

General Information

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| <u>Y</u> | College Specific Application |
| <u>Y</u> | Application Fee \$80 <i>Temporarily Waived</i> |
| <u>N</u> | JST/CLEP/ DSST Accepted |
| <u>N</u> | Online Credit Accepted <i>Temporarily Accepted</i> |
| <u>Y</u> | Yellow Ribbon |
| <u>Y</u> | Veteran Center / Military Web Page |

Application Deadlines

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| _____ | Fall – Early – December 1 – March 1 |
| _____ | Fall – Regular – December 1 – May 15 |
| _____ | Spring – Early – August 1 – October 1 |
| _____ | Spring – Regular – August 1 – November 1 |

College Admission Policy -

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| <u>Y</u> | SAT / ACT or Columbia GSAE (<i>Temporarily Waived</i>) |
| <u>Y</u> | Required GPA – average 3.7 (Generally yes, but no specific GPA required) |
| <u>Y</u> | Personal Statement / Essay |
| <u>Y</u> | Official High School Transcripts (Temporarily: not required if student has 30+ college credits) |
| <u>Y</u> | Letters of Recommendation (LOR) |
| <u>Y</u> | Official College Transcripts |
| <u>Y</u> | Résumé (<i>Helpful but not required</i>) |

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| _____ | NOTE: The Columbia University |
| _____ | School of General Studies |
| _____ | SAT code is 2095; Please do not send Your SAT score to the main campus |

College Notes – please review majors noted below

- **Application Deadlines** - Please review application deadlines for updates
- **Application Advice** - When filling out the Application for Admission, please complete sections which do not seem directly relevant to your personal, academic, and military experiences to the best of your ability. For example, the application asks about your extracurricular activities, awards, and honors. Veteran applicants should feel free to include military experiences and distinctions, high school experiences, and any other post-secondary experiences in these sections. Attach /upload/copy and paste a résumé or CV to explain your non-academic experiences more thoroughly.

- **Application at** <https://gs.columbia.edu/applying-gs>
- **Transfer status** – though there is no single number necessary, successful applicants have a proven college track record from a regionally accredited, traditional (in-seat) college program with courses in liberal arts / science / math. GENERAL EDUCATION ONLY
- **Application Fee** – contact Dean’s office after submission of application for waiver – use the pay by check option to submit application (*All fees currently waived due to coronavirus pandemic*)
- **GPA minimum does not equate to competitive GPA** – for college courses looking for 3.7 minimum; if using high school GPA must prove strong academic past – prefer recent college experience in a traditional setting – NO ONLINE, NO DISTANCE EDUCATION, NO UPPER LEVEL COURSES (*There is no minimum GPA. However, we encourage applicants to have achieved general academic success or show academic potential*)
- **Personal Statement / Essay** – absolutely essential to a successful application – must address reasons for wanting to attend Columbia and acknowledge past academic performance (*Should include details pertaining to why the applicant considers themselves to be a non-traditional student*)
- **SAT and ACT** –EXPECT STRONG SHOWING FROM APPLICANTS – no set scores OR may take the **Columbia General Studies Admissions Examination (GSAE)** - <https://gs.columbia.edu/admissions-exams> - optional exam in lieu of SAT or ACT scores; **SAT/ACT/GSAE Waiver** – there is no waiver available (*Testing currently optional, but applicants whose first language is not English and whose secondary education was not primarily conducted in English must take TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test*)
- **Transferable Credit** - generally means liberal arts / science / math credit (e.g. general education) from a regionally accredited 2-year or 4-year, traditional institution; subject to strict review by university - <https://www.pdx.edu/admissions/basic-transfer-rules>; **JST/DSST/CLEP / Online credit** – Ivy League schools do not review nor do they accept non-traditional credit, although two credits of physical education may transfer through the JST.
- **LORs** – 2 are required; Academic letter bolsters application; Professional(/Military-Based) okay
- **Personal Interview** – Required for Ivy League schools; Important part of the application, so make sure prepared to articulate exactly wish to attend Columbia; Why cannot achieve life goals elsewhere – answers should be specific to Marine and to the school; Spends time on the Web site reviewing school; **Admission Note** – Dean prefers a holistic approach to admission. Marines who do not have the academic preparation Columbia is looking for will be advised on what they need to do to create a competitive application package. If Dean or Associate Dean believe Marine is ready to apply to the university, the Marine will be advised to do so during the personal interview. Please note, **LSP will not endorse an application that is not sanctioned by the Dean’s Office**
- **Veteran’s Information** - <https://gs.columbia.edu/veterans>
- **Essay Requirements** - **Times New Roman**, 12-point font, MLA Format, approximately 1,500 to 2,000 words – prompt is provided once log into Columbia Web site and create account;
- **Majors / Concentrations** (New Link: <https://bulletin.columbia.edu/general-studies/majors-concentrations/>) include: African-American Studies, American Studies, Ancient Studies, Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Archaeology, Architecture, Art History, Art History and Visual Arts, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Biochemistry, Biology, Biophysics, Business Management, Chemical Physics, Chemistry, Classics, Comparative Literature and Society, Computer Science, Computer Science-Mathematics, Computer Science-Statistics, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama and Theatre Arts, Earth Science, East Asian Studies, Ecology,

Evolution, and Environmental Biology, Economics, Economics-Mathematics, Economics-Philosophy, Economics Political Science, Economics-Statistics, Education, 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, Hispanic Studies, History, History and Theory of Architecture, Human Rights, Information Science, Italian, Jazz Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Linguistics, Mathematics, Mathematics – Statistics, Medical Humanities, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, Modern Greek Studies, Music, Neuroscience and Behavior, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Political Science-Statistics, Portuguese Studies, Psychology, Public Health, Regional Studies, Religion, Russian Language and Culture, Russian Literature and Culture, Slavic Studies, Sociology, Statistics, Sustainable Development, Urban Studies, Visual Arts, Women's and Gender Studies, Yiddish Studies