

Advancing Knowledge with Purpose

 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
School of Professional Studies



Columbia University

22

libraries

12+

on-campus dining halls
and cafés

More than

200

research institutes and centers,
including a wide range of world-
class laboratories

67

members of the National
Academy of Sciences

A university alumni network
of more than

385,000

85

Nobel Prize winners among
Columbia alumni, faculty,
and former faculty

165

faculty in the American
Academy of Arts and Sciences,
which studies and sets the
nation's direction of research
in science and technology
policy, global security, social
policy, and the humanities.
Its founders include Benjamin
Franklin, Thomas Jefferson,
and George Washington

More than

1,400

U.S. patents issued across
research areas over the past
20 years

100

new start-ups founded by
Columbia students, alumni,
and faculty

24

members of the National
Academy of Engineering

31

NCAA Division I teams, 40+ club
and 40+ intramural sports



60+

a cappella, comedy, dance, film, music, and theater clubs and organizations

500

clubs and organizations:
From the Columbia University Society of Hip-Hop to America Reads, from the Alpine Racing Team to the King's Crown Shakespeare Troupe, from Scientists and Engineers for a Better Society to the *Journal of Politics & Society*, from the Chicana Caucus to Bach Society—you'll find not one club per interest area but dozens with as much vibrancy and diversity as our student body

First

gay-rights advocacy group on any college campus

First

African American advocacy group on a multiracial campus

First

college literary magazine



SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

14,000+

SPS alumni

100+

areas of study for visiting students

50+

programs and counting

20+

courses to choose from in marketing, finance, and leadership

18

master's degrees

15+

advanced certificates and Certifications of Professional Achievement

50+

award-winning faculty who are leaders in their respective fields

Columbia School of Professional Studies

At the Columbia University School of Professional Studies (SPS), we are innovators, we are scholars, and we are thought leaders, upholding Columbia's long-standing tradition of excellence. Our interdisciplinary programs advance knowledge with purpose, preparing students for careers with real-world impact as they progress along the continuum from high school to graduate degrees to lifelong learning.

Our access initiatives open doors to higher education, creating advancement opportunities for talented and deserving students. With cutting-edge approaches and modalities, we build best-in-class learning experiences across a diverse range of instructional environments.

Our roots are in the community of Columbia's campus, but our reach is far wider—throughout New York City and through our extensive presence around the world. With engaged alumni, students, and faculty, we are building a global community of innovation, learning, and leadership to prepare professionals for the future of work. We are the Columbia University School of Professional Studies.



Why Choose Columbia SPS?

BEST-IN-CLASS ACADEMICS

- SPS students receive an Ivy League education at one of the top universities in the world.
- SPS faculty build best-in-class learning experiences across a diverse range of instructional environments.
- We follow a scholar-practitioner model, which means that our instructional approach is focused on bringing real-world experiences to the classroom setting.

THE NEW YORK ADVANTAGE

- NYC is home to leading institutions in industries like finance, technology, health care, real estate, media, and culture.
- SPS students live and learn in one of the world's most dynamic and global cities, with access to a wealth of professional and personal opportunities. Our programs build connections with some of the most prominent firms, innovative start-ups, and influential organizations on the local, national, and global stage.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY

- The connections you make here will last a lifetime, continuing to provide opportunities to expand your perspective, support your professional development, and build a fulfilling career.



Faculty Spotlight

KITTY KAY CHAN, PH.D.



Applied Analytics

Program Director, Professor in Practice of Applied Analytics

Dr. Chan specializes in quantitative analyses for practical application in regulatory oversight, law enforcement, performance and damage valuation, strategic development, and policy assessment. Prior to joining SPS, Dr. Chan led data analytics efforts for New York State. As the chief data analytics officer, she served as the state's expert in data analytics and worked with stakeholders to develop strategies and build analytics products to derive actionable information from data across state agencies and functions.

STEVEN COHEN, PH.D.



Sustainability Management

Senior Vice Dean of Columbia SPS; Program Director of Sustainability Management; Professor in Practice of Public Affairs; Director of the M.P.A. program in Environmental Science and Policy; Director of the Earth Institute's Research Program on Sustainability Policy and Management

Dr. Cohen served as a policy analyst in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1977 through 1978 and from 1980 to 1981, and as a consultant to the agency for several multiyear periods over the next three decades. He currently serves on the board of directors of Homes for the Homeless and the board of directors of Willdan Energy Solutions.

GREGORY L. ROBINSON, B.S., M.B.A.



Information & Knowledge Strategy

Lecturer; Former Program Director, James Webb Space Telescope, NASA Science Mission Directorate

Robinson is an American engineer with more than thirty years of engineering, program and project management, and senior executive leadership experience at NASA. He served as the director of the James Webb Space Telescope Program, and prior to that he was the deputy associate administrator for programs in the agency's Science Mission Directorate. Robinson was also the deputy director of the John Glenn Research Center, and held various leadership positions at the Goddard Space Flight Center. At Columbia, he teaches Leading Large Complex Projects.

“Our students learn from talented faculty and from each other through stimulating discussions inside and outside the classroom. I love helping students learn and explore new ways of thinking so they build expertise and careers.”

Steve Safier, Program Director, M.S. in Human Capital Management

BETH FISHER-YOSHIDA, PH.D.



Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Program Director and Professor of Practice, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution; Vice Chair of Faculty, Columbia SPS

Dr. Fisher-Yoshida is the executive director of the Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC4) and the director of the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) project at Columbia University. In her role at YPS, she has been working to develop systemic approaches to building more effective communities through youth leadership in Medellín, Colombia, using a Social Lab approach. Dr. Fisher-Yoshida is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and edited books. She has authored a book on transnational leadership and has a new book to be released on women and negotiation. Her two main areas of research and practice are women and negotiation, and youth leadership and social transformation.

ROBERT KLITZMAN, M.D.



Bioethics

Program Director, Bioethics; Professor of Psychiatry

Dr. Klitzman, M.D., is a professor of psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Joseph Mailman School of Public Health, and the program director of the Master of Science in Bioethics program at Columbia University. He cofounded and for five years codirected the Columbia University Center for Bioethics, and directed the Ethics and Policy Core of the HIV Center for ten years. He has published more than 120 scientific journal articles, eight books, and numerous chapters on critical issues in bioethics including genetics, neuroethics, HIV prevention, research ethics, and doctor-patient relationships.

KRISTINE BILLMYER, PH.D.



Strategic Communication

Program Director and Professor of Professional Practice in the Faculty of Professional Studies; Dean Emerita of the Faculty of Professional Studies

From fall 2009 through spring 2015, Dr. Billmyer served as dean of the Columbia School of Continuing Education (now the School of Professional Studies). She came to Columbia from the University of Pennsylvania, where she has served as executive director of the College of Liberal and Professional Studies and associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences since 2005. She also held an adjunct associate professor role at Penn's Graduate School of Education and previously served as executive director of Penn's English Language Programs.

Life at Columbia SPS

Small class sizes, research and team projects, clubs and student government—these are just a few of the things that bring our students together. Student life begins on our campus in Morningside Heights, extending into New York City and out into the world.



One-on-One Advising:

Our program-specific advisers connect with students in an individualized and flexible manner, providing them with guidance on course planning, university resources, and policies and procedures to help them succeed academically, professionally, and personally.



The **Office of Student Life** hosts many great events throughout the year such as excursions to NYC institutions including One World Trade, Broadway shows, and sporting events. Programs include virtual and in-person wellness workshops, networking and social events, game nights, CommuniTea conversations surrounding topics like diversity and inclusion, and more.



“My favorite aspect of the program has to be the small class size and integration of guest speakers—leading voices in the industry, no less—into lectures and discussions.”

Leda Strong, M.S. in Sports Management



Students can also get involved in **student government, clubs, organizations, and community service events.**



Career Design Lab

The Career Design Lab supports students and alumni from Columbia University's School of Professional Studies with individualized career-coaching sessions that cover your overall career assessment, résumé and cover-letter writing, agile internship and job-search strategies, personal branding, interview skills, career transitions, salary negotiations, and more. Wherever you are in your career journey, the Career Design Lab team is here to support you in all phases of career development.

What We Offer:

- Individual in-person/virtual career-coaching appointments
- Employer-related events
- Career-development events
- Job and internship opportunities via our career platform SPS Talent

As a Columbia SPS student, you have access to several subscription sites that CDL has made available at no cost to you. Make sure you take full advantage of these sites, as they can further assist in your career search and development.

- Big Interview
- Candid Career
- Firsthand
- GoinGlobal
- Google Interview Warm-up
- ImpactPool
- LinkedIn Learning
- Vmock

Empathy

We meet students where they are and provide individualized and customized coaching.

Our Mission

Our mission is to use the lens of design thinking to facilitate collaboration among students, alumni, employers, and faculty through holistic and innovative coaching and programming. We empower students to design and navigate agile, purpose-driven, and meaningful careers in a global and evolving workplace.

“Our career-advancement activities and workshops are designed in response to our students’ specific needs and provide them with skill enhancements they can apply immediately.”

Teresa Chan, Program Director, M.P.S. in Insurance Management



Creative

We provide creative career-design spaces both virtually and physically and strive for innovation.

Value-Driven

We practice reframing our perspectives with a growth mindset. We value efficiency and make data-informed decisions.

Authenticity

We build authentic and effective relationships.

Our Home: New York City



Our location in NYC offers students the unique opportunity to take advantage of one of the most diverse and dynamic places in the world. At our fingertips are a vast array of academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

8 million

people, an amazing percentage of whom are experts, visionaries, and global leaders

40

Broadway theaters

150

museums and countless galleries

100+

NYC-Columbia service and research partnerships

200+

libraries throughout New York City

Career-impacting events like industry conferences, speaker series, and networking opportunities are offered regularly.



AJAY SURESH, ALANKITASSIGNMENTS



Our students live and learn in one of the world's most dynamic and global cities, with access to a wealth of internships, as well as mentors and job opportunities in prominent firms, innovative start-ups, and influential organizations.



Arts and culture are experienced daily through museums and galleries, theaters, sporting events, fashion shows, thousands of restaurants, and more.

Columbia University HBCU Fellowship Program

In 2017, the Columbia University School of Professional Studies launched the HBCU Fellowship Program, which prepares talented, high-performing grads from HBCU schools (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) to lead and innovate through engagement, mentorship, and career development. Fellows receive a full scholarship to one of the School's master's degree programs, as well as on-campus housing, mentoring, career counseling, internship opportunities, and a stipend.



PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Full tuition
- On-campus housing
- Community engagement and programming
- Stipend
- Access to 385,000+ member global Columbia alumni network



Columbia SPS CUNY Fellowship

Columbia University School of Professional Studies (SPS) has launched a new fellowship program, the Columbia SPS CUNY Fellowship, for the 2024–25 school year. Building on the success of the Columbia HBCU Fellowship, this SPS program provides high-achieving recent CUNY graduates access to Columbia’s vast academic, professional, and community resources.

Fellows are awarded a full-tuition scholarship to participate, full-time or part-time, in SPS master’s degree programs.

The purpose of this fellowship is to equip recent CUNY graduates with the academic and professional competencies to navigate their respective industries while also empowering them to be innovative problem solvers on the city, state, and global level.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **High-touch networking sessions**
- **Professional development**
- **Columbia tuition and fees, including medical insurance, will be covered**



Alumni

Upon graduation, you automatically become a member of the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA), a global network of 385,000+ Columbia University alumni, and the School of Professional Studies Alumni Association, a global network of 14,000+ alumni from 70+ countries. As an alum, you will continue to receive support for your personal and professional goals through the many resources we offer.

The relationships you build at Columbia will broaden your professional network. The interactions among diverse and accomplished students, access to the Columbia University community, and our network of alumni in various industries are invaluable benefits to help you as you develop your career.

Columbia SPS graduates are leaders across sectors and a wide variety of industries. They hold positions in Fortune 500 companies, run global nonprofits, shape government policies, and start innovative enterprises. Alumni from the School of Professional Studies make up a global community of scholars and professionals who are making a difference in the world.



“SPS has allowed for a challenging academic experience all while working my full-time job—which has granted me the ability to advance as a professional and student. I look forward to taking the lessons of leadership I’ve learned and applying them in a real-world setting.”

Jenna Carr, M.S. in Nonprofit Management



ALUMNI RESOURCES

- Career connections and networking opportunities
- Connect with fellow Columbians on Columbia University's Alumni Community portal
- Access to the Career Design Lab
- Access to Columbia libraries
- CAA Arts Access, *Columbia Magazine*, and exclusive discounts
- Auditing and Lifelong Learner programs that offer exclusive access to courses, podcasts, seminars, and other online learning opportunities
- Join a Regional Alumni Club or Shared Interest Group to stay engaged globally

Admissions and Financial Aid

Admissions Requirements¹

NON-DEGREE	MASTER'S DEGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed application form• Nonrefundable application fee• Résumé ¹• Letters of recommendation ¹• Statement of Academic Purpose• Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions ²• Students whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed application form• Nonrefundable application fee• Résumé• Letters of recommendation ¹• Statement of Academic Purpose• Supplemental essay ¹• Video essay• Test scores ¹• Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions ²• Students whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency

¹ Requirements vary per program. Please refer to the program website for the most accurate information.

² International coursework: Students who have completed coursework at an international institution are required to submit any international transcripts through WES. More detailed information about this and all of our other requirements can be found on our website.

Financial Resources

We realize that financing your studies is a major investment in your future. A degree from Columbia maximizes the return on your investment to create opportunities of limitless potential. Many SPS students tap into different combinations of personal savings, loans, external scholarships or grants, and partial or full sponsorship from employers. Our Office of Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Office of Student Financial Planning, assists with the process of obtaining the right resources to finance your education.

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL PLANNING

- [Outside funding sources](#)
- [Merit fellowships](#)
- [Federal loans and work study](#)
- [Private loan programs](#)
- [U.S. military veterans assistance programs](#)
- [Columbia University Scholarship for Displaced Students](#)
- [Columbia University HBCU Fellowship Program](#)

SPS Programs of Study

With 18 master's degrees and a variety of flexible courses and formats, our rigorous programs meet students where they are and take them where they want to go—on their terms and throughout their lives.

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Please check each program's website for updated information.



M.S. in Actuarial Science

Columbia's Master of Science in Actuarial Science program is internationally renowned for its breakthrough curriculum and esteemed faculty. The program equips students with actuarial expertise and predictive modeling and data science skills to excel in today's rapidly evolving workplace. Students experience a course of study that anticipates and exceeds industry needs. The program fosters leaders by having students learn from experts and leading practitioners, as well as develop soft skills and work experience for future success. Upon completion of the program, students will be well positioned to pursue designations from leading actuarial societies, and will be prepared to assume major responsibilities in careers in insurance, finance, and data analytics.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Knowledge of elementary economics, linear algebra, and multivariate calculus

ON-CAMPUS; 3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 3 YEARS PART-TIME

Certificate of Professional Achievement

Required Experience: Strong academic record in mathematics, statistics, economics, or quantitative studies

ONLINE; 3 YEARS (6 CONSECUTIVE TERMS)

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The program equips students with actuarial expertise and predictive modeling and data science skills to excel in today's rapidly evolving workplace.

FEATURES

- A leading-edge curriculum that includes predictive modeling, machine learning, risk management, and financial markets and investments in addition to a solid actuarial foundation
- A course of study that inspires career success by preparing students to undertake main actuarial paths, and insurance, finance, and data analytics professions. Additionally, the program prepares students for the associateship examinations
- Core courses taught by faculty who have Ph.D.s, industry designations, and deep industry experience
- Participation from nearly 200 industry leaders, potential employers, and alumni including CEOs, CFOs, chief risk officers, and executives from leading actuarial associations, who interact directly with students through courses and special events
- A lifelong community of peers to connect with



"The program offers in-person networking opportunities you wouldn't find elsewhere."

Susan S.
'18SPS, Actuarial Science

M.S. in Applied Analytics

Rapid innovation in data collection and processing technologies requires organizations to find professionals who can use data to deliver insights. Columbia’s Master of Science in Applied Analytics program prepares students with the practical data and leadership skills to succeed. The program combines in-depth knowledge of data analytics with the leadership, management, and communication principles necessary to impact decision-making at all levels in an organization.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Individuals looking to enhance decision-making using data across a wide range of functions, including finance, operations, marketing, or sales.

FEATURES

- Exposure to analytical tools, methods and management skills to address diverse business challenges
- Learn how to influence an organization’s strategic direction through the implementation of analytics processes
- Learn to source, store, and model the data needed to answer questions and produce value

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)
Required Experience: Ability to demonstrate critical thinking and leadership skills
ON-CAMPUS (OR ONLINE FOR PART-TIME OPTION); 3 CONSECUTIVE TERMS FULL-TIME OR 6 CONSECUTIVE TERMS PART-TIME

Note: Students registered in an on-campus option may participate in on-campus and online courses. Students registered in the online option may participate only in online courses. The summer term is optional for full-time students.



“The program provides the skills to bridge the gap between business practices and technology.”

José Manuel Peña Mendez
'17SPS, Applied Analytics
Managing Partner, Analytics and AI
Connecta Labs | AI

M.S. in Bioethics

Columbia's Master of Science in Bioethics program is multidisciplinary at its core, with partners and advisers from the university's nationally ranked top-10 programs in medicine, law, public health, business, journalism, international affairs, and philosophy. The program grounds students in interdisciplinary approaches and models to address the most pressing bioethical challenges. The program prepares students to act as responsible and responsive leaders in this ever-growing field.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Professionals, graduates, and recent undergraduates (premed and prelaw) who work or plan to work in health care, law, policy, advocacy, consulting, or related fields.

FEATURES

- An innovative, highly interdisciplinary curriculum
- Accreditation: obtain Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit
- Two program formats: on-campus or fully online
- Master's thesis: conduct research and/or literature review and analysis

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Professional or academic experience or interest in health care, biotechnology, and related fields

ON-CAMPUS* OR ONLINE*; 3 OR 6 TERMS; MASTER'S THESIS

Dual Degree in Bioethics and Public Health (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Professional or academic experience or interest in health care, biotechnology, and public health

ON-CAMPUS OR HYBRID (ON-CAMPUS AND ONLINE)

Certification of Professional Achievement

Required Experience: Professional or academic experience or interest in health care, biotechnology, and related fields

ON-CAMPUS AND ONLINE; UP TO 3 YEARS, PART-TIME

** Switching between on-campus and online is possible with administrative approval.*

"Bioethics should be an integral part of medical training from the beginning."

Dr. Seth Waldman

'19SPS, Bioethics

Director, Division of Pain Management at the Hospital for Special Surgery, NYC; Clinical Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology, Cornell University

M.S. in Construction Administration

Cities and towns are experiencing an unprecedented level of transformation. The New York metro area alone is currently constructing some of the largest and most advanced commercial, housing, and infrastructure projects in the nation. There has never been a greater need—or opportunity—for leaders in the burgeoning field of construction management. Columbia's Master of Science in Construction Administration program prepares graduates for a variety of careers at the forefront of construction and project leadership. Graduates develop rewarding careers with some of the world's most respected architecture, engineering, and construction firms, entrusted with delivering some of the most impactful projects of our time.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Those looking to advance or launch their own development, construction, or consulting firm. Individuals who want to ground themselves in construction management fundamentals, hone skills, and advance into upper levels of management.

FEATURES

- In-depth coverage of key topics in construction project management
- A distinguished faculty of scholar-practitioners and industry leaders
- Innovative curriculum focusing on commercial and residential building
- A capstone project: actionable management plan or project manual for a current New York City-based construction project

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: At least 2–3 years industry experience, family business experience, or strong internship experience

ON-CAMPUS; 3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR 6–10 TERMS PART-TIME;
CAPSTONE PROJECT



"The network support equipped me with leadership opportunities in my area of focus, and I landed a dream job projecting into a bright future ahead."

Claire Mo

'21SPS, Construction Administration
General Superintendent, Delta CM Team, LaGuardia Airport; youngest general superintendent of a megaproject in the United States

M.S. in Enterprise Risk Management

Columbia's Master of Science in Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program prepares you to inform risk-reward decisions at the highest levels. Learn how to provide a complete, robust, and integrated picture of both upside and downside volatility across an entire enterprise. Enhance the strategic planning process and increase the likelihood of an organization's achieving its goals by applying a value-based ERM approach and balancing technical ERM skills with effective communication skills.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Individuals who plan to pursue or advance a career in enterprise risk management and expand their abilities in specialized risk management areas.

FEATURES

- A customizable course of study: flexible course study
- A practical approach: develop tools that have been tested in the marketplace
- A focus on all risk sources, including strategic, operational, financial, and insurance risk

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE (LIVE INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM);
3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 6 TERMS PART-TIME

Certification of Professional Achievement (Full-time or Part-time)

ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE (LIVE INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM)*; 1–4 TERMS

Non-Credit Courses

ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE (LIVE INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM);
CUSTOM TIME COMMITMENT

* Switching between on-campus and online instruction requires administrative approval.



"Companies were specifically interested in my risk management experience. So I consistently referred back to the program. ...I received a lot of offers."

Molly Sun

'17SPS, Enterprise Risk Management
Product Manager, Cloud Platform, AutoDesk

M.S. in Human Capital Management

Organizations that view human resources as merely business-serving are rapidly falling behind in the global marketplace. Now more than ever, organizations need innovative, business-driving strategies that address human capital challenges through data-driven, market-based insights and organization-wide integrated solutions.

Columbia University’s Master of Science in Human Capital Management (HCM) program prepares graduates to be world-class HCM strategists able to address changing needs in building and motivating talented, engaged workforces in the private, public, academic, and not-for-profit sectors. Graduates are prepared to advance their careers while driving organizational excellence in the new world of work.

FEATURES

- An agile approach that anticipates and adapts to changes in the field
- A faculty of world-class scholar-practitioners
- An innovative and analytics-driven curriculum designed for real-world application and career growth
- Join a global network of distinguished faculty, career coaches, and cohort peers who engage in relevant and timely discussions about workplace challenges, aspirations, and HCM trends
- The curriculum is designed for immediate, real-world application and career growth. There are multiple opportunities to explore and discuss personal work challenges and aspirations with faculty, career coaches, and other students

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)
Required Experience: Seasoned professionals with a minimum of 3 years of experience
ON-CAMPUS OR ONLINE*; 3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 6 TERMS PART-TIME

**Please inquire about the intake terms available for the full-time online option.*

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Emerging human capital management professionals who want to enhance their skill set and grow in their careers.

More senior HCM professionals who want to broaden their skill set and understanding of key HCM issues and solutions so that they are ready to move up or across the HCM career ladder.

Individuals experienced in a non-HCM role who want to transition to a role in human capital management.

Individuals with three or more years of leadership experience outside of HCM who are looking to add to their professional knowledge and skill set.

Recent undergraduates who have relevant professional experience through an internship or volunteer work. Undergraduate applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.



“The connection between human capital management and financial performance is often considered elusive. The HCM program provided me with the tools to make those connections tangible so I can effectively leverage HCM as a key differentiator in driving strategy and financial performance.”

Ramona Garcia
’20SPS, Human Capital Management



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M.S. in Information & Knowledge Strategy

Whether you are an analyst or CEO—in the private sector or at an NGO or a nonprofit—you have at your fingertips a deluge of data and fast-evolving analytical tools to gather intelligence about your own organization, your partners and competitors, and your customers. But how do you separate the signal from the noise? How do you use both the data and the human talent in your organization to arrive at smarter, more innovative management decisions? Enter Columbia's Master's in Information & Knowledge Strategy (IKNS).

Grounded in the field of knowledge management, our interdisciplinary curriculum will provide you with foundations in information science, organizational psychology, and change management as well as practical skills in project management and executive leadership to dramatically increase your impact.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (STEM)

PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME

ONLINE OR ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON A VISA



"The program helped me understand who needed to know what, where, and when so that we could be much more effective and efficient as an organization."

Ben Royce

'13SPS, Information and Knowledge Strategy
Lecturer; Business Development, Cloud AI
Services, Google

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Mid-career subject-matter experts in data- and analytics-oriented professions who seek to broaden their qualifications with management and strategic leadership skills

Entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs with the drive to transform ideas into lasting change

Future CIOs, CTOs, CKOs, and CPOs

FEATURES

- **Flexibility:** IKNS students choose half of their courses freely from any department across Columbia, to suit their own intellectual and professional goals
- **Multidisciplinary curriculum:** Not interested only in data science or business, in psychology or social science? IKNS core courses integrate a wide range of technical and people skills for better managing any organization
- **Excellence:** IKNS faculty include current and former executives at Accenture, Google, IBM, and NASA
- **Access:** IKNS students enjoy a community of alumni in coveted positions, including at Alphabet, Harvard Business Publishing, Nike, Pfizer, and the World Bank

M.P.S. in Insurance Management

Columbia's Master of Professional Studies in Insurance Management program prepares new and experienced insurance and risk professionals to lead the transformation of traditional insurance business management, blending advanced industry knowledge with strategic and operational expertise. Solutions to real-world issues created in the program have immediate application and impact in the workplace and help shape the future of the industry.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Insurance professionals and career changers with 2+ years of professional experience in underwriting, operations, business development, risk management, analytics, law, broker and agency sales, and product development.

FEATURES

- Cohesive curriculum demonstrates integration of key business functions and their impact on diverse stakeholders' interests
- Problem-based learning from scholar-practitioners with global experience across broad lines of business
- Focus on innovation and the ideation of viable business solutions in a collaborative and interactive environment
- Balanced asynchronous learning with opportunities for synchronous engagement
- Build community with peers, lecturers, and guest speakers as well as the program's Corporate Advisory Network

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Master of Professional Studies (Part-time)

Required Experience: 2+ years of professional experience

SCHEDULE DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS OR FULL-TIME STUDENTS: Part-time domestic and international students take courses online

ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION,
TWO IN-PERSON RESIDENCIES AT THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE PROGRAM*;
4 CONSECUTIVE TERMS, SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 16 MONTHS, PART-TIME; APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECT

** Domestic students are required to participate in the residencies on Columbia's campus in New York City. International students are welcome to attend the in-person residencies. International students who cannot participate in-person will be able to participate remotely.*

"This program has given me behind-the-scenes industry knowledge that would take decades of field experience to obtain. The course lecturers are truly giving back to an industry in which they excelled."

Jay C.

'21SPS, Insurance Management



M.S. in Narrative Medicine

The Columbia University Master of Science in Narrative Medicine program prepares health professionals, writers, and scholars to apply the skills and values of narrative understanding to improve outcomes for both patients and caregivers, and to investigate issues pertinent to health and health care in a rigorous transdisciplinary setting.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

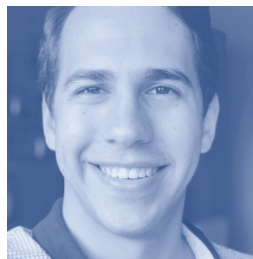
Required Qualifications: U.S. bachelor's degree or international equivalent

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME; 38 POINTS FOR DEGREE COMPLETION; ON-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION ONLY; FULL-TIME: 2 TERMS TO COMPLETE; PART-TIME: 2–6 YEARS TO COMPLETE; OPTIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDY/CAPSTONE

Certification of Professional Achievement

Required Qualifications: U.S. bachelor's degree or international equivalent

PART-TIME AND ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE. TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATION, STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE 5 ONLINE COURSES AND 1 NON-CREDIT WORKSHOP, IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY. COURSES ARE 10 WEEKS LONG AND CAN BE TAKEN DURING THE FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER TERMS. STUDENTS HAVE 3 YEARS IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION. STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM AND WHO ARE ADMITTED TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE MAY TRANSFER THE EQUIVALENT OF 6 M.S. ELECTIVE CREDITS.



"I wanted to enter medical school with skills that will allow me to become a better physician, and to engage in research projects that explore the stories of patients."

Ramón Martínez

'18SPS, Narrative Medicine; Clinical Research Coordinator at Columbia University Irving Medical Center

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Narrative medicine is an interdisciplinary field that brings powerful narrative skills of radical listening and creativity from the humanities and the arts to address the needs of all who seek and deliver health care. It enables patients and caregivers to voice their experience, to be heard, to be recognized, and to be valued, improving the delivery of health care. This evolving transdisciplinary field of enquiry addresses issues of structural inequality and social justice in health care.

FEATURES

- A multidisciplinary curriculum in which students learn from collaborating closely with both faculty and peers
- Personalized career guidance to help achieve your personal and professional goals
- Access to acclaimed faculty including clinicians and non-clinicians, primary thought leaders and practitioners in the field, and experts in creative writing to anthropology
- Access to Columbia's narrative medicine community and an extensive alumni network and resources

M.S. in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Conflict resolution skills are essential for forging and stewarding successful relationships between people, communities, and organizations. Columbia's Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution program prepares students to analyze the root causes and dynamics of conflict and to transform disputes through reasoned and resourceful interventions. With courses led by some of the world's premier scholar-practitioners in negotiation and conflict resolution, the program focuses on developing self-awareness, tenacity, and interpersonal competency; building common ground; opening lines of communication; ensuring representation and recognition; and building sustainable possibilities for resolution. Students graduate from the program with a unique combination of skills that are complementary to additional educational pursuits such as law school, international affairs graduate programs, and Ph.D. programs, and applicable in all sectors, including business, education, health care, and government.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Early- and mid-career professionals interested in accelerating their career, professionals pivoting or changing careers, and senior professionals in the field who want to expand their repertoire.

FEATURES

- **Dynamic curriculum rooted in multidisciplinary theory with a holistic approach to competency development in both course and networking offerings**
- **Multi-semester capstone project that applies theoretical understanding and a research-supported pragmatic approach to transform real-world conflict**
- **Access to a diverse and experienced community of faculty, 450+ alumni, and fellow students to expand networking potential, explore mentorship opportunities, and support career and academic goals**

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time and Part-time)

SCHEDULE DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS OR FULL-TIME STUDENTS; CLASSES MEET ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS
Start Term: Fall

Master of Science (Hybrid)

SCHEDULE DESIGNED FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS OR FULL-TIME STUDENTS; MUST BE IN NYC FOR THE IN-PERSON INTENSIVE RESIDENCY DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER
Start Term: Spring



"In the NECR program, I learned results-based management, participatory action research, and network weaving. These specific approaches enabled me to bring together communities to distribute resources effectively. It also taught me to devise a strategy to create sustainable change and to evaluate the performance of programs."

Nicole Drepaul

'20SPS, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

M.S. in Nonprofit Management

Located in NYC, the global center of the business and nonprofit world, Columbia's M.S. Nonprofit Management program prepares graduates to meet the challenge of measuring impact, doing more with less, and helping to meet unmet needs here in the U.S. and around the world. The program's goal is that students gain the confidence, contacts, and knowledge needed to become effective and exemplary leaders in the nonprofit sector.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Professional experience or interest in mission-driven work

ON-CAMPUS IN NYC (OR ONLINE FOR PART-TIME OPTION), CAPSTONE PROJECT, FOCUS ON STUDY THROUGH ELECTIVE COURSEWORK; 3 TERMS OR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FULL-TIME; UP TO 6 TERMS OR UP TO 3 YEARS PART-TIME

Master of Science (Flexible options)

ON-CAMPUS IN NYC: FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME; ONLINE: PART-TIME



"The caliber of my fellow student cohort members and the professors was impressive; I really do think this program is in a class of its own—it really is the flagship."

Kyle Remington Matthew Layne
'21SPS, Nonprofit Management
Senior Partner Success Strategist, FreeWill;
Founder & Principal, PROMethean IMPACT

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Career changers and experienced and new nonprofit professionals who want to pursue roles with increased executive responsibilities.

FEATURES

- Program is a hands-on, interactive, small-class environment in which everyone can learn and thrive
- Faculty are scholar-practitioners, who are leaders in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector
- Capstone Project that pairs students with real-life clients to solve real-world challenges
- New courses include Social Design Thinking, Global Challenges and the Common Good, and DEIA at Work: Leading Inclusive Organizations

M.S. in Political Analytics

Drawing on Columbia University’s academic strength in the quantitative social sciences—particularly political science and public policy, statistics, mathematical modeling, and applied analytics—this program meets the needs of learners who aspire to a career in political analytics and consulting.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

This nonpartisan program is designed for students from diverse political and professional backgrounds.

FEATURES

- Gain foundational knowledge, fluency in theoretical and empirical research methods, analytics capabilities, technical skills, and applied practice to impact decision-making at all levels of political analysis
- Develop core leadership competencies that are essential for high-impact management as well as changing the behavior and the culture of organizations with an emphasis on how to introduce analytic methods and results
- Have a strong command of how to navigate the legal and regulatory landscape that governs elections and campaign strategy and execution, and acquire special proficiency in external communications

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time and Part-time)

Online and On-Campus Instruction

Required Experience: Recent graduates of political science, quantitative science, public administration, public affairs, social science programs, or related professional experience.

3 CONSECUTIVE TERMS FULL-TIME OR 6 CONSECUTIVE TERMS PART-TIME



“One of the key goals of this program is to narrow the gap between substantive political professionals and those involved on the technical analytic side. The program teaches analytics in an explicitly political context, facilitating crosswalk with nontechnical professionals and decision-makers.”

Gregory J. Wawro, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science,
Program Director



M.S. in Sports Management

Columbia's Master of Science in Sports Management program features a leading-edge, market-influenced curriculum along with unparalleled access to sports industry leaders and experts.

Your Columbia. Your city. Your faculty.
Your curriculum.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Young professionals who aspire to have a career in sports, current sports professionals who want to enhance their skill sets and advance their careers, and career-changing professionals who want to transition to a sports career.

FEATURES

- A dynamic, best-in-class curriculum covering all aspects of sports business with leading-edge content that captures current market dynamics and anticipates future trends
- The program takes advantage of Columbia's New York City setting by providing real-time business solution courses, extensive industry networking, internship, and employment opportunities across the sports industry
- An esteemed faculty including industry thought leaders, experts, and current practitioners associated with many of the biggest brands in sports
- Top academic partnerships, including FC Bayern Munich, LaLiga North America, United States Olympic and Paralympic Properties, the NFL, and Real Madrid Graduate School—Universidad Europea, that offer students valuable knowledge and training for what lies ahead in sports management

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Professional experience or interest in the sports industry

FULL-TIME STUDENTS EARN A DEGREE IN 1–1½ YEARS;

PART-TIME STUDENTS EARN A DEGREE IN 2–4 YEARS;

ON-CAMPUS; CURRICULUM OFFERS INTERNSHIPS AND INTEGRATIVE PROJECTS



"The Sports Management program is taught by industry professionals, people who have done it in real life, people who have the experience and can point back to it."

Andrew Hawkins

'17SPS, Sports Management
Co-Founder/Chief Business Officer,
StatusPRO, Analyst and On-Air Talent,
NFL Network; Cohost, *Uninterrupted's*
The ThomaHawk Show; Former NFL
Wide Receiver

M.S. in Strategic Communication

Columbia's Master of Science in Strategic Communications program is designed to respond to the urgent need for strategic perspectives, critical thinking, and exceptional communication skills at all levels of the workplace and across all types of organizations.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Executive Path:

Seasoned professionals with 6+ years of experience in leadership roles seeking to simultaneously work and study online.

Part-Time Path:

Mid-career professionals seeking to simultaneously work and study online.

Full-Time Path:

Early-career professionals or career changers seeking to immerse themselves in full-time on-campus graduate study.

FEATURES

- Cultivate the global perspectives needed to succeed at global organizations
- Develop effective communication strategies and thinking habits that will allow you to offer strategic counsel to any organization
- Learn how to use research methods, digital analytics, and other communication tools in an integrated, strategic way
- Demonstrate your mastery of strategic communication by completing an in-depth capstone project

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science in Strategic Communication: Executive Path

Required Experience: 6+ years of experience as a communication leader

STUDY WHILE EMPLOYED: can be based in or outside greater NYC area

HYBRID: combination of on-campus and online instruction

Duration: 16 months, part-time; not visa-eligible

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Required Experience: Early-career communication professionals or career changers; open to international students

FULL-TIME PATH: On-campus, must be based in greater NYC area

Duration: 12 or 16 months; F1 visa-eligible

PART-TIME PATH: On-campus and online instruction. Study while employed; may be based in or outside the greater NYC area

Duration: up to 3 years, part-time; not visa-eligible



"One of the best parts of my education at Columbia was my capstone project. The confluence of a real-world experience while applying new learnings in real time provided new insights with regard to data, persuasive communication, and leadership."

Gloria Chin

'18SPS, Strategic Communication
Deputy Communications Director, Office of Mayor Eric Adams

M.S. in Sustainability Management

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The program is customized for working professionals. Degree recipients receive the knowledge, training, and tools to tackle our most complex and disruptive environmental and natural resource problems, with the goal of establishing a sustainable world.

This program combines environmental sustainability, economics, management, environmental science and public policy to enable leaders to steward organizations to sustainable practices.

The curriculum prepares students for careers in the dynamic and rapidly changing field of sustainability, and emphasizes the practical skills and core knowledge that practitioners need to face both the known challenges of the present, as well as the unforeseen challenges of the future.

FEATURES

- Courses taught by the world’s premier sustainability academics and researchers, along with the leading sustainability practitioners in NYC
- Rigorous curriculum bolstered by the leading-edge research of the Columbia Climate School’s Earth Institute and its Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- Students learn the use of innovative management tools and quantitative analysis to help business, government, and nonprofit organizations address environmental impacts and risks
- Prepares students for management careers that place an emphasis on strategic and financial analysis
- Emphasis on the physical dimensions of sustainability (e.g., water, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, environmental infrastructure), general and financial management, economics, quantitative analysis, and public policy

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Start Term: Spring or Fall

AS FEW AS 3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 9 TERMS PART-TIME

Certifications

Start Term: Spring or Fall

UP TO 4 TERMS



“I feel better equipped to go into a corporation and navigate the process of integrating sustainability into business.”

Ame Igharo
'17SPS, Sustainability Management
Sustainability Consultant,
Strategist, and Marketer

M.S. in Sustainability Science

Columbia's Master of Science in Sustainability Science program is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in technical aspects of sustainability, helping organizations better understand, predict, and address environmental impacts.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The M.S. in Sustainability Science is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in technical aspects of sustainability. Ideal candidates have an undergraduate degree in engineering, math, science, or a related field.

FEATURES

- Five areas of study: Integrative Courses in Sustainability, Methods of Earth Observation and Measurement, Analysis and Modeling Environmental Conditions and Impacts, Scientific Tools for Responding to Sustainability Challenges, and Sustainability Policy or Management
- More than 200 rigorous environmental and sustainability courses each year
- Access to the Columbia Climate School's Earth Institute and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory resources
- Applied coursework teaches the use of cutting-edge scientific methods, instruments, and tools that students can employ to help organizations address environmental impacts and risks, pollution control, and remediation
- A diverse learning community of seasoned working professionals and more recent college graduates

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

Start Term: Spring or Fall

AS FEW AS 3 TERMS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 9 TERMS PART-TIME



"People need more tools to see how their actions impact the world and vice versa. However, few models allow for scalability between individual, community, and national effects. This program has allowed me to develop prototype models that address that."

Isabela Brown

'20SPS, Sustainability Science

M.S. and Executive M.S. in Technology Management

Technology is disrupting and transforming businesses across industries—and it's driving the demand for skilled leaders who can understand and implement technology in a strategic, future-oriented way. At Columbia, we equip students with the knowledge, skills, and connections they'll need to do just that.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science (Full-time or Part-time)

ON-CAMPUS IN NYC AND CAPSTONE PROJECT; 1 YEAR FULL-TIME
OR UP TO 2 YEARS PART-TIME

"Several of the things you learn in class you could actually incorporate the next day in your livelihood."

Kelvin Blasse

'20SPS, Technology Management

Vice President, Cybersecurity Incident Response

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Diverse industries and specializations are represented in every incoming class.

For M.S. (Full-time or Part-time):

No prior experience in the technology field is required. Experienced and new professionals who are interested in learning how to be technology leaders are encouraged to apply.

For Executive M.S.: Individuals with 10 or more years of professional experience seeking a CIO, CTO, CAO, COO, CEO, CSO, or CDO position or an entrepreneurial role. Individuals with 7 to 9 years of relevant professional experience should contact the admissions counselor to discuss whether this option would be a good fit.

FEATURES

- **Capstone project:** students critically assess and creatively address a real-world challenge, culminating in an oral defense in front of an executive panel
- **Alumni:** Graduates have gone on to secure dynamic roles in a range of organizations, including Disney+, HSBC, Bain & Company, Microsoft, Deutsche Bank, Accenture, Bank of America, Venmo, Cisco, and Morgan Stanley
- **The chance to select a specialized area of focus** based on your interests and professional goals
- **A faculty encompassing world-class technology leaders**

M.P.S. in Wealth Management

Columbia University's Master of Professional Studies in Wealth Management program prepares experienced and aspiring wealth management professionals to meet the disruptive challenges of today's industry. Designed for the working professional, the rigorous curriculum connects advanced theory with practical applications while providing students with the educational requirements for CFP® certification.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Master of Professional Studies (Part-time)

Required Experience: Minimum 2 years of professional experience

- Online asynchronous coursework
- 30 points for degree completion
- Four consecutive semesters; 16 months to complete program
- Two on-campus residencies*
- Fall intake only
- Capstone project
- Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) Board-registered program

** Domestic students are required to participate in the residencies on Columbia's campus in New York City. International students are welcome to attend the in-person residencies. An online version of the residencies is available only for international students who cannot attend in person.*

"With financial advisers competing for higher value to clients and the impact of fintech risking automation of services, it is crucial to refocus talent in the wealth management industry."

Matthias K.
Lecturer in Wealth Management

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Current wealth management professionals seeking career advancement.

Career changers who want to become wealth managers.

Consultants, accountants, lawyers, and tax specialists looking to advance their overall knowledge and expertise in wealth management.

Professionals looking to start their own Registered Investment Advisor or family office.

Individuals looking to satisfy the educational requirements necessary to obtain their CFP® certification.

FEATURES

- **Leading industry scholar-practitioners with deep applied experience deliver a rigorous and cohesive curriculum built around problem-based learning**
- **Dynamic and innovative courses such as Special Topics in Wealth Management: Disruptive Trends; Financial Psychology; and the 3Cs: Communication, Counseling, and Client Relationship Management**
- **Part-time, online asynchronous instruction within a flexible yet structured 16-month time frame, with opportunities for synchronous engagement**
- **Build community with peers, faculty, advisory council members, guest lecturers, and alumni from leading wealth management firms**

Fall, Spring, and Summer Visiting Students

For students seeking to take a deep dive into an area of interest or incorporate a cross-disciplinary perspective into their studies, the Visiting Students program offers those enrolled in a degree program at another institution the specialized, world-class instruction that one would expect in the Ivy League. As a visiting student, you are enrolled alongside matriculated Columbia degree students and earn credits that may be used toward graduation at your home institution.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Students who are currently enrolled in a master's degree or other graduate program at another university.*

**TOEFL iBT score of 100+, 7+ on the IELTS, or DET Duolingo English Test score of 120+ required*

FEATURES

- **Work with an adviser to create a customized schedule to reflect your individual academic and career goals**
- **Select from 3,000+ University undergraduate and graduate courses**
- **Get full access to Columbia resources, including the libraries, writing center, academic advisers, fitness center, and student services**

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

A maximum of 2 terms plus summer sessions; continuation into the second term is contingent on successful completion of the first.

"It was amazing to be in New York. I met a lot of people from the course, and I keep in touch with them. We'd go to museums on the free museum nights. It was fun to just walk everywhere in New York. I stayed for a week more after I finished the course and took advantage of my time in the city."

Tuna K.



Programs for Professionals: Postbaccalaureate Studies and Graduate School Preparation

A senior analyst looking to take a contemporary statistics class to refresh their knowledge. A graphic designer trying to pivot their career into a new field. A working parent who has always loved art history but never had a chance to study it during undergrad. An educator who is uncertain about committing to a long advanced-degree program. A former banker who is looking to reinvent their professional life with an academic boost. If you identify with one of these goal seekers, the Postbaccalaureate Studies program is designed for you.

Postbaccalaureate Studies is dedicated to assisting talented and motivated students who would like to pursue an abbreviated academic course of study outside of a degree-granting program. Rigorous undergraduate and graduate courses in more than 100 subject areas offer the opportunity to study with Columbia's distinguished faculty alongside matriculating degree candidates. And you won't be alone! Postbaccalaureate students work closely with academic advisers to develop a dynamic program tailored to their backgrounds and academic goals, culminating in a plan that is highly structured or extremely flexible. Take control of your future in the way that works best for you.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Bachelor's degree holders interested in university coursework outside of a degree-granting program.

FEATURES

- Work with an adviser to create a customized schedule to reflect your individual academic and career goals
- Select from 3,000+ University undergraduate and graduate courses
- Get full access to Columbia resources, including the libraries, writing center, academic advisers, fitness center, and student services

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Course-plan advising is provided on an individual basis, ensuring that students pursue a rigorous program of study appropriate to their academic goals.



Certificates/Certificates of Professional Achievement

Gain leading-edge insights, or prepare for advanced study. Certificates/CPAs are available in the following areas:

- Classics Certificate
- Critical Issues in International Relations
- Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
- Human Rights
- Psychology Certificate
- Quantitative Studies for Finance
- United Nations Studies

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Visit sps.columbia.edu/academics/certificates for more information on the modality of individual certificates.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Visit sps.columbia.edu/academics/certificates for more information on eligibility requirements for individual certificates.

FEATURES

- Make yourself more competitive in the job market
- Join the Columbia Network of more than 380,000 alumni upon completion of your certificate
- Get access to University resources

American Language Program

One of the oldest English language programs in the U.S., Columbia University's American Language Program (ALP) is a leader in the profession. The ALP offers a unique educational and cultural experience, providing rigorous academic English courses to help students reach their long-term academic, professional, or personal goals. The ALP's intensive programs are accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The ALP is open to students ages 17 years and older whose first language is not English. Applicants must already speak and understand English at pre-intermediate level to join the program.

FEATURES

- **Academic English:** improve the skills needed to study at university in the U.S.—presentations, note-taking, essay writing, discussions, and critical thinking
- **Thematic learning:** learn grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation by speaking and writing about different themes each week
- **Authentic materials:** increase vocabulary and improve comprehension by learning from newspaper and magazine articles, novels, plays, lectures, documentaries, movies, and more
- **U.S. culture:** expand your study beyond the classroom by learning about the city and country in which you are living
- **Also available:** English for Professional Purposes (summer); Advanced Academic Preparation (summer); Winter Institute (January)

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM OPTIONS

8 levels of study: Pre-intermediate to high advanced

Academic Year (Fall or Spring)

14 WEEKS; 18 HOURS PER WEEK

Summer (4, 8, or 12 weeks)

SHORT 4-WEEK COURSES; 18 HOURS PER WEEK

"Studying at ALP has given me the chance to cultivate my English skills and learn more about topics that are related to American society and the world, like history, art, and globalization. Learning these topics and many others has enhanced my knowledge and prepared me for my graduate studies. It has helped me in my future career."

Arwa Sharif, Saudi Arabia

Columbia University Pre-College Programs: Immersion

The Pre-College Immersion programs leverage the expertise of Columbia University, allowing students from around the world to connect and collaborate with award-winning Ivy League faculty and a diverse cohort of fellow students.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

The programs are open to students currently enrolled in Grades 9–12. The Summer Immersion program also invites students entering 9th Grade and graduating seniors to apply.

FEATURES

- Students select from more than 100 courses across the academic year and summer options for an in-depth examination of a specific subject area
- Interact with Columbia scholars and experts in their fields
- Engage with an international community of students
- Prepare for college and the admissions process through specially designed College Prep programs
- Participate in extracurricular activities like college-admissions panels, special-interest groups, and other student life programming
- Earn a Columbia University Certification of Participation and evaluation letter written by your instructor

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Academic Year Immersion

Offered in 2-hour sessions across 10 weeks. Students can choose up to 4 Saturday and/or Sunday courses, offered on mornings or afternoons in 2-hour sessions across 10 weeks.

- Fall Term: late September through early December
- Spring Term: late January through late March

Summer Immersion

For each session, students select 1 curricular option, and classes meet twice each day for 2-hour sessions.

- Session 1 (3 weeks): late June through mid-July
- Session 2 (3 weeks): mid-July through early August
- Session 3 (1 week): mid-August

"I have gained so much from this program, both academically and socially ... and love Columbia for its collaborative environment and rigorous education."

Allie T.

"[I gained] a deeper understanding and a clearer path for my future and how I would like to spend it. It also introduced me to classes as a Columbia student."

Iba H.

"An intro real-life experience in business creation, before I even got into college. ... What more could I want? I feel like I gained a pretty good fundamental basis of entrepreneurship and venture creation that will guide me in the future. I will be more flexible compared to the other starters and will have more self-confidence while making decisions."

Guamay K.

Columbia University Pre-College Programs: College Edge

The College Edge program gives you priceless experience at an Ivy League institution. Prepare for your undergraduate degree at Columbia University or other top-ranked colleges by taking classes alongside full-time Columbia students, earning credit for your transcript.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Students entering Grades 11 or 12 or first year of college in the fall.

FEATURES

- Access to the same courses as Columbia students
- An Ivy League achievement for your college transcript
- Academic advising and professional development
- Real-world experience at an Ivy League Institution

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Academic Year

During the fall and spring terms, College Edge students can choose from more than 3,000 academic courses in more than 100 subject areas. A single term runs for approximately 14 weeks.

Summer Sessions

During the summer term, College Edge students can choose from a wide variety of academic courses in more than 80 subject areas. Students choose from one or both of the 6-week Summer Sessions.

"The College Edge experience has allowed me to become more hardworking than I ever thought I could be, and I have made so many friends with such focus and drive."

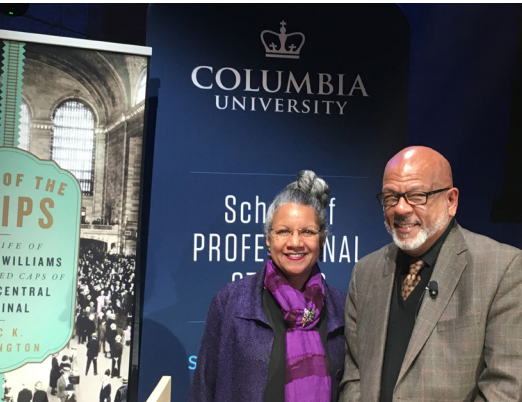
Timothy C.

"I had completed enough math at the Brearley School that I was able to take calculus at Columbia. I enjoyed the class so much that I continued taking math, physics, and theoretical computer science classes. I have almost completed the requirements for a math major at Columbia. I just found out that I've been accepted to Cambridge and Yale, and I'm looking forward to starting college!"

Francesca S.

In the Community

SPS is committed to engaging our communities with the resources and opportunities necessary to advance our neighbors’ education and careers. SPS works across the University to support partner programs including:



A’LELIA BUNDLES COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Bundles Community Scholars Program allows independent scholars from Upper Manhattan a formal opportunity to access Columbia resources and participate in the University’s intellectual life along with faculty, students, and other visiting scholars.

AUDITING AND LIFELONG LEARNING

The Auditing Programs invite adults to join the greater Columbia University community through select Arts and Science courses in subjects such as English, literature, history, religion, and philosophy.

OBAMA FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Obama Foundation Scholars Program gives rising leaders from the United States and around the world who are already making a difference in their communities the opportunity to take their work to the next level. Scholars participate in an immersive program that brings together academic, skills-based, and experiential learning, designed by Columbia University in consultation with the Obama Foundation.

JUSTICE-IN-EDUCATION (JIE) INITIATIVE

The Justice-in-Education Initiative brings educational programs to those impacted by our broken justice system and engages the Columbia community in the movement to end mass incarceration.

- **The Justice-in-Education Scholars Program**

Increasing educational opportunities for those directly affected by incarceration

- **Rikers Education Program**

Providing opportunities for young people at Rikers Island

- **Prison Education Program**

Bringing Columbia courses to students who are currently incarcerated

ATLANTIC FELLOWS IN RACIAL EQUITY PROGRAM

The Atlantic Fellows for Racial Equity Program supports accomplished leaders from diverse backgrounds to uncover and address the root causes of racial inequality and engage in strategic, long-term collaborative efforts for transformative social change. Through leadership development, community building, design labs, and narrative change, the program supports the personal development and capacity of these leaders and catalyzes broader social change activity, based on a view that both are required to achieve racial equity.

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