

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE

2020 / 2021

University Transfer &  
Associate Degree Programs



# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
**Robin Hemmingsen**

Principal, Columbia College



# *Vancouver is the perfect city to discover yourself.*

SAFE | VIBRANT | DIVERSE





Columbia College is located on the territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Musqueam, Squamish, Stó:lō, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Their stewardship of the land informs how we care for and sustain each other at the college.

This is the place for adventure. A downtown core with music, theatre, shopping, food, and sports. A natural setting for hiking in the mountains or biking next to the ocean. Vancouver is your home away from home. Discover life in Canada at Columbia College, in the heart of the city. With easy access to everything you need, Vancouver is the ideal place to continue your education and experience life in one of the world's greatest cities.

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

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**MILDEST CLIMATE IN CANADA**

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**45% OF POPULATION IS FOREIGN BORN**

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**HOME TO TOP UNIVERSITIES UBC & SFU**

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**LEADS CANADA IN ECONOMIC GROWTH**

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# BEGIN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL

You will be placed at the English level that is right for you before entering a university program. You can take university-level courses at the same time based on your English level.

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English for Academic Purposes  
(EAP) Minimum 7 weeks

English 094  
(Upper Beginner)

English 095  
(Intermediate 1)

English 096  
(Upper Intermediate)

2

Advanced Academic English  
Semester-based (4 months)

English 097  
+ 1 course\*

English 098  
+ 2 courses\*

English 099  
+ 3 courses\*

3

University-Level English  
Semester-based (4 months)

English 100  
+ 2 - 4 courses\*\*

English 101  
+ 2 - 4 courses\*\*



\*Can be University or High school courses

\*\*Students must take a minimum of 3 courses to be considered full time

## English Language Centre (ELC)

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

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

Programs start 6 times per year with a minimum program length of 7 weeks. Once you progress beyond English 096, you can begin registering in university-level programs and advance further into university-level English.

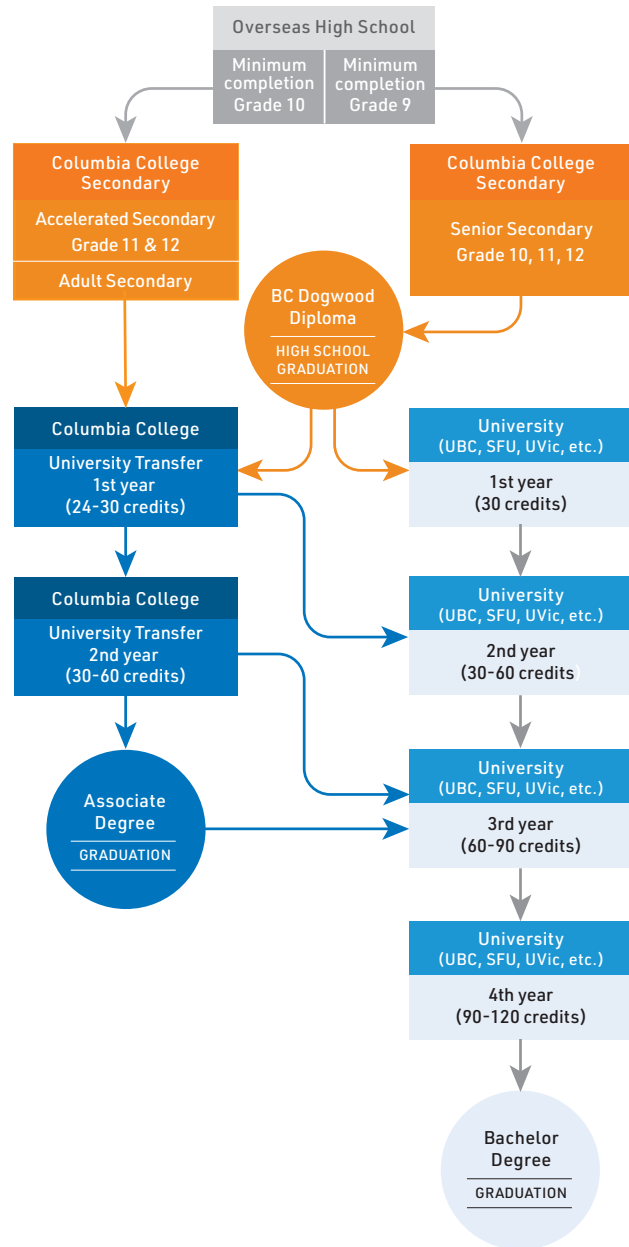
Students do not need to submit external language scores as Columbia College offers its own language tests. For more information, visit [www.columbiacollege.ca](http://www.columbiacollege.ca). Our Language Programs are proudly accredited by Languages Canada.

	IELTS [Academic]	TOEFL iBT
English 100	Overall Band 6.5 & Writing Band 6.0	Total: 79 Writing: 19 (plus 2 of) Reading: 19 Listening: 19 Speaking: 19
English 099	Overall Band 6.0 & Writing Band 5.5	Total: 71 Writing: 16 (plus 2 of) Reading: 17 Listening: 17 Speaking: 16
English 098	Overall Band 5.5 & Writing Band 5.0	Total: 64 Writing: 14 (plus 2 of) Reading: 15 Listening: 15 Speaking: 14
English 097	Overall Band 5.0 & Writing Band 4.5	Total: 57 Writing: 12 (plus 2 of) Reading: 13 Listening: 13 Speaking: 12



# DISCOVER YOUR JOURNEY

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







## *Experience Homestay in Canada*

It's a smooth dive into Columbia College. We find the best fit for your new home by personally matching you with your homestay family. Caring and safe, you can truly adapt into Canadian life here. Experience new customs, traditions and different ways of seeing the world. We're here to support you every step of the way.



Columbia College's  
student base is

**95%**  
**international**  
**students**

Columbia College  
classes are

**20-35**  
**students**

Columbia College's

**tri-mester**  
**system**

means you can get  
ahead faster

# STUDY, WORK, STAY.

Full-time post-secondary students in Canada have the opportunity to combine their studies with valuable work experience on or off campus. If you meet the eligibility criteria, your study permit allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during regular academic sessions and full-time between semesters. Columbia College regularly posts job opportunities on campus. Associate degree holders from Columbia College qualify for the post graduate work permit in Canada and can take the advantage of staying and working in the country after graduation.

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE

An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year university degree. With an Associate Degree, you can enter into the third year of a university's bachelor's degree program.

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES

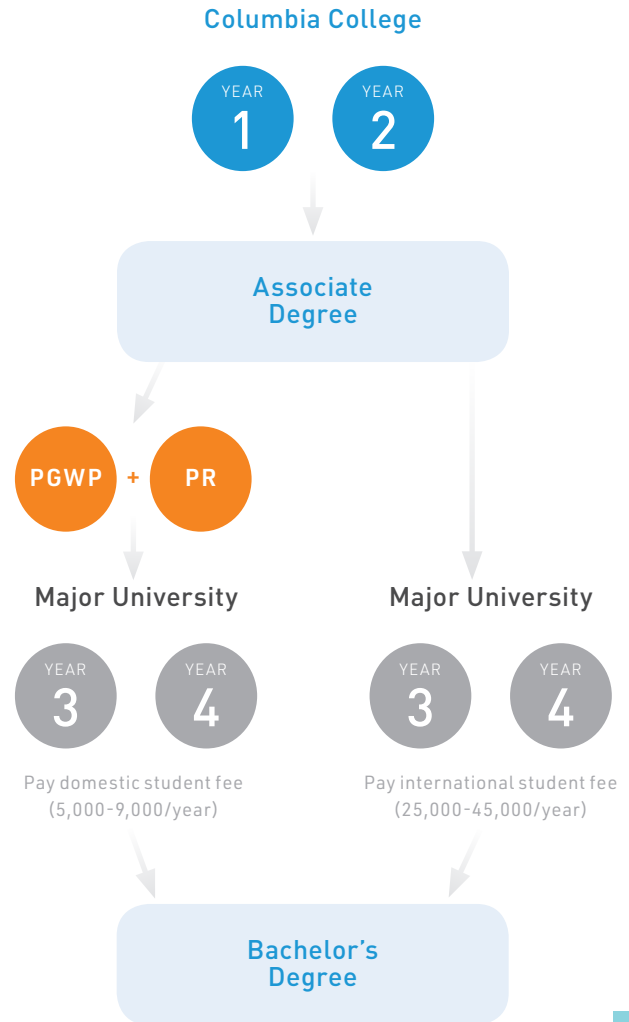
- Business Administration
- Economics
- General Arts
- International Studies
- Mass Communication
- Political Science
- Psychology

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES

- Computer Science
- General Science
- Mathematics

## CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

After completion of an Associate Degree apply directly to a university or apply for a post graduate work permit.





## POST-GRADUATE WORK PERMIT PROGRAM (PGWPP)

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The PGWPP allows students who have graduated from Columbia College with an Associate Degree to gain valuable Canadian work experience. Skilled Canadian work experience gained through the PGWPP helps graduates qualify for permanent residence (PR) in Canada.

Students who enter university upon completion of PGWPP and PR will qualify for domestic tuition rates in Canada, drastically reducing the cost of a bachelor's degree program. A work permit under the PGWPP may be issued for 12 to 36 months depending on the length of your study program.

In order to apply for PGWPP, students must submit proof of graduation (certificate and final transcript) within 180 days of completion of studies. For more information, please visit:

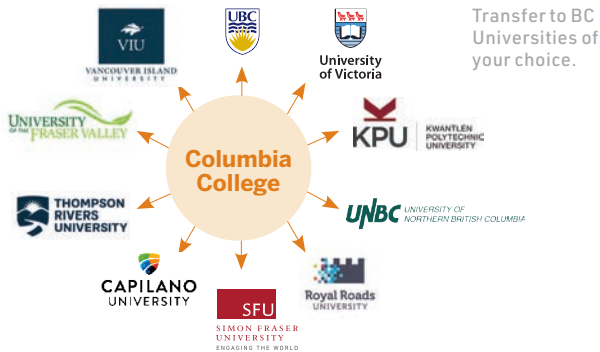
[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad.asp)

# UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

British Columbia offers the smoothest college-to-university transfer system in Canada, which is overseen by the British Columbia Council on Admission and Transfer. In the BC transfer system, students can take up to 60 credits at first and second year level to transfer to Canadian universities. Over the years, Columbia College has been one of the top providers of international students to the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. Advantages include small class sizes, meaning personal attention to each student and a closer relationship with instructors and classmates, and affordable tuition as prices per course are lower than in university.

## PROGRAM AREAS

- Arts
- Business
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Science



### Per Course



Save **\$18,000** in one year

### Per 30 Credits

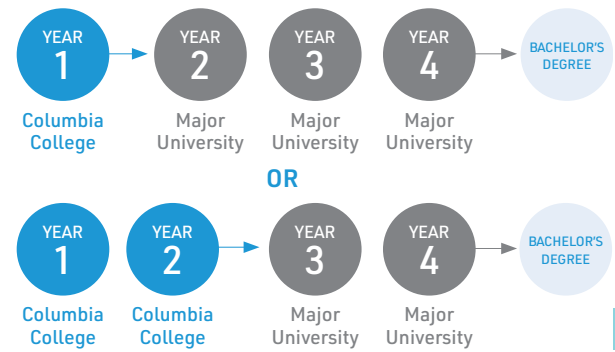


■ Columbia College ■ Major Vancouver Universities

## SAMPLE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAM (BUSINESS)

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

For more information, look under University Transfer Program at [www.columbiacollege.ca](http://www.columbiacollege.ca)



# ENGINEERING AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Engineering requires a general first year at most Canadian institutions. All students choose from the following core courses and must complete a minimum of 24-27 credits before applying to their area and university of choice, such as UBC, SFU, and UVic. Students must meet the grade point average determined by their university of choice for admission. Intakes and deadlines vary by institution.



## ENGINEERING CORE COURSES (42 credits)

- Physics 110/120 or 110/130 or 130/120 (8)
- Physics 118 (4)
- Mathematics 113, 114, and 252 (9)
- Chemistry 121 and 123 (8)
- Applied Science 151 and 160 (7)
- English 100 or 101 (3)
- Arts Elective (3)

## PATH TO AN ENGINEERING DEGREE

The BC Transfer Guide is available online to help students plan their University Transfer courses. Each course at Columbia College is listed with its equivalent at other BC institutions so students know exactly how their courses transfer before they register each semester.

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

Transfer information is correct at the time of publication, but may change. For the latest information on course transfer, consult the BC Transfer Guide at [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca).



University of British Columbia (Credits)	University of Victoria (Units)
COMM 293 (3)	COM 200 level (1.5)
APSC 151 (3)	MECH 200 (1.5)
BIOL 1st (4)	BIOL 184 (1.5)
COMM 296 (3)	COM 250 (1.5)
CHEM 121 (4)	CHEM 101 (1.5)
CPSC 1st (3)	CSC 100 (1.5)
ECON 101 (3)	ECON 103 (1.5)
ENGL 111 (3)	ENG 100 level (1.5)
ARTS 1st (3)	HUM 100 level (1.5)
MATH 100 (3)	Math 100 (1.5)
POL 101 (3)	POL 100 level (1.5)
PSYC (3)*	PSYC 200 level (1.5)

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“It was Columbia College that motivated me to discover myself and realize my dream of becoming an engineer. I can't be more grateful to my teachers and counsellors at CC for helping me get to UBC.”

**- Parampreet Singh | India**

University Transfer Graduate  
UBC Graduate, 2019 (Bachelor of Applied Science in  
Electrical Engineering)



“Students should consider joining Columbia College because it is a good start for Canadian life if you are an international student or if you prefer an environment where you can have a one-to-one conversation about classwork with an instructor. Personally, I prefer a class where I can ask many questions and get a better understanding of the information taught rather than feel intimidated in a room full of 100+ students.”

**- Rahul Ratwani | Belize**

University Transfer Graduate  
SFU Business Student





"I was more prepared to go from Columbia College to university because I could understand and learn the basic aspects of a university in Canada here at the College first. I was aware that I would be in a bigger academic program in a large university, but Columbia College gave me the confidence to start my academic career in Canada."

**Ester Di Maio de Cunha | Brazil**

University Transfer and SFU Graduate, 2019  
SFU Master's Student in Political Science



"After graduating with an Associate degree, I wanted to take a gap year before going to university. Studying at CC helped me transition into the real world. It was the first time I had my serious job, my first experience in postsecondary education, and my first time being independent. College wasn't easy, but I learned from every minute of it."

**- Sana Poornasiri | Iran**

Associate Degree Graduate  
Former Student Services Assistant  
Organizer at UNITE HERE Local 40



# STUDENT LIFE & STUDENT SERVICES

Columbia College understands the needs of international students. We offer a full range of student services to help you with your academic, personal, and social life in Canada.

## ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Orientation is provided before each semester begins and is designed to introduce new students to academic and social life at Columbia College. Orientation is particularly important for international students and is key to making a smooth and successful start in Canada. Complete registration, get a city tour, join our activities, and make new friends!

## ACTIVITIES

Columbia College plans fun trips, activities, and events every week. These include North American and intercultural holiday celebrations, trips to Whistler and Victoria, and much more. We believe it is important for students to have an active and healthy lifestyle by engaging in activities and this is a great way to meet other students. Clubs include badminton, soccer, basketball, and dance, and we have an active Student Association made up of elected members who represent the needs and interests of the student population.

## LEARNING & TESTING CENTRE

Students can book appointments with our qualified Social Science, Math, English, and Economics tutors who are available to help with coursework free of charge.

## HEALTH & COUNSELLING

Columbia College has academic program counsellors to help you with course planning, transfer options, career planning, and personal issues. As well, we have two licensed practical nurses who help students with ailments ranging from colds and flus to sports injuries.

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



Facebook: @columbiacollege1936  
Instagram: @columbiacollege1936

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVISOR

Regulated by the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC), our International Student Immigration Advisors provide workshops, information sessions and handouts on pertinent immigration issues to our students, including information relevant to the Post Graduation Work Permit program.

## CAREER SERVICES

Career Services supports Columbia College students in all their career and employment needs. From resume writing to career development workshops, students are provided with strong support that will prepare them for the working world.

## LIMITLESS: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Limitless is Columbia College's annual academic conference where students present their research to the community and engage in conversations on a particular theme with keynote speakers and workshop facilitators. The goal of the conference is to celebrate academic excellence and equip students with practical tools and skills to succeed in today's world.





"In my third semester, I was hired as a Student Services Assistant at Columbia College. This job tremendously boosted my career capabilities and opened the door for more job opportunities. I learned how to manage my time and balance my study and workload. I also attended AYIMUN, representing Kyrgyzstan at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. If you are looking for an affordable and high quality education that offers opportunities for personal growth, you should definitely consider Columbia College."

**- Asmanai Paiazova | Kyrgyzstan**

University Transfer Student  
Delegate at Asian Youth International  
Model United Nations (AYIMUN)

"Biology at Columbia College was one of my favourite classes. After taking this class, I realized that I wanted Biology to be part of my future career. Once I left CC, I went to UBC to pursue my dream of becoming a microbiologist. I graduated in 2019 and am now working as a wine consultant at one of the biggest wine companies in BC. I am planning to go to graduate school to study immunological pathology, a field that I am really passionate about."

**- Stepan Zaiatc | Russia**

University Transfer Graduate  
UBC Graduate, 2019  
(Bachelor of Science in Microbiology)



"Columbia College is a really good starting place for international students who want to transfer to university as they will face less struggles when they come to Canada. The environment at the College is very inclusive and easy to adapt to, and the faculty is very well qualified."

**- Daniel Steven | Indonesia**

University Transfer Graduate  
University of Alberta Engineering Student



"The biggest lesson I've learned during my time here would be 'to be teachable.' The college is a place of self-discovery and learning, not just through academics but outside of it. It is important to let yourself be open and teachable, and embrace the novelty or challenges which might arise out of your comfort zone."

**- Mislaine Spes Nshimirimana | Burundi**

University Transfer Graduate  
UBC Arts Student in Economics



# HOW TO APPLY

PROGRAM DATES  
2020 | 2021

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

Visit [www.columbiacollege.ca/calendar](http://www.columbiacollege.ca/calendar) for detailed schedules.

Applicants must have a satisfactory record of academic achievement and be at least 15 years old upon registration.

## FALL SEMESTER 2020

Aug. 26 - Sep 4*	Orientation and registration
Sep. 8	Fall semester classes begin
Dec. 7 - 12	Final exams

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## WINTER SEMESTER 2021

Dec. 29 - Jan 8*	Orientation and registration
Jan. 11	Fall semester classes begin
April. 12 - 17	Final exams

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## SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

Apr. 27 - May 7*	Orientation and registration
May. 10	Fall semester classes begin
Aug. 9 - 14	Final exams

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## FALL SEMESTER 2021

Aug. 24 - Sep. 3*	Orientation and registration
Sep. 7	Fall semester classes begin
Dec. 6 - 11	Final exams

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

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

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

# STEPS TO APPLY

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## 1 APPLY IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Make an appointment with an Admissions Officer:

**Phone:** +1 604 683 8360

**E-mail:** [admissions@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:admissions@columbiacollege.ca)

or

Visit [www.columbiacollege.ca](http://www.columbiacollege.ca) and click on "Apply Now" to fill in the application form.

## 2 ACCEPT OFFER

After receiving Offer of Admission, students must pay tuition deposit of \$13,270. Letter of Acceptance will be issued upon receipt of payment.

## 3 APPLY FOR STUDY PERMIT

## 4 ATTEND ORIENTATION

Orientation is designed for students to transition smoothly to life in Canada and at Columbia College. Complete your registration, meet your teachers, and make new friends through organized events before classes begin.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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



# FEES

All students are required to pay tuition fees in effect for the semester of registration. Early payment of fees does not exempt a student from future fee increases. All fees are in Canadian dollars, effective September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021.

## HOW TO PAY

Our preferred method to receive fees is Flywire:  
[www.flywire.com/pay/columbiacollege](http://www.flywire.com/pay/columbiacollege)

For information about other methods of fee payment, please e-mail us at [admissions@columbiacollege.ca](mailto:admissions@columbiacollege.ca)

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



## ACADEMIC FEES

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Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 200
Tuition Fees (per credit)	\$ 535
University Course (3 credits)	\$ 1,605
University Course (4 credits)	\$ 2,140

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### SAMPLE TUITION

Program	Duration	Fees
University Transfer	1 year* or 30 credits	\$ 16,050
University Transfer	2 years* or 60 credits	\$ 32,100
Associate Degree	2 years* or 60 credits	\$ 32,100

*\*based on 2 semesters a year*

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

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### INTERNATIONAL TUITION DEPOSIT \$ 12,900

Includes first semester medical insurance, 24 credits, and activity fee.

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### LOCAL TUITION DEPOSIT \$ 6,450

Valid study permit holder, Permanent Resident, or Citizen. Includes first semester medical insurance, 12 credits, and activity fee.

Refund policy can be found at [www.columbiacollege.ca](http://www.columbiacollege.ca)  
Sibling discount: 10% discount on first 24 credits.

## HOMESTAY

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Columbia College administers its own Homestay service and monthly fees include three meals a day. Students can experience living with a Canadian family during their studies at Columbia College. **Homestay fees are \$925/month (including 3 meals per day).**

Homestay Deposit Total	\$ 2,325
Placement Fee (one time)	\$ 375
Airport Pick Up Fee	\$ 100
Two Months Homestay Fees	\$ 1,850

## HOMESTAY & CUSTODIAN FEES UNDER 19

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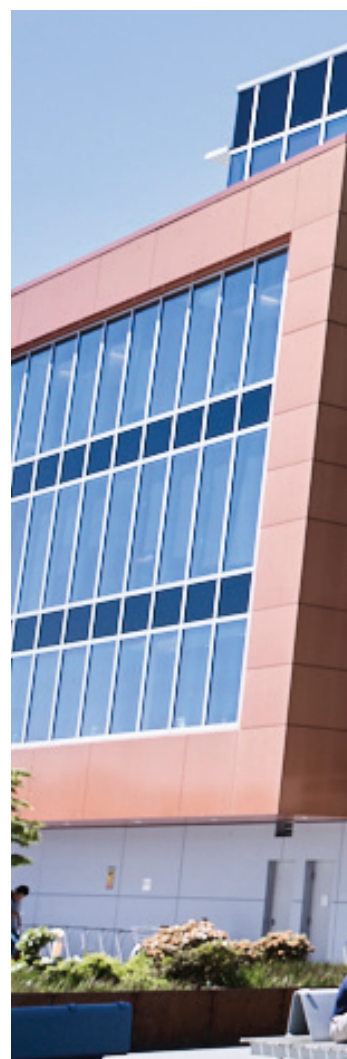
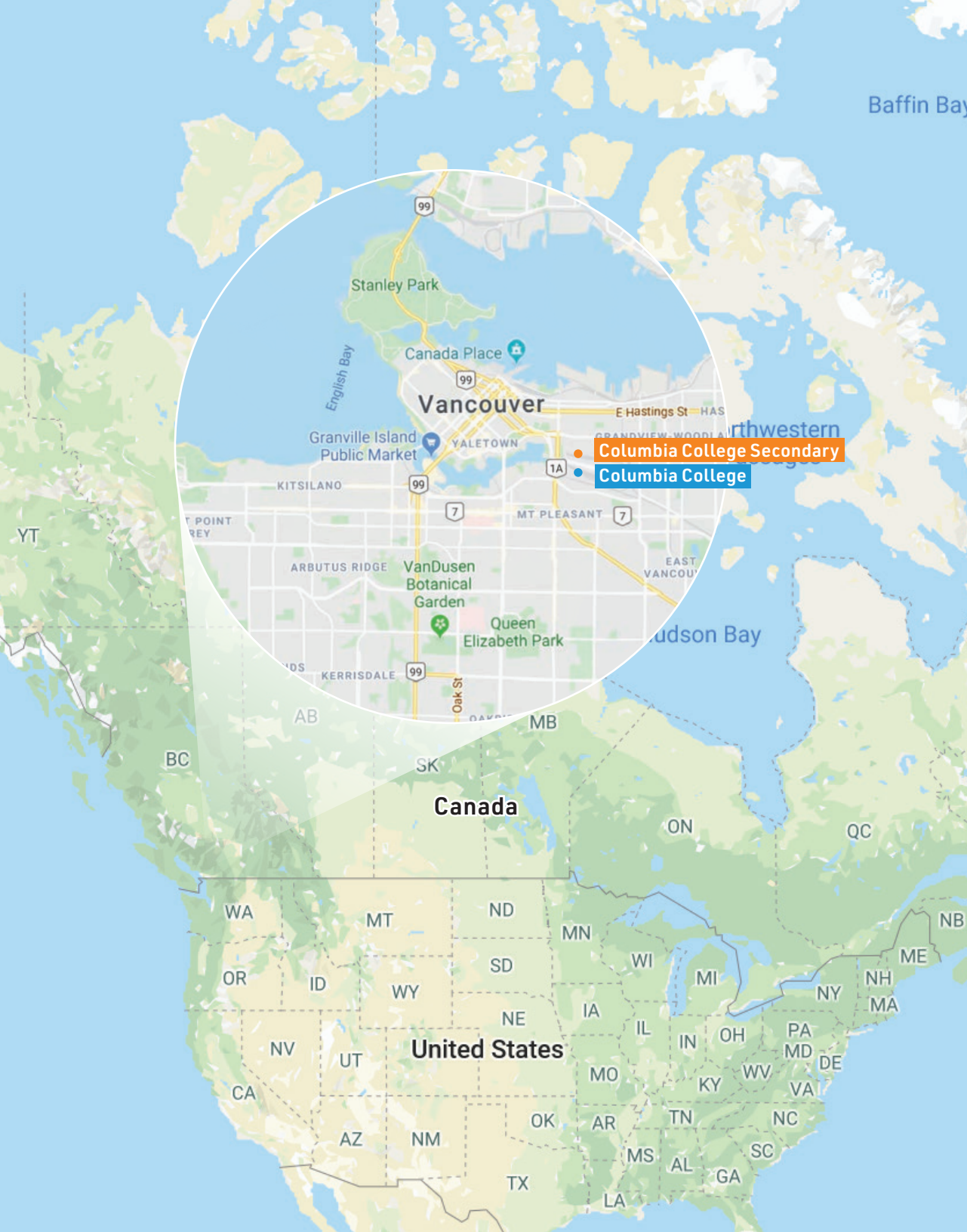
Columbia College will only assist in making custodianship arrangements for students if they're under 19 years old and are placed within our Homestay program. Custodianship homestay fees must be paid in full for the entire 5 month semester in advance. **Homestay fees are \$1000/month (including 3 meals per day).**

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

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Estimated Tuition (30 credits)	\$ 16,050
Estimated Living Costs (12 months)	\$ 11,100
Room and Board	\$ 1,200
Transportation	\$ 1,800
Textbooks	\$ 3,000
General Expenses	

**TOTAL \$ 31,350**





**NORTH CAMPUS**



**URBAN CAMPUS**

5 MINUTE WALK TO SKYTRAIN

10 MINUTES TO

DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

5 MINUTES TO VANCOUVER'S

HISTORIC CHINATOWN

30 MINUTES TO UBC OR SFU

**MAIN CAMPUS**



# Columbia College

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