

Application for International Undergraduate Admission

This application is for students who will enter Columbia College Chicago in the Fall of 2001, the Spring of 2002 or the Summer of 2002.

Columbia College Chicago
Office of International Undergraduate Admissions
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An international student is one who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States.

Columbia College Chicago International Admissions

Columbia College Chicago is a private four-year college, specializing in the visual and performing arts, media and communications. Students with creative ability in these areas, as well as students who have a strong, yet undeveloped interest in these areas are invited to apply for admission. Admission to the College is dependent upon an assessment of the student's potential to do college level work in a rigorous arts and communication curriculum.

Columbia College Chicago has a rolling admissions policy. Interested students must submit the necessary documents in sufficient time for a thorough evaluation by the College prior to the beginning of the intended term of enrollment. For the Fall term, it is strongly recommended that the students complete their admission file prior to August 15. For the Spring term, it is strongly recommended that the students complete their admission file prior to January 1. For the Summer term, it is strongly recommended that the students complete their admission file prior to May 1.

Bridge Program

Freshmen applicants whose application materials suggest they are likely to be under prepared to meet the College's standards will be required to participate in Columbia's Bridge Program. Applicants who satisfactorily complete the Bridge Program will be admitted to Columbia College Chicago. Those students who do not successfully complete the program will not be allowed to enroll.

How To Apply

Freshman applicants must include:

1. Completed International Undergraduate Admissions Application (including your essay). There is a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee (check, money order or cashier's check only, payable to Columbia College Chicago);
2. Official transcripts or Certified photocopies of high school transcripts (secondary education), officially translated into English, demonstrating high school graduation;

Please Note:

Only original or certified/notarized photocopies of educational records will be accepted. If you have attended a high school or college/university outside of the United States, you must have your credentials evaluated by a professional credential evaluation agency such as Educational

Credential Evaluators, Inc. or World Education Services. A high school transcript requires a general evaluation. You must arrange for the agency to send a copy of your evaluation to Columbia College Chicago, Office of International Admissions. Please contact one of the evaluation agencies for current information and prices:

Educational Credential
Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 92970
Milwaukee, WI 53202-0970
Phone: (414) 289-3400
Fax: (414) 289-3411
Web Address: www.ece.org

World Education Services,
Inc.
P.O. Box 745-Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10113-0745
Tel: (212) 966-6311
Fax: (212) 739-6100
Web Address: www.wes.org

3. Official TOEFL score: a minimum score of 500 (173 on the Computerized TOEFL version) is required for acceptance into the academic program. TOEFL scores of 430-499 (117-172 on computerized version) are required for acceptance to the Intensive English Language Program;

4. Financial documentation (certified "Certificate of Sponsorship" and bank letter, in English);

5. Immunization record accompanied by a certified English translation must provide evidence of the following specific immunizations:

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three (3) tetanus/diphtheria shots (the last of which must have been received within the last 10 years); two (2) separate measles shots given at least one month apart; one (1) rubella shot; one (1) mumps shot;

6. One (1) Letter of Recommendation (in English) from an instructor or other professional who is qualified to comment on the applicant's potential to complete college level work in an arts and communications curriculum.

Transfer applicants must include:

1. Completed International Undergraduate Admissions Application (including your essay). There is a \$25.00 non-refundable application fee (check, money order or cashier's check only, payable to Columbia College Chicago);

2. Official transcripts or Certified photocopies of transcripts from all institutions attended, including high school (secondary education), officially translated into English;

Please Note:
Only original or certified/notarized photocopies of educational records will be accepted. If you have attended a college/university outside of the United States, you must have your credentials evaluated by a professional credential evaluation agency such as Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. or World Education Services. College/university transcripts require a detailed or course-by-course evaluation. You must arrange for the agency to send a copy of your evaluation to Columbia College Chicago, Office of International Admissions. Please contact one of the evaluation agencies for current information and prices:

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After Columbia has received your official credential evaluation, you will be notified through a separate communication of all transfer credit (if any) to be awarded by Columbia College Chicago.

3. Official TOEFL score: a minimum score of 500 (173 on the Computerized TOEFL version) is required for acceptance into the academic program or evidence of completion of at least one (1) semester of university-level course work in English Composition at a college/university in the U.S. with a grade of C or better. TOEFL scores of 430-499 (117-172 on computerized version) are required for acceptance to the Intensive English Language Program;

4. Financial documentation (certified "Certificate of Sponsorship" and bank letter, in English);

5. Photocopy of I-20, the F-1 student visa stamp (in passport) and front and back of the I-94 card, if currently at U.S. institution;

6. International Student Transfer Form (located in Columbia admissions application) to be completed by the Designated School Official or International Student Advisor at current U.S. institution;

7. Immunization record accompanied by a certified English translation must provide evidence of the following specific immunizations: three (3) tetanus/diphtheria shots

(the last of which must have been received within the last 10 years); two (2) separate measles shots given at least one month apart; one (1) rubella shot; one (1) mumps shot;

8. One (1) Letter of Recommendation from an instructor or other professional who is qualified to comment on the applicant's potential to complete college level work in an arts and communications curriculum.

Once the International Admissions Office has received all of the required information the applicant's file will be reviewed to determine eligibility for admission to the college. Students will be notified of their admission status at that time. Students admitted to the College will be required to submit a non-refundable \$250.00 tuition deposit. An I-20 will not be issued until the admitted student submits his or her tuition deposit.

Please Note:

- Students who have a U.S. Social Security Number should write that on the application (question #1). Columbia will assign each new student who does not have a U.S. Social Security Number a Student Identification Number upon receiving the application. This number is for on-campus identification purposes only. If you choose to obtain a U.S. Social Security Number, the Office of International Student Affairs will assist you.

- All students are advised not to enter the U.S. on a tourist visa (B-1/B-2) unless the words "Prospective Student" are stamped on the entry visa. It is increasingly difficult to change immigration status after arrival in the U.S.