

## **Columbia University Info Guide**

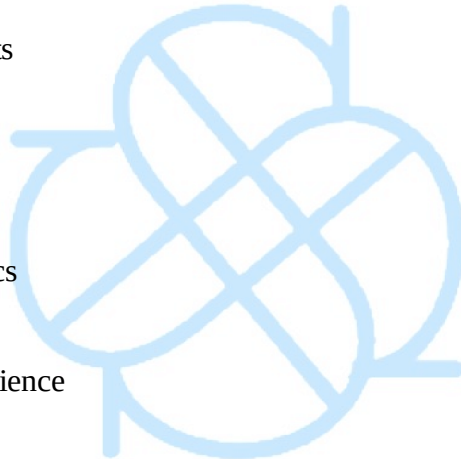
### **School Info**

- School type: Private School
- Acceptance rate: 5%
- Location: Morningside Heights, West 116 St, and Broadway, New York, NY 10027
- Environment:
  - Columbia is a community where students can get involved in university relations, leadership, volunteer programs, research events, the arts, clubs and societies, sports, as well as the city's life.
  - Students from over 30 countries apply to study at Columbia. The student body is evenly split between males and females. Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American students account for just over 30% of the total number of students.
- School size:
  - 6,245 undergraduate students
  - Student-to-faculty ratio: 6 to 1

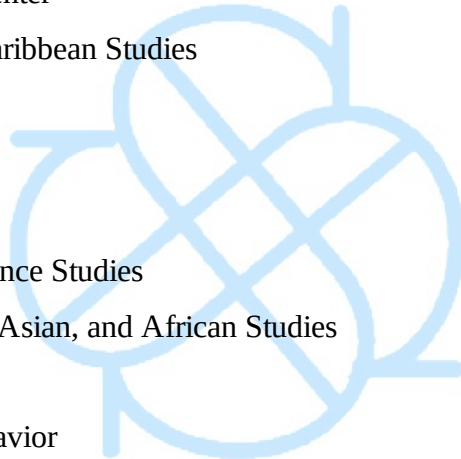
### **List of Majors**

- African American and African Diaspora Studies
- American Studies
- Ancient Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Art History and Visual Arts
- Astronomy
- Astrophysics
- Biology
- Biochemistry

- Biophysics
- Business Management
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Colloquia, Interdepartmental Seminars, and Professional School Offerings
- Comparative Literature and Society
- Computer Science
- Computer Science-Mathematics
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Data Science
- Drama and Theatre Arts
- Earth Science
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- Economics-Mathematics
- Economics-Philosophy
- Economics-Political Science
- Economics-Statistics
- Education (Special Concentration)
- English
- Environmental Biology
- Environmental Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Ethnicity and Race Studies
- Evolutionary Biology of the Human Species
- Film and Media Studies
- Financial Economics
- French
- French and Francophone Studies



- German Literature and Cultural History
- Hellenic Studies (Modern Greek)
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History and Philosophy of Science (Selected Coursework)
- History and Theory of Architecture
- Human Rights
- Information Science
- Italian
- Jazz Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Language Resource Center
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics-Statistics
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies
- Music
- Neuroscience and Behavior
- Philosophy
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Political Science
- Political Science-Statistics
- Portuguese Studies
- Psychology
- Regional Studies
- Religion
- Russian Language and Culture
- Russian Literature



- Russian Literature and Culture
- Slavic (Non-Russian) Language and Culture
- Slavic Studies
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Sustainable Development
- Urban Studies
- Visual Arts
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Yiddish Studies
- In this link you will find all the minors offered too:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UIZX3DQMpRPA2y5FBcoNEXP0ZoVOF13UN646sIhwaMs/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Surrounding Area**

Some landmarks outside campus include Morningside Park, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, MT. Sinai Hospital, and Riverside Church.

List of nearby activities, attractions, and restaurants:

- Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery
- Riverside park
- Miller Theatre
- Peace Fountain
- Central Park
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Top of The Rock
- More to find here:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g60763-d143375-Columbia\\_University-New\\_York\\_City\\_New\\_York.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionsNear-g60763-d143375-Columbia_University-New_York_City_New_York.html)

## **School's Strengths**

Most popular majors:

- Economics 311 graduates
- Computer Science 282 graduates
- Political Science and Government 237 graduates
- Research and Experimental Psychology 143 graduates
- History 123 graduates
- English 96 graduates
- Social Science 79 graduates
- Engineering 74 graduates
- Philosophy 73 graduates
- Neuroscience and Neurobiology 64 graduates

## **Core Curriculum / Requirements**

- Science requirements: Students must complete 3 courses from a specific selection each with at least 3 points. They must have 10 points to fill that requirement.
- Global core requirements: Students must complete courses from the approved list in order to get a letter grade. These courses are around civilization and diversity.
- Foreign language requirements: Must satisfy one of the requirements, satisfactory completion of the second term of an intermediate language sequence.
  - Demonstration of an equivalent competence through the appropriate score on the SAT II Subject Test or Advanced Placement Tests.
  - Demonstration of an equivalent competence through the College's own placement tests (consult the department through which the language is offered).
  - The successful completion of an advanced level foreign language or literature course that requires 2102 or the equivalent as a prerequisite. This course must be taken for a letter grade.
  - Students whose native language is not English are not required to take an additional foreign language or an achievement test if they have completed the secondary school requirement in the native language.

- Physical education requirements: Students must complete two physical education activities to complete this requirement.

### **Application Information**

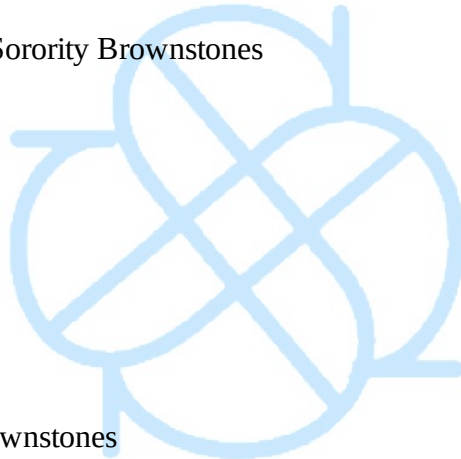
- Deadline: January 1
- Application fee: \$85
- SAT/ACT: Considered but not required
- SAT Range: 1440-1570
- ACT Range: 33-35
- High School GPA: Recommended
- Accepts Common App

### **Unique Features**

- Value investing program which discusses the mindset and discipline to investing.
- Master class: Allows second-year students to imply what they have learned throughout the course into the real world.
- CBS Matters: Students and faculty members present pressing global issues of their choice.
- Entrepreneurial mindset: Entrepreneurship is a common subject of research and is one of the top programs at Columbia.
- The Columbia Business School focuses on encouraging creativity and independence in its students regardless of their potential profession or curriculum.
- Early decision: Columbia offers an early application and decision option.
- Startup Lab: The Startup Lab, a coworking space on campus, is effectively a team-based incubator open to young graduates of three Columbia schools as well as graduating MBA students.
- 22 libraries on campus

## Housing

- First-year students are required to live on campus. For the following years it is guaranteed, but not required.
- Residents are not allowed to sign or host guests in the resident halls.
- Residential Halls are restricted to residents of that hall only.
- Laundry rooms are offered for resident halls
- They offer 22 residential buildings to the students.
  - Broadway Hall
  - Carlton Arms
  - Carman Hall
  - 47 Claremont Avenue
  - East Campus
  - Fraternity and Sorority Brownstones
  - Furnald Hall
  - Harmony Hall
  - Hartley Hall
  - Hogan Hall
  - John Jay Hall
  - McBain Hall
  - Residential Brownstones
  - River Hall
  - Ruggles Hall
  - Schapiro Hall
  - SIC Residences
  - Wallach Hall
  - Watt Hall
  - 600 West 113 Street
  - Wien Hall
  - Woodbridge Hall
  - <https://housing.columbia.edu/explore-residences>



## **Academics**

- 80% of undergraduate classes have 20 or fewer students, due to the fact that the core curriculums at Columbia University are smaller-sized seminars in comparison to other universities.
- A few courses have more than 20 students, these courses are usually popular ones, long lectures, and introductory courses.
- 87% of students agree that the professors at Columbia put a lot of effort into teaching their classes.
- 63% of students agree that it is easy to get the classes they want.
- 31% of students agree that the workload is easy to manage.

## **Food On and Off-Campus**

Off-campus dining: NYC is home to a plethora of restaurants for every occasion.

Dining halls:

- Ferris Booth Commons: Breakfast till 2 pm, daily pizza, pasta, wraps, etc, servings. Located on the 3rd floor of Alfred Lerner Hall.
- JJ's Place: Only accepts online orders, and serves Angus Steak Burger and other specialty sandwiches plus fries, wings, smoothies, and more. Located on the lower level of John Jay Hall.
- John Jay Dining Hall: Offers breakfast, grills, all day servings. Also offers Chef Mike's Market, where ready-to-go food is there to pick up. Located in John Jay on the first floor.

Retail locations:

- Blue Java Cafe: Located in four locations around campus offers coffee, pastries, sandwiches, salads, and desserts.
  - The ground floor of Butler Library
  - The ground floor of Lerner Hall
  - The first floor of the Engineering School's Mudd building
  - Uris



- Lenfest Cafe: A coffee bar and quick grab-and-go dining option offering packaged deli sandwiches, flatbread pizzas, chef-prepared sushi, and daily specials for lunch. Located on the second floor of Columbia Law School, in Jerome Greene Hall.
- Uris Deli: Featuring upscale grab-n-go options including Bimmy's sandwiches and salads, sushi prepared fresh daily by AFC Sushi, Freshko Kosher sandwiches and salads, an expanded soup bar, and our own delicious Boar's Head sandwiches. A daily hot food bar and international options are also available. Located in the business school's Uris Hall.

### **Student Life**

Fraternalities and sororities:

- 41% of students say that Greek life is average, and no one will treat you differently if you don't join.
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/campus-life/>

Residential Life:

- Residence Hall Leadership Organization (RHLO)
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
- Special Interest Communities (SICs)
- Faculty in Residence (FIR)
- All Clubs and Organizations include academic, athletics, cultural, fraternity and sorority, governing board, identity based, media and publications, musical, performing arts, political/activist, pre professional, religious/spiritual, service, special interests.

### **Opportunities**

- Internships: <https://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/jobs-internships/internships>
- Science Honors Program: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/shp/>
- Double majoring is allowed.

## **Sports**

59% of students say that they attend sporting events, but they are not a major aspect of campus life.

### **Men's Sports:**

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Fencing
- Football
- Golf
- Heavyweight Rowing
- Lightweight Rowing
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Wrestling



### **Women's Sports:**

- Archery
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Fencing
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Squash
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis

- Track and Field
- Volleyball

### **Student Comments**

- “Columbia is a culturally rich and diverse school with a beautiful campus in one of the most influential cities in the world. The endless amount of opportunities provided here can be overwhelming! There is a place for everyone on this campus, with clubs, sports, and other organizations for every individual.”
- “I love Columbia. It’s really the students who make the experience. I’ve met some of the most intelligent, high-achieving, self-motivated individuals. It creates an aspiring ambiance on campus which influences you to work harder and aim higher. Someone is always willing to help you out, whether it’s with academics/networking. Columbia has a great community. However, I do wish that facilities were more updated...especially the engineering facilities. I also wish that the curriculums would be more up to date with a bit of emphasis on applications (most courses tend to be theoretical).”
- “What I love about Columbia University is that they care. Yes - students may say they only want money, etc. but not the professors, not the deans. My professors have bent over backward to help me to the best of their abilities. My dean taught me the importance of my mental health and to prioritize that over the school. Although my goal was to graduate undergraduate school as early as possible, my dean helped me realize how much easier it is after getting professional help for my mental health. I’m very grateful for my dean and my professors. Truly I am.”

## Links

- <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/admissions/ugrad/viewbook/sect3.html#:~:text=The%20cornerstone%20of%20the%20Columbia,first%20core%20curriculum%20in%201919.&text=And%20although%20other%20in%20stitutions,in%20both%20substance%20and%20function>
- <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/columbia-university-2707#:~:text=It%20has%20a%20total%20undergraduate,tuition%20and%20fees%20are%20%2464%2C380.>
- <https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/ask/faq/question/2386#:~:text=All%20Columbia%20undergraduates%20will%20have,Advising%20for%20all%20four%20years.&text=and%20Student%20Life-,What%20is%20the%20student%20Dfaculty%20ratio%3F,ratio%20is%206%20to%201.>
- <https://bulletin.engineering.columbia.edu/undergraduate-minors>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/>
- <http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/classes/science.php>
- <http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/classes/gc>
- <http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/classes/fl.php>
- <http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/classes/physed.php>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/>
- <https://www.veritasprep.com/mba-essential-guide/columbia/what-makes-columbia-different>
- <https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/ask/faq/question/2385>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/>
- <https://dining.columbia.edu/>
- <https://www.cc-seas.columbia.edu/reslife/fsl/chapters>
- <https://www.cc-seas.columbia.edu/reslife/programs>
- <https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/learn/studentlife/activities>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/campus-life/>
- <https://gocolumbialions.com/>
- <https://www.niche.com/colleges/columbia-university/>