



Columbia College Secondary
— Established 1936 —

VIEWBOOK 2018 - 2019
VANCOUVER  CANADA

Spring into your future

High School Programs

Grades 10-12





Vancouver is the perfect city to find your passion.

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 Secondary, 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.

FAST FACTS

3rd most livable city in the world

Mildest climate in Canada

45% of population is foreign born

Home to top universities UBC & SFU

Leads Canada in economic growth





90% of our high school faculty hold Masters degrees or PhDs

Our programs

Decide which program is right for you. Columbia College Secondary operates on a semester system. You can take 3-4 courses per semester. With three semesters per year, this means less time to graduate. You will have access to university level labs and services during your studies.



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Senior Secondary (Grade 10, 11, 12)
This program is certified by the BC Ministry of Education. Graduates receive the same credential as any public high school in BC (BC Dogwood Diploma). This is the requirement for direct entry into a Canadian university. Students entering in May 2018 will follow the new curriculum proposed by the Ministry of Education. A Math Skills Assessment is required for graduation.

Graduation Requirements*	80 credits
Language Arts 10	4
Social Studies 10	4
Math 10	4
Science 10	4
Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10	4
Physical Education 10	4
English 11 or Communications 11	4
Math 11	4
1 Science 11 course	4
Social Studies 11	4
English 12 or Communications 12	4
3 Academic Grade 12 courses	12
2 Career Education courses	8
4 Electives	16

2

Accelerated Secondary (Grade 11 & 12)
Students with strong grade 10 or 11 results can choose to accelerate their high school program. This program requires fewer courses for completion and allows students to proceed to the University Transfer Program at Columbia College. Accelerated students can transfer into 2nd or 3rd year at a Canadian university upon completion of their University Transfer program.

Completion Requirements*	28 credits
English 11 or Communications 11	4
English 12 or Communications 12	4
Math 11 or Social Studies 11	4
3 Academic Grade 12 courses	12
Planning 11, 1 Science 11 or Social Studies 11	4

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Adult Secondary (Grade 11 & 12)
This program is for students who are over 18 years of age. Students will receive a BC Adult Dogwood Diploma, certified by the BC Ministry of Education.

Graduation Requirements*	20 credits
English 12 or Communications 12	4
Math 11 or 12	4
3 Academic Grade 12 courses	12

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University Preparatory
Tailored to each student's needs, this program provides missing courses for students who have completed high school but lack the prerequisites for their university studies. Normally just one semester long, students proceed into Columbia College's University Transfer program.

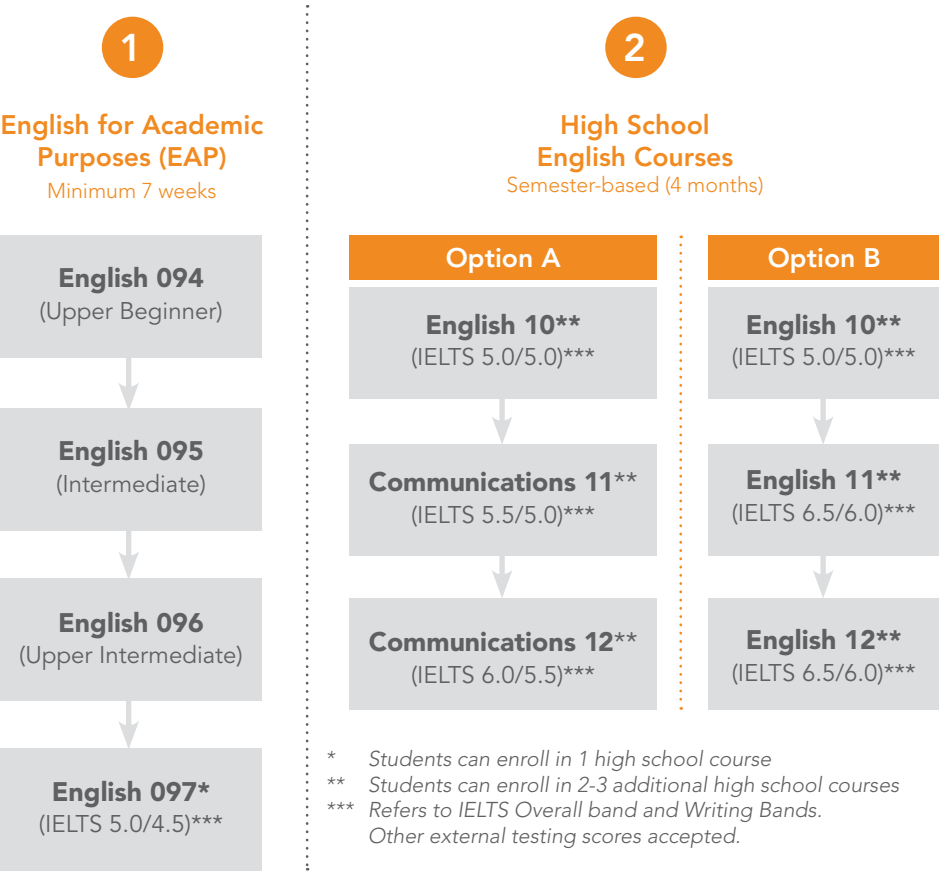
**Prerequisite courses must be completed and may increase the number of credits required to complete the program. Subjective to new curriculum updates.*

Get ahead faster
Our tri-mester system means you can start any grade in January, May or September. Complete high school in as little as 2 years.

Dual Credit
Take university level courses in high school and get credits for both university and high school at the same time.

GET THE SUPPORT YOU NEED. BEGIN ENGLISH AT YOUR LEVEL

You will be placed at the English level that is right for you before entering a High School Program. You can take a high school course at the same time based on your English level.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE (ELC)

Columbia College English Language Centre is for students wishing to improve their English in an academic setting. Programs are offered part-time or full-time (25 hours a week) and cover core skills such as listening, speaking, reading and writing plus additional elective courses. Students in the ELC have full access to Student Services and college facilities.

Programs start 6 times per year with a minimum program length of 7 weeks. Once a student progresses beyond English 096, they can begin registering in a high school program and advance further into High School English.

Our Language Programs are proudly accredited by Languages Canada. For more information on external testing scores and English Language Programs, visit www.columbiacollege.ca



Dive in

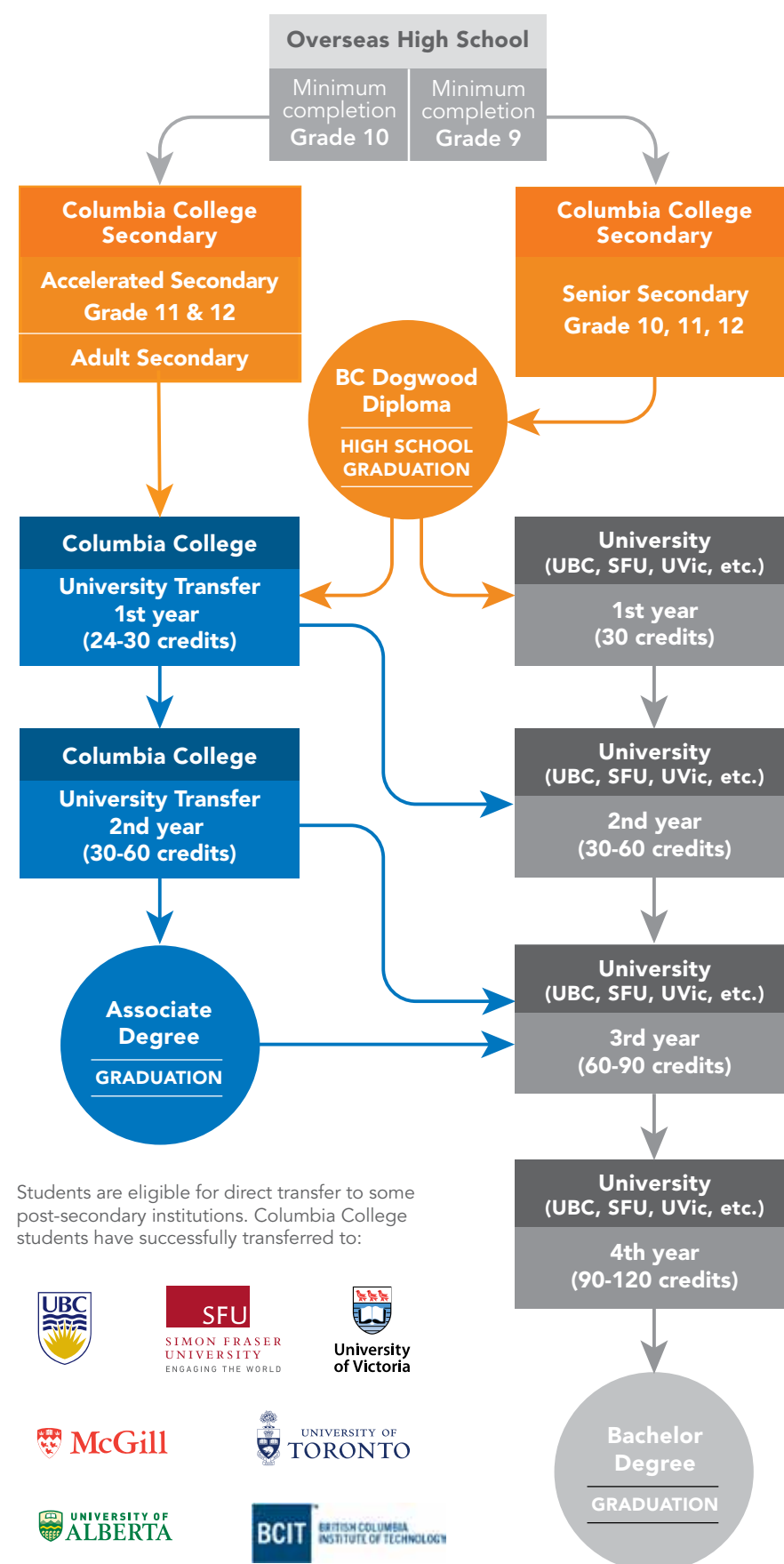
Experience homestay in Canada

It's easy to take the plunge at Columbia College Secondary. We personally match you with families for the best fit and experience in our homestay service. Caring and safe, you can truly integrate into Canadian life here. Enjoy new customs, traditions, and different ways of seeing the world. We're here to support you every step of the way.

“ I had a great time with my homestay family. They really took care of me. I learned all about their culture, and my English improved every night at dinner. It's my home away from home. ”

Gretta Ishimwe | Burundi

EDUCATION PROGRESS CHART



Go high

Sometimes you need help with excelling. Our experienced tutors are here to help you in areas you are struggling with. They will break down information and slow down each step. This leads to higher grades and eventually learning on your own. You will walk away with skills for success in university or college.



Fred Tabarsi, BSc. | Math Tutor
27 years at Columbia College

“ I wanted better grades in Math to get into university. Thanks to the tutors who went the extra mile to help me with my school work, my grades improved significantly. I got my first “A” in Canada! I’m so proud of my Grade Point Average now. ”

Charlie Cheung | Hong Kong
University Preparatory Student

We know high school students need help preparing for life after graduation. How well you adapt and fit in has a big effect on your success in the real world. At Columbia College Secondary, we help you get smart – not just with your studies, but with life in general. We are developing a charitable program at the college to connect, educate, and support our students and the wider communities who are most in need. We are by your side as you learn about Canadian life. We give you the tools you need to succeed, and to find your place – wherever you end up.



"My favourite event at the college is the potluck where everyone brings a special or favourite dish from their country. I get to learn about different cultures and traditions."



GOES TO WHISTLER DAY TRIPS ORGANIZED BY THE COLLEGE



STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

“ My writing and reading skills have improved so much after studying in the ELC Program. I am grateful to Columbia College for giving me a bursary to study here and learn English. It's a wonderful experience. **”**

Maria Herro | Syria
EAP Graduate from the ELC Program
Adult Secondary Student

Spring ahead



“ Choosing Columbia College has been one of the few right decisions I have made in my life and definitely one I will never regret. Even though I was accepted into the Accelerated High School Program, I got to participate in the Adult Secondary Program which reduced the time I spent in high school and helped me comfortably achieve my goals. I am now transferring to Humber College in Toronto and would like to pursue a degree in Mathematics and Economics. Coming to Columbia College has been one of the best experiences I have ever had. **”**

Devki Shah | Kenya
Adult Secondary Graduate

What's Next?



University Transfer

Take up to 60 credits at first and second year level at Columbia College and then transfer those credits to any university in British Columbia and across Canada. You will graduate with a degree from the university you transferred to.

British Columbia has the smoothest college-to-university transfer system in Canada. Advantages of studying at Columbia College's university transfer program include:

- Same courses and quality as a university.
- Columbia College instructors are personable and supportive with doors always open to meet with you.
- Small class sizes mean personal attention to each student and a closer relationship with instructors and classmates. Students will see a higher GPA as a result.
- A lower price for the same courses as a university.
- Columbia College charges the same tuition per credit, regardless of faculty.

Over the years, Columbia College has consistently been one of the top providers of international students to the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University.



PROGRAM AREAS

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

SAMPLE UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Courses in these programs are the same as first and second year level university courses, and are transferable to major universities across Canada and the United States. Students will be admitted into a program (i.e. Business, Arts, Science, etc.) and will take 3-5 courses per semester. Students will also choose elective courses and therefore there are many possible course combinations within the programs.

BUSINESS

SAMPLE TIMETABLE (other electives are available):

Semester 1	Semester 2
English 100 (3)	Business 272 (3)
Mathematics 111 (3)	Economics 105 (3)
Economics 103 (3)	Business 291 (3)
Psychology 110 (3)	Philosophy 102 (3)
Mass Communication 110 (3)	English 110 (3)
15 Semester Credits	15 Semester Credits

ENGINEERING

SAMPLE TIMETABLE (other electives are available):

Semester 1	Semester 2
Mathematics 113 (3)	Mathematics 114 (3)
Physics 110 (4)	Physics 120 (4)
Chemistry 121 (4)	Chemistry 123 (4)
English 100 (3)	Mathematics 252 (3)
Applied Science 151 (4)	Applied Science 160 (4)
18 Semester Credits	17 Semester Credits

For more information, look under University Transfer Programs at www.columbiacollege.ca

Associate Degree

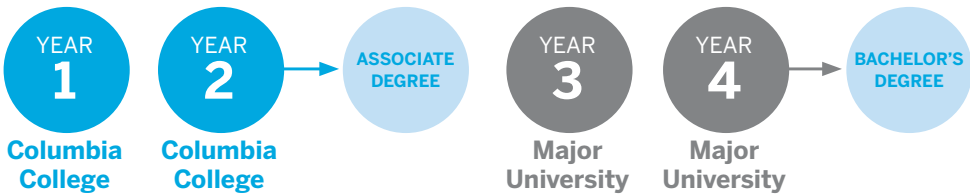
An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year university degree. With an Associate Degree, you can enter into the third year of a university's Bachelor Degree program.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES

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

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES

- Computer Science
- General Science
- Mathematics



SAMPLE TRANSFER GUIDE TO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

The BC Transfer Guide is available online and at Student Services 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)	University of British Columbia (Credits)	University of Victoria (Units)
Accounting 251 (3)	BUS 251 (3)	COMM 293 (3)	COM 200 level (1.5)
Applied Science 151 (4)	ENSC 204 (1)	APSC 151 (3)	MECH 200 (1.5)
Biology 110 (4)	BISC 1XX (3)	BIOL 1st (4)	BIOL 184 (1.5)
Business 250 (3)	BUS 2XX (3)	COMM 296 (3)	COM 250 (1.5)
Chemistry 121 (4)	CHEM 121 (4)	CHEM 121 (4)	CHEM 101 (1.5)
Computer Science 101 (3)	CMPT 100 (3)	CPSC 1st (3)	CSC 100 (1.5)
Economics 103 (3)	ECON 103 (3)	ECON 101 (3)	ECON 103 (1.5)
English 108	ENGL 104 (3)	ENGL 111 (3)	ENG 100 level (1.5)
Mass Communications 110 (3)	CMNS 110 (3)	ARTS 1st (3)	HUM 100 level (1.5)
Mathematics 113	MATH 151 (3)	MATH 100 (3)	Math 100 (1.5)
Physics 120 (4)	PHYS 121 (3)	B-SCI PHYS 102 (3)	PHYS 100 level (1.5)
Psychology 210 (3)	PSYC 250 (3)	PSYC (3)*	PSYC 200 level (1.5)

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.



4.0 GPA IN ALL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

NUNAZRIAH BINTE DHARULSALAM

Singapore
Accelerated Secondary Student



“I found that when I came here it already felt like a second home. Because Singapore has an urban lifestyle it wasn't hard for me to adapt. The school system here is also very accepting and the teachers are very open and approachable. 🙌”

VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD BANKS FOR REFUGEES ON THE WEEKENDS

“I volunteer because I believe education goes beyond the classroom. I will readily parlay my free time for valuable life lessons that I gain from volunteering.”

TAKING TWO UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR DUAL CREDIT TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

ATTENDS ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA

ADEL TALYSPAYEVA

Kazakhstan
Adult Secondary Student
Accepted to BCIT



VOLUNTEERS AS A CHESS TEACHER FOR CHILDREN ON THE WEEKENDS

FOUNDER OF THE CC BOOK CLUB



STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

“Everybody is new in the first semester of high school so I encourage you to make the first step. Break the ice. Get involved! 🙌”

IVY HU

China
Senior Secondary Graduate
University Transfer Student

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

MEMBER OF THE CC BADMINTON TEAM

“For those who have never studied abroad, going to college first is a good decision because you'll get used to an English-learning environment in a small class setting before going on to university.”

RECEIVED THE BOOK AWARD FOR ENGLISH IN FALL 2015

JOINED LEO CLUB AND YOGA IN FIRST SEMESTER AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE



CC DRAGON BOAT GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION 2015

“Being on the CC dragon boat team changed my life.. I'm still close with my teammates. They're like my second family.”

BRYLLE NAVEA

Philippines / UAE
UBC Student, International Relations (3rd Year)

Part-time job as Student Services Assistant at Columbia College
Accelerated Secondary Graduate
University Transfer to UBC

“Columbia College is a great place to meet people from all over the world. If you want to have the complete experience, step out of your comfort zone. Talk to people you normally would not talk to. You'd be surprised at what you learn! 🙌”

“It feels really great to be back at the college! I love chatting with students and seeing them find their passion here.”

MINH HANG CHU

Vietnam
Accelerated Secondary Graduate
University Transfer Student
Accepted to York University

HONOUR ROLL STUDENT

STUDENT ASSOCIATION PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

FOUNDER OF THE STUDENTS' IMPACTS CLUB

“Joining clubs and activities at school have been one of my best memories here. I've made so many new friends.”

SAMPLE ELC PROGRAM

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2*
Academic Writing 096	Integrated Skills 097
Integrated Skills 096	Academic Writing 097
Conversation & Listening 096	English for Sciences 097**
Academic Reading & Vocabulary 096	Academic Study Skills 097**
	Math 11

* Subject to successful completion of courses in Semester 1.
** 7-week courses

SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Language Arts 10	English 11	Science 10
Math 10	Social Studies 10	Math 11
Physical Ed 10	Drama 10	InfoTech 10
	Career Education 10	
SEMESTER 4	SEMESTER 5	SEMESTER 6
English 12	Social Studies 12	Physics 12
Math 12	Chemistry 12	PSIAD 12***
Chemistry 11	Physics 11	PSIAD 12***
	Career Education 12	

*** For example, Science students may choose courses such as Math 113 and Computer Science 101 as PSIAD/dual credit courses; Arts or Business students may select courses such as Psychology 110 and Economics 101. Other options available if prerequisites are met.

The BC curriculum is under review. The above schedule is subject to change.

A portrait of a young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a red and black plaid shirt over a black turtleneck. He is standing with his arms crossed against a grey background.

A circular inset photo showing three students in blue shirts standing together.

LAM THIEU HIEN (ETHAN)
Vietnam
Accelerated Secondary Graduate
University Transfer Student
Accepted to UBC

STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER

A circular inset photo showing a student and a woman sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND FOUNDER OF THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE JOURNAL, AESTH.

“It’s amazing to see the journal become a reality. With clear and reachable goals in mind, nothing is impossible.”

A circular inset photo showing a student and a woman sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop.

“Student Services is great. They help me find a balance between student and academic life.”

“What I really like about high school at Columbia College is that I don’t have to spend eight to nine months to finish a course. I only need to spend four months. Class sizes are small and teachers are helpful in answering questions. I’ve started my own club here and grown my leadership skills. 🙌🙌”

A blue circular icon containing a white book with a ribbon.

RECEIVED THE BOOK AWARD FOR ENGLISH IN SUMMER 2017

A circular inset photo showing a student receiving a certificate or award from a woman.

RECEIVED THE GERRY BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN FALL 2017 FOR ACHIEVING HIGH ACADEMIC STANDING AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY.

“My favourite spot to hang out on campus is the 3rd floor student lounge. When I’m not busy studying, I can relax and catch up with friends. The sofas and vending machines are also quite appealing!”

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.

ACTIVITIES

Columbia College plans fun trips, activities, and events every week. These include North American and intercultural holidays 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 the Student Association, badminton, soccer, basketball, dance, yoga and more.



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



Follow us on Facebook at **CCactivities** and Instagram at **columbiacollege1936**

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Orientation is provided before each semester begins and is designed to introduce new students to the 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 in on free local activities, and make new friends!

TUTORIAL & TESTING CENTRE

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

HEALTH

Columbia College has two licensed practical nurses who help students with ailments ranging from colds and flus to sports injuries. The nurse's office is fully equipped, and, whenever required, the nurse assists students in seeing doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, and other medical experts.

ADVICE & COUNSELLING

Columbia College has academic program counsellors to help you with course planning, transfer options, career planning, and personal issues. Our counsellors welcome students any time to discuss career objectives or to have a casual conversation.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IMMIGRATION ADVISOR

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



CHENEL GAUTAMA

Indonesia
Adult Secondary Student



"I love volunteering at college events, such as Health & Wellness Week. It's a great way to meet new friends and contribute to campus life."



ON THE CC BASKETBALL TEAM

FAVOURITE CLASS: MATH 12

"My favourite class is Math 12 because the teacher is fun. I like everything in the class. It's interesting to learn something you don't know, and once you know the trick to a problem you can solve lots of questions like it."



FAVOURITE PLACE TO STUDY: COMPUTER LAB

"You can find me in the computer lab at school most days. It's my favourite place to do my homework on campus."



"I like how you can meet so many people from different backgrounds at Columbia College. Everyone here is friendly. You'll get lots of help not just in your academics, but also in adjusting to Canadian life. I've learned a lot about different cultures in my first semester here. 🙌"

How to apply



PROGRAM DATES 2018 | 2019

Fall Semester 2018

Aug. 29 - 31	Orientation and Registration
Sept. 4	Fall Semester classes begin
Dec. 3 - 8	Final exams

Winter Semester 2019

Jan. 2 - 4	Orientation and Registration
Jan. 7	Winter Semester classes begin
April 8 - 13	Final exams

Summer Semester 2019

May 1 - 3	Orientation and Registration
May 6	Summer Semester classes begin
Aug. 6 - 10	Final exams

Fall Semester 2019

Sept. 4 - 6	Orientation and Registration
Sept. 9	Fall Semester classes begin
Dec. 9 - 14	Final exams

Programs in the EAP Program have mid-semester intakes starting on:

- October 22, 2018
- February 25, 2019
- June 24, 2019
- October 28, 2019

Visit www.columbiacollege.ca/calendar for detailed schedules.

Orientation is mandatory for all secondary students as it ensures a smooth and successful start in Canada. Complete registration, meet your teachers and make new friends through organized events before classes begin.

Applicants must have a satisfactory record of academic achievement and be at least 15 years old upon registration. If you do not meet the minimum English language requirements for your program, you may register in a program combining academic studies with non-credit coursework in our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program.

Apply in person

Make an appointment with an Admissions Officer:

Phone: +1 604 683 8360

E-mail: admissions@columbiacollege.ca

Apply online

Visit www.columbiacollege.ca and click on "Apply Now" to fill in the application form.

Application requirements

- 1 Completed application
- 2 Original or certified transcripts (include an English translation)
- 3 External English test results if available (or take a placement test at Columbia College)
- 4 Copy of the information page of your passport
- 5 \$200 application fee

Fees

All fees are in Canadian dollars, effective September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019.



Academic Fees

Application Fee	\$ 200
Tuition Fees (per credit)	\$ 520
High School Course (4 credits)	\$ 2,080

Sample Semester Tuition

3 courses (12 credits)	\$ 6,240
4 courses (16 credits)	\$ 7,320*

* Automatic scholarship of \$1000 on 4th course registration.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 7 Weeks - Full-time	\$ 2,860
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 14 Weeks - Full-time	\$ 5,720

Tuition Deposits

Overseas Applicant For new international students applying from overseas.	\$ 12,540
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Tuition deposit covers 24 credits over two semesters, activity fee and medical insurance.

Local Applicant	\$ 4,710
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For those with legal status to study in Canada, including Permanent Residents, Citizens and study permit holders.

Visit www.columbiacollege.ca/calendar for detailed fee information.

Homestay & Custodianship Fees

Students can experience living with a Canadian family during their studies at Columbia College. Columbia College Secondary will only assist in making custodianship arrangements for students if they are placed with a Columbia College Homestay family.

All students who require custodianship must pay homestay fees in full for the entire semester (4 months) in advance. Homestay fee includes 3 meals/day at \$900 per month.

Homestay Deposit Total	\$ 2,400
• Placement Fee (one time)	\$ 250
• Custodian Set Up Fee (one time)	\$ 200
• Monitoring Fee (one time)	\$ 80
• Airport Pick Up Fee	\$ 70
• Two Months Homestay Fees	\$ 1800

How to Pay

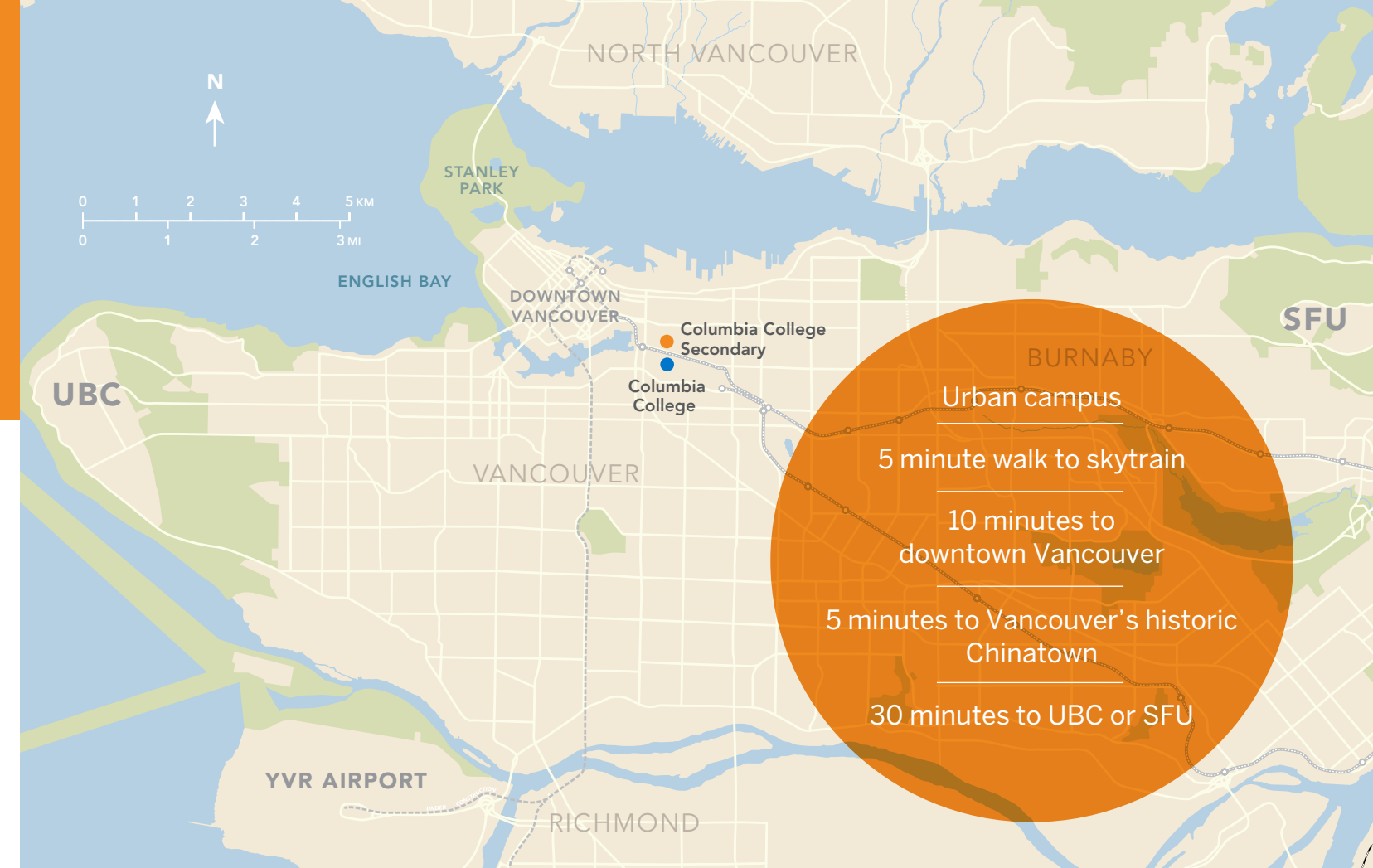
Our preferred method to receive fees is Flywire:
www.flywire.com/pay/columbiacollege

For information about other methods of fee payment, please e-mail us at admissions@columbiacollege.ca

Estimated Living Costs (8 months)

Room and Board	\$ 7,200
Transportation	\$ 770
Textbooks	\$ 400
General Expenses	\$ 2,500

Total	\$ 10,870
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