add courses through the Change of Program Period. Those who register for the first time during the Change of Program Period are charged a late registration fee of \$50.

AFTER THE CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD ENDS

Dropping Individual Classes

If you drop one of several courses you're registered for **after the change of program deadline**, you will not receive any tuition back. There is no refund schedule associated with dropping individual classes. **The University deadline for dropping an individual course for 0% tuition refund** for the Fall 2013 semester is Tuesday, October 8, 2013. For the Spring 2014 please check: <http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/registration/registration-dates>.

Withdrawing from All of Your Classes

If you withdraw, meaning drop all of your classes **after the change of program deadline** *you will receive a percentage of your tuition back*. Here is a link to the tuition refund schedule: <http://ce.columbia.edu/Student-life-and-alumni-relations/Withdrawal-and-Tuition-Refund>. If you are entitled to a refund you will have to request that refund online on SSOL. *If you withdraw after the change of program period you will not receive a refund for your student fees.*

Adding Classes

If you wish to register for a course **after the change of program deadline** you will need to obtain permission from an adviser in 203 Lewisohn and must have written permission from each course instructor to do so. You will also be charged a late registration fee of \$100.

Your Community

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Columbia University expects that its students will act with honesty and propriety at all times and will respect the rights of others. It is fundamental University policy that academic dishonesty in any guise or personal conduct of any sort that disrupts the life of the University or denigrates or endangers members of the University community is unacceptable and will be dealt with severely.

Because the School of Continuing Education takes matters of intellectual integrity very seriously, academic dishonesty is not tolerated. Acts of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Cheating on examinations
- Making up information
- Misrepresenting one's academic record at Columbia or elsewhere
- Plagiarizing another's work or one's own
- Assisting others in plagiarism
- Making false statements in connection with any academic matter, including applications for admission and financial aid
- Creating, altering, or misusing University documents or credentials
- Improperly using libraries or materials contained therein

The School also prohibits conduct that disrupts or interferes with the operation of the University or with the activities of other members of the University community. Instances of such behavior include but are not limited to:

- Harassing, coercing, or intimidating others
- Making rude, abusive, or derogatory remarks about another person's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, age, or sexual orientation
- Interfering with or disrupting research or instruction
- Improperly using University services, equipment, or facilities, including University e-mail and telephones
- Failing to comply with a legitimate order of a University authority acting in the line of duty

Academic and behavioral infractions carry severe penalties. Plagiarism, for example, whether or not it is intentional, results in a failing grade on the assignment and in the course. For degree candidates, this means immediate dismissal from their program of study.

Students, faculty members, or Columbia staff members who have concerns or complaints about a student's behavior, including issues pertaining to academic integrity, are asked to contact the Associate Dean of Student Life and Alumni Relations to discuss the concern. Based on the conversation with the complainant, the Associate Dean of Student Life and Alumni Relations will determine whether or not the complaint warrants an informal meeting with the student or a formal disciplinary hearing. The Associate Dean of Student Life and Alumni Relations will review the options and the procedures with the complainant. If a formal disciplinary hearing is to be held, normally the complainant must formalize the complaint in writing. A copy of the written charges is provided to the student, who is required to submit a written response prior to meeting with the disciplinary committee.

A disciplinary hearing is held to discuss the allegations with the student, and when necessary, to determine appropriate sanctions. For students found guilty of academic dishonesty or misconduct, the sanctions range from warning to probation, suspension, or dismissal.

Appeals must be submitted in writing within two weeks of the date of the letter informing the student of the disciplinary action taken. Appeals concerning suspension or dismissals must be addressed to the Dean of the School; all other appeals should be addressed to the Committee on Academic Standing.

For more information regarding community standards and disciplinary hearing procedures, visit:
<http://ce.columbia.edu/Student-life-and-alumni-relations/Academic-Integrity-and-Community-Standards>

ESSENTIAL POLICIES FOR THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY

Essential Policies for the Columbia Community is a central resource for a broad range of topics at Columbia. Included are policies that govern attendance, alcohol and drugs, equal opportunity and nondiscrimination, sexual assault, event protocols, partisan political activity, and leaves of absence, as well as the Policy on Access to Student Records under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. As a member of the Columbia University community, you are responsible for following the University's policies, as well as local, state and federal laws. These policies are in place so that all members of the Columbia community can safely and successfully focus on studies and take part in campus life. Essential Policies for the Columbia Community: <http://essential-policies.columbia.edu/>

Student Policies and Procedures On Discrimination, Harassment, Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct and Consensual Romantic and Sexual Relationships

Columbia University is committed to providing a learning, living, and working environment free from discrimination, harassment and gender-based and sexual misconduct. Consistent with this commitment and with applicable laws, the University does not tolerate discrimination, harassment or gender-based or sexual misconduct in any form and it provides students who believe that they have been subjected to conduct or behavior of this kind with mechanisms for seeking redress. All members of the University community are expected to adhere to the applicable policies, to cooperate with the procedures for responding to complaints of discrimination, harassment and gender-based and sexual misconduct, and to report conduct or behavior they believe to be in violation of these policies to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action or Student Services for Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct.

Complaints by students against students for gender-based misconduct are processed in accord with the Gender-Based Misconduct Policies for Students (<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/dpsa/docs/policy/>). Students who attend Barnard College and Teachers College as well as Columbia University are covered by these policies. The use of the term "gender-based misconduct" includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, gender-based harassment, stalking, and intimate partner violence.

Complaints by students against students for other forms of discrimination and harassment are processed in accord with the Student Policies and Procedures on Discrimination and Harassment (<http://eoaa.columbia.edu/student-policies/policies>) and should be filed with the Dean of Students of the school in which the respondent is enrolled.

Complaints by students against employees and third parties engaged in University business for discrimination and harassment are processed in accord with the Employment Policies and Procedures on Discrimination and Harassment (<http://eoaa.columbia.edu/employment-policies>). The use of the term "discrimination and harassment" includes discrimination, discriminatory harassment, gender-based harassment, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

Under the University's Consensual Romantic and Sexual Relationship Policy Between Faculty and Students (<http://eoaa.columbia.edu/consensual-romantic-relationships>), no faculty member shall have a consensual romantic or sexual relationship with a student over whom he or she exercises academic or professional authority; further, no faculty member shall exercise academic or professional authority over any student with whom he or she has or previously has had a consensual romantic or sexual relationship. This policy covers all officers of instruction, research and the libraries, including student officers of instruction and research and teaching assistants.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY PLEDGE

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It is essential to the academic integrity and vitality of this community that individuals do their own work and properly acknowledge the circumstances, ideas, sources and assistance upon which that work is based. Academic honesty in class assignments, term papers, examinations, laboratory reports, and computer projects is expected of all students. Students who are unsure about the proper presentation of their own independent work should consult with their instructor or advisor. Because intellectual integrity is the cornerstone of education institutions, academic dishonesty is one of the most serious offenses that a student can commit at Columbia. It is punishable by suspension or dismissal from the School.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Plagiarism:** Failure to cite or otherwise acknowledge ideas or phrases used in any paper, exercise, or project submitted in a course but gained from another source, such as a published text, another person's work, materials on the Web. This applies to all work handed in, whether a draft, a final paper, or a graded or ungraded exercise.
- 2. Self-plagiarism:** The submission of one piece of work in more than one course without the explicit permission of the instructors involved.
- 3. Misrepresentation of authorship:** The submission of work as one's own which has been prepared by or purchased from another.
- 4. Cheating on examinations or tests:** To give or receive assistance from written material, another person, his or her paper, or any other source during an examination or test; or to (attempt to) hire someone to take your exam for you.
- 5. Falsification or misrepresentation of information** in any course work or lab work; on any application, petition, or forms submitted to the school.
- 6. Fabrication of credentials,** be that in materials submitted as part of an admissions application or materials submitted to the university for administrative or academic review.
- 7. Violating the limits of acceptable collaboration** in course work set by a faculty member or department.
- 8. Removing, hiding or altering library materials** so as to hinder the research of other students.
- 9. Facilitating academic dishonesty** by enabling another to engage in such behavior.
- 10. Lying to a faculty member or advisor** about circumstances related to your academic work or failure to complete academic work.

Ignorance of the School's policy concerning academic dishonesty shall not be a defense in any disciplinary proceedings. The School of Continuing Education holds each member of the community responsible for understanding these principles and for abiding by them.

Title IX Coordinator for Columbia University

Susan Rieger, Associate Provost
Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 103 Low Library
sr534@columbia.edu, (212) 854-5511

Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Staff and Faculty Concerns

Melissa Rooker, Executive Director,
Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 103 Low Library
mrooker@columbia.edu, (212) 854-5918

Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Student Concerns

Melissa Tihinen, Senior Manager
Student Services for Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct, 108C Wien Hall
mt2738@columbia.edu, (212) 854-1717

Columbia offers a number of confidential resources to students who believe they were subjected to discrimination, harassment or gender-based or sexual misconduct:

Counseling Services:

Columbia Morningside (212) 854-2878

CUMC: (212) 496-8491

Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center: (212) 854-HELP

Office of the University Chaplain: (212) 854-6242

Health Services:

Columbia Morningside: (212) 854-2284

Columbia Morningside clinician-on-call: (212) 854-9797

CUMC: (212) 305-3400

CUMC clinician-on-call: (212) 305-3400

Your To-Do List

□ ACTIVATE YOUR COLUMBIA EMAIL ACCOUNT

In order to register online and to access Columbia's secure online applications, including Student Services Online (SSOL), CourseWorks, and online library resources, *all students must activate a Columbia email account*. Once you activate your Columbia email you are responsible for checking it regularly. Columbia and the School of Continuing Education use email as an official means of communication with students. Many important University communications, including notification of the Student Account Statement availability, are **sent via email only**. You are responsible for all official University communications sent to your Columbia email address.

In order to create a Columbia email account you will need a University Network ID (UNI). Here's how to locate your UNI:

1. Go to <http://uni.columbia.edu>
2. Type in your name in the "Forgot UNI? (look up Your UNI by name)" yellow search box and then click "search"
3. Your name will appear on the screen along with a Columbia email account – the letters and numbers that precede "@columbia.edu" make up your UNI

Once you have your UNI, go to <http://uni.columbia.edu>, click on the "Activate UNI or Email" link and follow the simple instructions for activating your Columbia email account.

□ OBTAIN YOUR COLUMBIA ID CARD

The University ID card grants you access to the libraries and secure campus locations, allows you to purchase services at campus cafes and the University bookstore and enables you to take advantage of cultural discount programs in New York City. Read more about the many University ID card features here: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/id/docs/Columbia_Card_Programs/index.html

There are two ways to get your Columbia University ID card:

1. In person in the ID center in 204 Kent Hall **once you are registered for classes**
2. Submit a photo online. The photo format should be passport-style and meet the following requirements:
 - The photo should be a color, JPEG file
 - The background should be uniform and light-colored
 - You must be facing forward, with your head and shoulders clearly visible
 - No photos with sunglasses or hats will be accepted
 - The file cannot exceed 100k in size

To submit a photo, first make sure you have activated your UNI (www.columbia.edu/cu/newstudents.columbia.edu/), then log into the secure site (<https://webphoto.columbia.edu/wps/>) to submit your ID photo. Once the ID Center notifies you that your photo has been accepted, you can pick up your ID card from the ID Center:

Location: 204 Kent Hall
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday;
9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Tuesday
Phone: (212) 854-5883
Email: idcard@columbia.edu
Website: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/id/>

□ KNOW YOUR C-NUMBER/PID

Your C-Number, also known as your Student ID number or PID, is a nine-digit identification number that is assigned to you upon admission to Columbia. The number, which is always preceded by the letter C, is used by the Registrar and other departments to keep track of enrollment and academic records. To find your C-Number, log into Student Services Online (<https://ssol.columbia.edu>) with your UNI and password, click on the “Academic Profile” link and then select “Show my name and personal data.”

□ KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR E-BILL

Columbia electronically bills students in the School of Continuing Education for tuition, fees, and other charges at the beginning of each term, usually two to three weeks *after* registration. Tuition is not due prior to the beginning of the semester.

When your Student Account Statement is generated, an email notification is sent directly to your Columbia University email account. Individuals authorized to view your Statements (“authorized payers”) are also notified through email that a new Statement is ready to view and/or pay online. No paper bills will be mailed by the University.

Your Student Account Statement will be available via the University’s E-Billing system (<https://quikpayasp.com/columbia/tuition/authorized.do>). You may pay your bill online, by mail, by wire, or in-person.

- To pay online by debit from a U.S. bank account, log into the E-Billing system and select “Make Payment”
- To pay by online check, by mail, or by wire, click here for instructions: <http://www.columbia.edu/culsfs/docs/billing/payment-options.html>
- To pay in-person with check, cash, or traveler’s checks, visit 210 Kent Hall on the Morningside Campus or 1-127 Black Building at the Medical Center

Through the E-Billing system, students may also designate another party as an authorized payer. This eliminates the need to forward balance information to anyone assisting in paying for your education. To authorize a payer, log into the E-Billing system and select “Authorize Payers.”

Payment for charges must be received by the provided deadline. A late payment charge will be assessed to any account that is not paid in full.

Read more about the E-Billing system, tuition, fees and payment options here: <http://www.columbia.edu/culsfs/>

Please note: Columbia University no longer accepts credit cards as a form of payment.

□ RECORD YOUR MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION DECISION ONLINE BEFORE REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

New York State public health law requires that students receive information from their institutions about meningococcal meningitis and the vaccine that protects against most strains of the disease that can occur on university campuses. Columbia students must make an informed decision about being vaccinated and certify their decision online (<https://ssol.columbia.edu/ssv/crt/menIntro.htm>). Full instructions are given online, and the process takes two to three minutes to complete. Students must formally indicate their decision about being vaccinated before they will be permitted to register for classes.

□ STUDENTS TAKING SIX OR MORE POINTS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION

Please note: The MMR form requires a physician's signature.

New York state public health law requires that students taking 6 or more points must provide documentation of immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) before their first term of study. If you plan to register for 6 or more points, you must complete the MMR form (http://health.columbia.edu/files/healthservices/pdf/Health_mmr.pdf) and submit to Columbia Health in person, by mail or fax 30 days prior to registration.

Completed forms may be submitted in one of the following ways:

- In Person:** Immunization Office, Wien Hall, Room 108B, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
By mail: Immunization Office, Wien Hall, 411 W. 116 Street, MC 3712, New York, NY 10027
By fax: (212) 854-5078
- If you fax your documentation, please make sure to include your full name, date of birth, CUID, and the school you will be attending on the form. It cannot be processed without this information.
We cannot verify receipt of individual documents so please keep a copy of your fax confirmation.

For questions or concerns regarding your immunization documentation, contact the Health Services Immunization Office:

- Location:** Wien Hall, Room 108B
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Phone: (212) 854-7210
Email: hs-enrollment@columbia.edu
Website: <http://health.columbia.edu/about/immunization-requirements/mmr>

□ REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES (ODS) IF YOU REQUIRE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS OR SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Services facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating reasonable accommodations and support services, cultivating a campus culture that is sensitive and responsive to the needs of students. Students seeking reasonable accommodations or support services from Disability Services are required to register with the office. If you are interested in pursuing an evaluation for a learning disability, please visit the referrals and other campus resources page (<http://health.columbia.edu/services/ods/referrals>).

Students seeking reasonable accommodations or support services are required to register with the Office of Disability Services:

- Location:** Alfred Lerner Hall, 7th Floor
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Phone: (212) 854-2388
Fax: (212) 854-3448
Email: disability@columbia.edu
Website: <http://www.health.columbia.edu/docs/services/ods/index.html>

□ CHOOSE ONE OF THREE INSURANCE OPTIONS OR WAIVE CU INSURANCE

Columbia University requires all registered full-time students (i.e. those who are registered for 12 credits or more) to have acceptable health insurance coverage. The Columbia Student Medical Insurance Plan (Columbia Plan) offers both Basic and Comprehensive levels of coverage.

Full-time students are automatically enrolled in the Basic level of the plan, but may upgrade their coverage to the Comprehensive level or request a waiver of automatic enrollment by providing proof of alternate coverage that meets certain criteria. For further information regarding the levels of coverage, please visit Columbia Health's website: <http://www.health.columbia.edu/>

Submit your insurance selection online before the deadline found in: <https://sol.columbia.edu/insurance/welcome.do>

Your Good to Know List

1. STUDENT SERVICES ONLINE (SSOL) <https://ssol.columbia.edu>

SSOL is the secure website students use to view their accounts, check registration appointment times, register online, pay tuition and fees, view holds*, update contact information, view grades, request transcripts, and much, much more. Bookmark this link; you will use it frequently to manage your day-to-day student life.

***HOLDS** - Failure to meet deadlines and/or maintain satisfactory academic progress may result in a HOLD on your student account. A HOLD prohibits students from registering, changing programs, and obtaining a diploma or transcripts. Reasons for a HOLD include:

- Failing to submit required Health Services documents
- Failing to make payments on student account
- Poor academic progress

2. STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES (SFS) <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/>

Student Financial Services manages e-billing and student accounts, sponsored billing, tuition exemption and stipends. Visit the SFS website to find answers to billing and payment questions. For information regarding tuition and fees please visit your individual program's pages on the School of Continuing Education's website: <http://www.ce.columbia.edu>.

Online Q&A tool: <http://askus.columbia.edu/>

Location: 205 Kent Hall
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday
Phone: (212) 854-4400

Mailing Address: 205 Kent Hall, Mail Code 9202
1140 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10027

3. STUDENT FINANCIAL PLANNING (SFP)

Student Financial Planning provides financial aid counseling for Continuing Education students.

Location: 202 Kent Hall
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday
Phone: (212) 854-7040
Fax: (212) 854-2818
Email: sfp@columbia.edu

Mailing Address: 202 Kent Hall, Mail Code 9208
1140 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10027

4. UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR <http://registrar.columbia.edu/>

The University Registrar is the epicenter of the Columbia Morningside campus's student services division.

The registrar's office maintains **student academic records**. Visit the registrar's website to find information about Columbia's grading system and grade options and for instructions about how to request a transcript or academic certification. Students may also consult with their instructors for course-specific grading criteria.

Columbia's Academic Calendar (<http://registrar.columbia.edu/academic-calendar/6>) is listed on the registrar's site. The calendar lists all the important dates in a given semester, including:

First day of classes	Last day to Pass/Fail
Last day to add a class	Last day to drop a class
Last day to drop an individual class without financial penalty	Last day of classes
Midterm date	Study days
	Final examinations

The Academic Calendar also lists all University-wide holidays. Bookmark the Academic Calendar so you don't miss important dates.

Finally, the registrar's website has links to all of the forms associated with its office, including transcript, academic certification and name change affidavits, among others: <http://registrar.columbia.edu/registrar-forms>.

Online Q&A tool: <http://askus.columbia.edu/>

Location: 205 Kent Hall
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday
Phone: (212) 854-4400

Mailing Address: 205 Kent Hall, Mail Code 9202
1140 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10027

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE (ISSO)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/isso/>

The International Students and Scholars Office provides assistance to students admitted to study at Columbia who are not United States citizens or permanent residents and who need F-1 visas.

Location: 524 Riverside Drive, Suite 200
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday
Phone: (212) 854-3587
Fax: (212) 854-3966
Email: isso@columbia.edu

Mailing Address: Columbia University
2960 Broadway, Mail Code 5724
New York, NY 10027

6. DIRECTORY OF CLASSES (ONLINE COURSE BULLETIN)

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/bulletin/uwb/>

The Directory of Classes is Columbia's online course bulletin. Use it to locate courses' five-digit call numbers (which you'll need to register), to find out when and where courses meets, who the professors are, to see if course requires departmental or professor permission, to check enrollment numbers and to see if courses are lectures or seminars, among other things.

7. COURSEWORKS <https://newcourseworks.columbia.edu/welcome>

The CourseWorks system will provide state-of-the-art online learning and information sharing tools, while creating a highly interactive educational experience. This robust system offers user-friendly information sharing between instructors and students through collaboration tools, such as email, chat and wiki; discussion boards; test creation; an improved grade book; calendaring; and social media. CourseWorks reaches beyond the current CourseWorks system to expand the set of features available to instructors and students to meet their educational needs.

Faculty, students, and administrators can find information about support on the left navigation bar. If you need assistance please send email to newcourseworks@columbia.edu.

8. CANVAS

<https://online.ce.columbia.edu>

The School of Continuing Education is transitioning its Learning Management System to Canvas by Instructure. To access Canvas, go to <https://online.ce.columbia> and sign in with your UNI.

The Canvas learning management system provides state-of-the-art online learning and information sharing tools, while creating a highly immersive and interactive educational experience. Canvas puts the user front and center and makes it easy for instructors and students to connect in a user-friendly, intuitive environment. Its ease of use allows users to access and manage course materials quickly and efficiently. Users can configure notifications to receive updates regarding feedback, grading alerts, due date changes etc. via email, text or social media services. The built in collaboration and multimedia tools allow for powerful integrations and provides the ability to easily create and deliver rich content. Furthermore, it was built for the mobile generation, and therefore runs wonderfully well on all modern mobile web browsers, and also has native applications at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/canvas-for-ios/id480883488?mt=8> iOS and <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instructure.candroid&hl=en> Android devices available for free.

Faculty, students and administrators can find information about support by clicking on Help on the top right hand corner from anywhere in Canvas.

If you need further assistance, please email help@ce.columbia.edu

9. SCE STUDENT LIFE & ALUMNI RELATIONS HOMEPAGE

<http://ce.columbia.edu/student-life-and-alumni-relations>

The Student Life & Alumni Relations homepage provides a wealth of information to assist students during their studies at the School of Continuing Education, including a review of key academic issues, tuition and finance policies and a comprehensive list of the most frequently accessed forms.

Your University Forms

FORMS

There are forms associated with making changes to your course of study and to your student status. This section explains them in further detail. You can find most of the forms you will need in the “Forms” section of the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations’ website: <http://ce.columbia.edu/student-life-and-alumni-relations/Forms>

Registration and Add/Drop

http://registrar.columbia.edu/files/registrar/registration%20and%20add_drop_1.pdf

If you register in person for classes you will need to complete this form in order to do so.

Academic Certification

<http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/academic-certification>

An academic certification is an official document provided by the University Registrar verifying dates of attendance, award of degree, and student status (full-time or part-time) by term. It is typically requested for health insurance, visa, employment and credit verification purposes. There is no fee for this service.

Application for an Incomplete

http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Application_for_INC.pdf

If you request an incomplete in a class you will need to submit this form to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations. Students are required to inform and consult their professors regarding their decision/request.

Application for Degree (Master of Science Students Only)

<http://registrar.columbia.edu/content/graduation-and-diplomas>

In order to be considered for a degree or certificate, you must file an application with your school or department.

Name Change Affidavit

<http://registrar.columbia.edu/registrar-forms/name-change-affidavit>

In order to officially change your name you will need to complete this form and submit it to the University Registrar.

Request a Leave of Absence (Master of Science Students Only)

http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Request_for_LOA.pdf

If you are enrolled in a degree program and decide to take a leave of absence you will need to submit this form to the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations. You will need to consult your program director regarding your decision to take a leave.

Transcript Request

<http://registrar.columbia.edu/students/transcripts>

A transcript is an official record of a student’s entire tenure at Columbia. It reflects all coursework and grades per term for each school attended within the University. Enrolled students may request transcripts online in SSOL or in person in Kent Hall.

Notice of Withdrawal Form

http://ce.columbia.edu/files/ce/forms/Notice_of_WD.pdf

Students must submit Notice of Withdrawal forms to SLAR via email to sce-studentwithdrawals@columbia.edu or fax them to 212-854-4101. **Failure to complete all sections of this form will significantly delay the withdrawal process.** A non-refundable, \$75 fee is applied to all withdrawals submitted after the change of program deadline. Please check your account on Student Services Online (SSOL) (<http://ssol.columbia.edu>) approximately one week after submission to either pay your bill or to request a refund.

You may pay your bill either online through SSOL or send checks payable to **Columbia University to Columbia University, Student Account Payment, 210 Kent Hall, 1140 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY, 10027.** Please be sure to include your UNI or PID, also known as your C-number. Refunds are not automatically issued. If you are entitled to a refund, you must request it online via SSOL **after the withdrawal has been processed.**

Students enrolled in both full term and partial term, or in multiple, partial term online Business Certificate courses are NOT ELIGIBLE for the partial term withdrawal refund schedules. Students who wish to drop partial term courses must do so during the Change of Program periods associated with each of those partial terms. If students drop individual, partial term courses after the partial term Change of Program periods, **they will be responsible for the full cost of the course.**

Your Campus Resources

RESOURCES

Columbia University campuses provide a wealth of resources too great to detail all in this handbook. What follows is a selected list of some of the Campuses considerable resources. We encourage you to take advantage of as many of Columbia's resources as possible.

Columbia University Events Calendar

<http://www.columbia.edu/events/today.html>

For up to the minute information on lecture, concerts, and sports events taking place on the Morningside, Medical and Lamont-Doherty campuses and at the Baker Field Athletics Complex, please visit the Columbia University Events Calendar.

Meal Plans, Dining Dollars & Flex Account

<http://dining.columbia.edu/>

Student cafeterias are located in many places on campus. You may purchase a meal plan, set up a debit account (also known as "Dining Dollars" and the "Flex Account"), or pay by cash. Review the website above for more information about these options.

Many students prefer to eat in the many cafés and restaurants located in the area, or simply to cook in the dormitories which feature shared kitchen areas.

Alfred Lerner Hall Student Center

The architecturally renowned Alfred Lerner Hall Student Center (known to students as 'Lerner') opened its doors in 1999. Its predecessor, Ferris Booth Hall, served as the center of student activity for nearly forty years.

You will find many study spaces and lounges here, including Café 212, Café East, and Ferris Booth Commons. It is also the home of the CU Arts Initiative, where you can purchase discount tickets to many NYC attractions, as well as the Columbia University Bookstore, where you can purchase your textbooks.

Alfred Lerner Hall
2920 Broadway (located on 115th Street)
New York, NY 10027

Hours: See website for information.
Tel: (212) 854-9067
Email: lerner@columbia.edu
Website: <http://lernerhall.columbia.edu/>
CU Bookstore: <http://columbia.bncollege.com/>

Earl Hall Center

The mission of the Earl Hall Center is to foster learning through spiritual, ethical, religious and cultural exchange, and to promote service to the University and its surrounding New York City communities. The Earl Hall Center includes the St. Paul's Chapel, Office of the University Chaplain, Community Impact and United Campus Ministries. For information on places of worship on-campus and off-campus, visit:

203 Earl Hall
2980 Broadway, Mail Code 2008
Columbia University
New York, NY 10027

Hours: See website for information.
Tel: (212) 854-6242
Website: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/earl/>

Miller Theatre

Miller Theatre at Columbia University is the leading presenter of new music in New York City and one of the most vital forces nationwide for innovative programming. In partnership with Columbia University School of the Arts, Miller is dedicated to producing and presenting unique events in dance, contemporary and early music, jazz, opera, and performance. For information on upcoming events and tickets, visit:

Miller Theatre Box Office
2960 Broadway (at 116th Street)
New York, NY 10025

Hours: Monday - Friday, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.,
Also, two hours prior to performances.
Tel: (212) 854-7799
Fax: (212) 854-7740
Email: miller-arts@columbia.edu
Website: <http://www.millertheater.com/>

CU Arts Initiative

The Arts Initiative at Columbia University is President Lee C. Bollinger's pioneering venture to make arts and culture a meaningful part of every Columbian's experience. Founded in 2004, its diverse programs encourage students, faculty, and alumni in all fields to generate, study, and engage the creative life of the campus, the city, and the wider world. For more information, visit the Alfred Lerner Hall Student Center (see above) and: <http://www.cuarts.com/>

Dodge Physical Fitness Center

<http://www.gocolumbialions.com/>

The Marcellus Hartley Dodge Physical Fitness Center at Columbia University includes an indoor running track, 25-yard swimming pool, Scandinavian Sauna, multi-sport gymnasias, and a tri-level fitness center with the latest cardiovascular and strength training equipment. Members can also sign up for voluntary fitness classes.

Gym membership is not included in the tuition and fees for ALP students. To access these facilities, ALP students must sign up for membership and pay a membership fee. For more information, visit:

Dodge Physical Fitness Center
Membership Office (4th Floor of the Lobby)
3030 Broadway, Mail Code 1928
New York, NY 10027

Hours: See website for information.
Tel: (212) 854-2546, (212) 854-2547
Email: al2346@columbia.edu

Parking and Transportation around Campus

You may park on the streets around campus or use the local parking garages.

- For information on parking around campus, visit: <http://www.columbia.edu/content/directions-parking.html>
Parking: <http://facilities.columbia.edu/overview-3>

Intercampus Shuttle Bus Network

Columbia University provides several **shuttle bus routes** among the Morningside campus, Lamont, Studebaker, the Medical Center, Harlem Hospital, and the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. These shuttle services are available to all Columbia University affiliates with a valid University ID, free of charge. For more information, visit: <http://transportation.columbia.edu/>

Campus Safety

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Calls to the emergency numbers listed below are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Morningside & Manhattanville Campuses

212-854-5555

Campus phones: 4-5555

Medical Center Campus

212-305-7979

Campus phones: 5-7979

Department of Public Safety:

Morningside & Manhattanville
Campuses
111 Low Library, Mail Code 4301
535 West 116th Street
New York, NY 10027
Tel: 212-854-2797
Fax: 212-932-0798

Medical Center Campus
109 Black Building
650 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
Tel: 212-305-8100
Fax: 212-305-5434

Email: publicsafety@columbia.edu
Web: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/>

You may also want to review the following services offered by Public Safety:

Blue Light Phones – Emergency Call Boxes

The University has also installed emergency two-way Call Boxes (Blue Light phones) around all three campuses and their vicinities for use during emergencies. By pressing the red button on the stations, users are immediately connected with the appropriate Department of Public Safety Operations Center.

Maps of the Morningside and Manhattanville Call Box locations can be found on the website.

Walking Escort Program, Morningside Campus

During the school year, Columbia University Escort Service will send two specially trained students to walk affiliates to their doors any time from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., seven nights a week. They carry two-way Columbia Public Safety radios. This service is available from West 108 Street to West 110 Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Riverside Drive, and from West 111 Street to West 122 Street between Morningside Drive and Riverside Drive. Please allow escorts five to 15 minutes to arrive and ask them to show a University ID.

If you need an escort before 7 p.m. or after 3 a.m., call 212-854-2797.

Additionally, University staff, faculty, and students may request Late Night On-Call Service for door-to-door transportation. This service is available from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily. The on-call service area extends from Amsterdam Avenue to Riverside Drive between 103 Street and 135 Street, with additional service from Frederick Douglass Boulevard to Amsterdam Avenue between 108 Street and 125 Street.

To request this service, call 212-854-SAFE.

Safe Transport, Medical Center

Columbia's Public Safety Officers will escort students door to door to or from any of the University buildings on the Medical Center campus or at private residences on Haven Avenue, Fort Washington Avenue, or on Broadway from West 165 to West 178 Street.

To request this service, please call (212) 305-8100.

Columbia University Bookstore

<http://www.columbiabookstore.com>

The Columbia University Bookstore is a central resource for textbooks, supplies and apparel.

The Columbia University Bookstore
2922 Broadway
New York, NY 10027-7004

Store telephone: (212)854-4131
Store Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Off-Campus Housing (OCHA)

<http://facilities.columbia.edu/housing/intro-ocha-3>

Columbia's Off-Campus Housing Assistance (OCHA) office assists Columbia students and affiliates in their search for rental housing in the metropolitan area. OCHA manages a database known as the Housing Registry which includes available rooms and apartments in non-Columbia-owned buildings and sublets of units in Columbia-managed housing. Prospective roommates can also post and search profiles on this site. In addition, OCHA offers one-on-one housing search counseling and is supported in these efforts by our cooperative relationships with two New York City real estate/relocation agencies.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other affiliates of Columbia University. Barnard and Teachers College may use the services of OCHA. Students of Jewish and Union Theological Seminaries who are currently cross-registered at Columbia are also eligible.

Location: 401 West 119 Street, New York, NY 10027
Hours: Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Email: ocha@columbia.edu
Telephone: 212-854-2773
Fax: 212-854-5333

Center for Career Education

<http://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/>

The mission of the Center for Career Education is to help students and alumni develop the key competencies necessary to make informed decisions and take the necessary steps to achieve their career goals. The Center establishes connections and facilitates interaction among undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, employers, and organizations to generate opportunities that help students pursue their personal and professional objectives.

The Center for Career Education:
East Campus Building, Lower Level, 116th & Amsterdam (enter through Wien Courtyard)

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays we are open until 8pm during the academic year.

If you would like to schedule a counseling session, please call (212) 854-5609 or careereducation@columbia.edu.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY - MORNINGSIDE CAMPUS MAP

