Dear New GS Student,

You are now fully and completely a student of Columbia University. Be proud of your accomplishments in the past and enjoy achieving even greater things both at Columbia and in your subsequent career. Make a point of exploring the many academic opportunities that Columbia offers and discover what makes you passionate.

I hope that, over the next weeks and months, you will make the effort to meet as many of your fellow GS students as you can, because you will learn as much from one another as you will from the amazing Columbia faculty. I cannot overstate what a significant contribution you make to the intellectual discourse on campus. In fact, the Columbia undergraduate classroom is different from all other Ivy League classrooms, because you add a dimension of diversity that the others lack, namely diversity of age and experience.

Finally, if you commit yourself fully to your Columbia education, you will find the experience to be transformative. All of the deans and staff at GS have one single purpose, to support your success. So be proactive in accessing the many different resources available to you.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

Congratulations and best wishes,

[Signature]

Professor Peter J. Awn
Dean
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ORIENTATION DAY
Orientation Day is dedicated to welcoming all new students to the School of General Studies and easing your transition into this academic and social community. It is full of information and resources that are important to your success at Columbia University. Your goal should be to get to know some fellow students and your advisor and to ask a lot of questions. This day is yours – make it work for you!

EXTENDED ORIENTATION
After a fun-filled and informative Orientation Day, there will be events continuing all week. These events, unlike most of the events on Orientation Day, are not mandatory; however, they should not be missed! There are many exciting things planned, from social events to informative sessions and workshops that will prepare you for what to expect and how to achieve optimal success here at Columbia University.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (NSOP)
The New Student Orientation Program (NSOP) is the University-wide Orientation Program for incoming students in the School of General Studies (GS), Barnard College (BC), Columbia College (CC), and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS). NSOP events are attended by students from all four of the undergraduate schools at Columbia. These events are denoted with “NSOP Event” throughout the Extended Orientation schedule.

ORIENTATION BADGE
One very important thing for you to remember when you attend any of the Orientation events is to ALWAYS bring your laminated orientation nametag; if you do not have it, you will not be admitted.

ORIENTATION UPDATES
The schedule of events contained in this booklet was up to date and correct at the time of printing. As it is possible that events may have been updated, please visit our website (www.gs.columbia.edu/orientation) for additional information. Also, please refer to the Guidebook smartphone app for any schedule updates.
GS ORIENTATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Have questions about GS Orientation? Feel free to contact us!
Online: www.gs.columbia.edu/orientation
Email: gsorientation@columbia.edu
Phone: 212-854-5890

REMEMBER TO ACTIVATE YOUR COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY EMAIL

Activating your CUNIX account as soon as possible is a must; this will get you access to multiple student services and online resources. Many classes now post syllabi and readings on Courseworks and require students to post written comments to a class bulletin board, so you should be prepared with an active account before classes start. In addition, GS sends reminders and official notices about deadlines, academic policies, and school events to your Columbia e-mail address. All emails to Columbia affiliates should be sent through your Columbia email, also known as LionMail. LionMail will be the primary method of communication between you and the University. All pertinent information regarding academics, student life, and financial aid will be emailed to your LionMail account.

Learn more about LionMail at http://cuit.columbia.edu/lionmail

YOUR COLUMBIA ID CARD (CUID)

So where do you obtain your ID? You must go to the ID Office in 204 Kent Hall after Orientation Day; they will take your photograph and print your CUID while you wait. Remember to bring a photo ID with you, such as your driver’s license.

You will need your CUID to get into many of Columbia’s buildings as well as the GS lounge in Lewisohn (if your card does not work, please go to 111A Low Memorial Library to have your card activated). You will also need your CUID for access to some campus events, and it can also be used to get discounts at neighborhood stores, discounted tickets for movies and cultural events such as Broadway shows through CUArts, and free entrance to various New York City museums. Getting your CUID should be a priority this week.

Learn more at www.columbia.edu/cu/id/

GETTING READY TO STUDY

Butler Library, Columbia’s main library, contains reserve readings for most courses and is open this week. Before most students return next week, we recommend that you visit the library and begin familiarizing yourself with the facilities. A library orientation session is highly recommended and is offered during Extended Orientation.
TRANSPORTATION

Bus and subway fares are $2.25 per ride. Buses only accept coins (no pennies or bills) or a MetroCard. MetroCards can be purchased at any subway station, including the 1 train station at 116th Street and Broadway. You can also get the 7-Day Unlimited Ride MetroCard for $29 or 30-Day Unlimited MetroCard for $104.

Additionally, transfers from bus to bus, subway to bus, or bus to subway are free for two hours by simply using the same MetroCard you used initially. You may not transfer from subway to bus or vice versa with single ride Metro Cards. You can transfer between subway trains as long as you don’t exit the turnstile.

Learn more at http://mta.info
Orientation Day Schedule
MONDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00-8:55 a.m.

Orientation Check-In for Incoming GS Undergraduates

Check in and enjoy breakfast with fellow incoming students and the GS Orientation Leaders.

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Overview of GS
Roone Arledge Cinema, Second Floor

Peter Awn  Dean of the School of General Studies
Lee C. Bollinger  President, Columbia University
Leslie Limardo  Acting Dean of Students
Jennifer Wisdom  President, General Studies Student Council
Matthew Renick  Student Body President, List College

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Individual Responsibility and Community Standards
Roone Arledge Cinema, Second Floor

This important plenary session will review with students Columbia’s Rules of Conduct and Community Standards especially as they pertain to academic freedom, academic integrity, freedom of speech, and personal conduct.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Group Meeting with Your Academic Advisor (Mandatory)
Learn more about the advising relationship and your advisor. Find out how your advisor can help you during your years at GS.

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Lunch
Ferris Booth (Third and Fourth Floors), Party Space, and 555 Lerner Hall

Pick up your boxed lunch and then join a lunch group to mix and mingle with fellow new students; you will be joined by Orientation Leaders who will welcome you, answer questions, and share tips and insights.
Focus on the Financials (Mandatory)
Roone Arledge Cinema, Second Floor
Skip Bailey, Director of Educational Financing
Daniel Rodriguez, Associate Director of Educational Financing

Find out about financial responsibilities and resources concerning how to
budget and pay for your GS education. Topics include understanding your
student account statement, late fees, and financial planning and advising.

Mandatory Academic Planning Session for GS/JTS Joint Program
Students
555 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor
Ana Maria Ulloa, Assistant Dean of Students

During this session, GS/ JTS Joint Program Student you will receive critical
information that will be relevant to your preparation for meeting with your
GS academic advisor later this week.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS
These brief breakout sessions are designed to give you more in-depth
information on certain topics, activities, and resources. Each of the 30 to 40
minute breakouts offers multiple sessions to choose from.

1:45-2:25 p.m. – BREAKOUT SESSION I

Jump Start Your Career with CCE: An Introduction for GS Students
Satow Room, Fifth Floor
Andrea DeMarco, Senior Associate Director, Center for Career Education

Learn how to best utilize and prioritize the extensive services provided by the
Center for Career Education (CCE). Understand how to effectively partner
with CCE, develop an action plan, and ultimately jump start your level of
preparedness to begin your job search after graduation! This workshop is repeated
at 3:10 p.m.
What are the Keys to Success at Columbia?

*Party Space, First Floor*

*Leslie Limardo, Acting Dean of Students*

*Melanie Rios, Manager for Academic Support Services*

Learn more about tutoring and academic support services, as well as practical tips and tools that will provide you with the confidence and direction to begin navigating your career as a student at GS.

Focus on Financials: Question and Answer

*568 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor*

*Skip Bailey, Director of Educational Financing.*

Skip Bailey, GS Director of Educational Financing, will respond to questions and review topics related to financial planning and resources, how to budget and pay for your GS education, how to understand your student account statement. *This session is repeated at 3:10 p.m.*

Getting to Know the Columbia Faculty

*Party Space, First Floor*

*Professor Peter Awn, Dean, School of General Studies*

*Victoria Rosner, Associate Dean, Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program*

One of the main reasons students enroll at Columbia is to be taught by our internationally-recognized faculty. Many times, however, undergraduates feel intimidated by the very professors they've come to study with (exactly what tone should one take, for example, when emailing a Nobel Prize winner?). This workshop, led by Professor Peter Awn from the Department of Religion, will cover the basics of appropriate student-professor etiquette (as well as the special role of teaching assistants), all of which will help you begin to establish cordial and professional interactions with members of the Columbia University faculty.
MONDAY, AUGUST 27

2:30-3:05 p.m. – BREAKOUT SESSION II

Mandatory Session: Premedical, Predental, Preveterinary & Allied Health Fields
569 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor

Andrew Sunshine, Director, Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program

This is a mandatory meeting for students who intend to apply to medical, dental, and veterinary school or graduate programs in allied health fields will cover academic and non-academic requirements for admission as well as for letters of recommendation from the GS Premedical Committee. If you are thinking about one of these fields but are not completely sure, you should attend this session to learn more about what is required.

GS Student Panel: Students Who Want to Get Involved
Broadway Room, Second Floor

Columbia University is full of opportunities that go far beyond academic life including clubs, special interest groups, sports, theatre, choirs, sororities, fraternities, etc. In addition, there are many enriching opportunities within GS itself—for example, joining the GSSC (General Studies Student Council). If want to make a difference within your GS community, want to get the most out of your GS experience, or want to try things you may have never done before then come and find out about the myriad ways you can get involved.

This workshop is repeated at 3:10 p.m.
GS STUDENT PANELS

GS is a unique school with students coming from all walks of life. Some students are parents returning to school, and some haven’t been on a college campus for over 20 years. Whatever your specific situation, there is at least one other GS student (if not more) that shares a similar story. You are never alone at GS!

The panels during this breakout session are conducted by the GS and Postbac Orientation Leaders as well as current students who would like to share the stories of their own transitions to Columbia. They will discuss specific resources that helped them in their transition which in turn may help you as you begin your journey at GS.

Choose a panel from the list on the next pages based on the area in which you think you will need the most support.

Working Students and Part-time Students
569 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor

Learn more about how to manage your job and academic life. Will you be able to have an active student life while at Columbia? What are the challenges of working while going to school? Meet other GS students who are balancing their work life and academic life successfully.

Students from Community Colleges
477 Lerner Hall, Fourth Floor

GS students come from all walks of life with many different backgrounds and experiences. One of the things that many GS students have in common is that they attended a community college before enrolling at Columbia. If you are one of these students, come and share your story—how you ended up at GS, your expectations for your experience here and hopes for your future, and anything else you’d like to share. Most importantly, get tips for a smooth transition from community college to Columbia University.
Students Who Want to Get Involved  
*Party Space, First Floor*

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International Students at Columbia University  
*503 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor*

Many GS students have come from all around the world to attend school at Columbia. Hear from current international students about their experiences moving to New York City, transitioning to Columbia, and meeting other students at GS.

Balancing School, Family, and Parenting  
*502 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor*

In this session, current GS undergraduate and Postbac Premed students will discuss and share their experiences about being a parent and/or being married while attending Columbia.

Student Veterans & NROTC: Transitioning from Service to School  
*Broadway Room, Second Floor*

Join current GS student-veterans who have successfully transitioned to academic life after serving in the armed forces for a meet and greet and tips on succeeding at Columbia.
Jump Start Your Career with CCE: An Introduction for GS Students  
*Satow Room, Fifth Floor*

*Andrea DeMarco, Senior Associate Director, Center for Career Education*

Learn how to best utilize and prioritize the extensive services provided by the Center for Career Education (CCE). This session will help you understand how to effectively partner with CCE, develop an action plan, and ultimately jump start your level of preparedness to begin your job search after graduation.

**Focus on Financials: Question and Answer**  
*568 Lerner Hall, Fifth Floor*

*Skip Bailey, Director of Educational Financing*

Skip Bailey, GS Director of Educational Financing, will respond to questions and review topics related to financial planning and resources, how to budget and pay for your GS education, how to understand your student account statement.

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**General Studies Student Council**

**Welcome Party**

Join us at  
**HAVANA CENTRAL**  
2911 Broadway (between 113th and 114th Streets)  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 27 AT 4:00 P.M.**
MONDAY, AUGUST 27

3:45-5:00 p.m.

**GS Academic Planning Session (APS)**  
*Satow Room, Fifth Floor*  
*Megan Massimiano, Assistant Dean of Students*

This mandatory Academic Planning Session (APS) is for those students who have not yet previously attended a session during the spring or summer of 2012. Students must attend prior to making an appointment with an advisor who will register you for classes. This is the last APS before the term starts. Attendance will be taken.

4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Quantitative Reasoning Placement Exam**  
*207 Mathematics Hall*

All new students must take the QR exam during Orientation week, unless they have taken it over the summer or are exempted from the exam on the basis of a designated SAT or ACT score or with transfer credits. No exceptions. Bring a calculator and your favorite pencil. In addition to this scheduled test time, other exam times are listed at [www.gs.columbia.edu/placement-exam-schedule](http://www.gs.columbia.edu/placement-exam-schedule) and in this booklet.

Orientation Leaders will meet outside of Roone Arledge Cinema and walk with you to the exam.

4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Wind Down, Relax, and Socialize at the Welcome Party**  
*Havana Central, 2911 Broadway (Between 113th and 114th Streets)*

Ready to sit back and relax? Come hang out with friends you’ve met today, friends you’ll meet tonight and friends you’ll make this week at local hot spot. The food is amazing, so we bought you some to try out!

*This event is sponsored by the General Studies Student Council (GSSC).*
EXTENDED ORIENTATION & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM (NSOP) SCHEDULES
MORNING EXERCISE

Monday-Friday, August 27-31

Running Start (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Get a head start on your day with a refreshing run through Riverside Park.

Sunrise Saunter (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Rise and shine with a leisurely stroll through Riverside Park.

Tuesday, August 28 and Thursday, August 30

Pilates (NSOP Event)
Barnard Studio 2, Basement of Barnard Hall
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Strengthen your body and mind with early morning Pilates. Mats provided.

Monday, August 27; Wednesday, August 29; Friday, August 31

Yoga (NSOP Event)
Barnard Studio 2, Basement of Barnard Hall
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Relax and rejuvenate with morning yoga. Mats provided.
Columbia Health
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Learn more about resources that support your well-being at Columbia. This session will provide an overview of the programs and services offered by Columbia Health as well as provide information about new student health requirements, such as immunizations, insurance selection, and the many resources offered.

Student Services at Columbia
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Learn about what Student & Administrative Services has to offer. You’ll hear from a CUIT representative who will explain Columbia’s IT resources and offer tips for keeping your computer safe. You will also learn about dining options for on-the-go students, neighborhood and campus shuttle services, where to get discounts with your University ID card, and other tips for using all of Columbia’s many resources.

GS Academic Resource Center Information Session
602 Lewisohn Hall
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Led by Melanie Rios, GS Manager of Academic Support Services, this information session will provide an overview of the Academic Resource Center’s (ARC) support services including free in-person tutoring and individual student consultations.
Veterans & NROTC Orientation  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 9:30 A.M.-5 P.M.

Incoming and current School of General Studies students are invited to attend a day-long orientation aimed at introducing military veteran and NROTC students to the resources available to them in support of their transitions from the armed forces to student life at Columbia.

Welcome Breakfast for Incoming GS Veterans and NROTC Students  
Faculty House, Presidential Ballroom  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Join us for an opportunity to meet both incoming and current GS student veterans and NROTC students. Welcome remarks will be made by Peter J. Awn, Dean of the School of General Studies.

The Alumni Student Connection  
Tuesday, August 28 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
GS Lounge, 308 Lewisohn Hall  
School of General Studies alumni will discuss how GS graduates are critical resources for GS students, providing networking and internship opportunities, career mentoring, moral support, inspiration, and encouragement. Lunch will be served. All new students are invited to attend.

Veterans and NROTC Benefits Presentation and Resource Fair  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Faculty House, Presidential Ballroom  
The afternoon session includes a presentation regarding Post 9/11 GI Bill and VA educational benefits and a panel discussion featuring current student veterans who will offer their insights about life at Columbia and in New York City.

The Veterans Resource Fair brings together representatives from Columbia University’s Center for Career Education, Counseling and Psychological Services, Office of Disability Services, and Columbia Health, alongside divisions of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and local veteran service organizations. Students will also have the opportunity to sign up for health insurance and obtain VA photo IDs on the spot.
The Alumni-Student Connection
*GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor*
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Think Alumni Affairs is only for graduates? Not at GS! At this session, you will meet some successful GS alumni who will provide connections with networking and internship opportunities, career mentoring, moral support, inspiration, and encouragement. Lunch will be provided.

Time Management
*602 Lewisohn Hall*
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

There’s always so much to do and never enough time to do it all, but now there’s a way to turn that all around. Join Leslie Limardo, Acting Dean of Students and turn over a new leaf. Leave your procrastinating ways behind you, and come to this workshop to learn tips that will help you get more organized.

*This session is repeated this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.*

GS Student-Led Campus Tour
*Visitors Center, 213 Low Library, Second Floor*
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join a GS undergraduate student for a tour of the Columbia University campus. Discover what it’s like to be a Columbia student, while learning more about the campus history and architecture, famous alumni and student life. Tours depart from the Visitors Center on the 2nd floor of Low Library.

*Another tour will be given on Thursday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m.*

Insider’s Guide to the Libraries
*203 Butler Library, Main Level*
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to navigate the libraries, access online scholarly resources, and get help with your research. This session will make your life at Columbia easier by explaining where to find and use books, films, course reserves, networked printing, study spaces, and the Libraries' mobile app. You will need your Columbia University ID to enter Butler Library.

*This session is repeated on Thursday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m.*
Tuesday, August 28

SPEED MEETING

7 p.m.

GS Lounge
Time Management
602 Lewisohn Hall
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Getting a Job on Campus
602 Lewisohn Hall
5:00 -6:00 p.m.

Join the Center for Career Education (CCE) staff to learn about the many Columbia resources for finding positions on and off campus, including navigating the LionSHARE job and internship database; exploring CCE-sponsored internship programs; effectively utilizing social media including Columbia Career Connections on LinkedIn in your search, and much more.

New Student Pizza Night
GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Before the Speed Meeting Party, we’ll be serving delicious New York City pizza. Get to know your fellow incoming GS students as well as the GS Orientation Leaders.

Speed Meeting Party
GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

You won’t want to miss the GS Speed Meeting Party! It’s the place to meet many new GS undergrad and Postbac students in a short amount of time. Build relationships and network by spending two minutes telling someone about yourself, and then spend two minutes learning about them. The Speed Meeting Party is the best way to learn about the diverse and amazing GS student body.
Resources for International Students at GS
602 Lewisohn Hall
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) staff will be available to meet GS students to address any questions about your immigration status and share information about upcoming events and opportunities. Additionally, an international student Peer Adviser will on hand for your student-to-student questions.

Note: If you reported your arrival in the U.S. with the online ISSO form (https://www1.columbia.edu/sec/cu/ isso/new_arrival_check_in.html), please bring your passport, I-94 card and I-20 with you to obtain a travel signature on your I-20 which is needed when you return to the U.S. from a trip abroad. The signature is valid for a year.

How to Take Great Notes
602 Lewisohn Hall
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Those in-class doodles show off your artistic side, but they don’t help when it’s time to study for exams. If you need a little help taking great notes, then this is the workshop for you. Leslie Limardo, Acting Dean of Students, will provide you with the tools you need to help organize your notes and use your notes to prepare for exams.

Studying Abroad at GS
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Led by Vanessa Karahalios, Assistant Dean of Students and Study Abroad Advisor, this information session will help you learn about study abroad opportunities and begin planning for your study abroad experience.

Academic Resources Fair (NSOP Event)
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Academic Resources Fair will provide you with the opportunity to meet faculty representatives from academic departments and programs; ask questions and obtain program information and materials; and learn about upcoming academic events.
Navigating International Transitions
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Apprehensive about a foreign academic environment? Concerned about attending school in the United States? Join Dr. Ayesha Nagra, Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) Clinical Psychologist, who will help you process this unique experience; discuss ways to build your resources to help you cope in effective ways; and learn how to create a meaningful and balanced lifestyle as you navigate Columbia as an international student.

Financial Aid Strategies 101
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Join Skip Bailey, GS Director of Educational Financing, who will help you learn the basics of financial aid strategies, which include budgeting, understanding your Columbia bill, how enrolling in summer session impacts financial aid and other great strategies. Students will also receive a financial aid application, timeline for applying, and financial aid deadlines. This workshop goes beyond what is covered at Orientation Day to make the financial aid process more understandable and more manageable. This session will not focus on international-student needs.

Active Reading of Textbooks
602 Lewisohn Hall
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Join Melanie Rios, Manager of Academic Support Services, who will teach you effective strategies to help you effectively manage reading assignments. This session is repeated on Thursday, August 30 at 10:00 a.m.

New Student Dinner
GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor
6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Get to know your fellow incoming GS students at the New Student Dinner. After dinner, the group can walk together to the Community Forum, an exciting joint event with all four undergraduate schools.
COMMUNITY FORUM

BC·CC·
GS·SEAS

Community
Forum

8 PM - 10 PM

WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 29

LOW PLAZA
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Community Forum (NSOP Event)

Low Plaza

Rain Location: Dodge Fitness Center, Levien Gym
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Gather for the first time with the new students of Barnard College, Columbia College, GS, and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences students as we celebrate our new community and honor the history of Columbia University. After the event, stay on Low Plaza for a celebration of your arrival at the University.
Making the Transition with Counseling and Psychological Services
602 Lewisohn Hall
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Worried about juggling work, school, and family life? Nervous about returning to school after being away for some time? Concerned about becoming involved on campus while balancing other commitments? Join Dr. Anne Goldfield, Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) Clinical Psychologist, to discuss how to maintain balance, ease into academic life, cultivate healthy relationships, and find the resources you need to support your psychological and emotional well-being.

Active Reading of Textbooks
602 Lewisohn Hall
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Melanie Rios, Manager of Academic Support Services, who will teach you effective strategies to help you effectively manage reading assignments.

Forming Study Groups
602 Lewisohn Hall
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Melanie Rios, Manager of Academic Support Services, to learn how to choose the right members for an effective study group keep the group focused and deepen your understanding of the course material – all while improving your teambuilding skills.

GS Student-Led Campus Tour
Visitors Center, 213 Low Library, Second Floor
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join a GS student for a tour of the Columbia University campus. Discover what it’s like to be a Columbia student, while learning more about the campus history and architecture, famous alumni and student life.
GS Veteran Alumni & NROTC Orientation Panel

*GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor*
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Students are invited to attend a luncheon and panel discussion led by GS alumni veterans. Alumni veterans will share their stories around the event theme, “Transitions.” This event is sponsored by the School of General Studies Office of Alumni Relations and the Columbia University Office of Military and Veteran Affairs.

Test Taking Strategies

*602 Lewisohn Hall*
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join Melanie Rios, Manager of Academic Support Services, to learn the necessary skills to prepare for essay exams, multiple-choice tests, objective exams, and more. *This session is repeated on Friday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.*

Getting Into Law School - So Much to Do, So Little Time

*408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room*
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join Ana Maria Ulloa, Assistant Dean of Students and the GS Pre-law Advisor, who will give you some tips on what you need to start thinking about now to put together the best law school application possible.

CUArts Information Session

*602 Lewisohn Hall*
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Arts Initiative spans the University aiming to make the arts part of every Columbian’s experience and to promote a life-long involvement in the arts. Join Chad Miller, the Associate Director of CUArts Faculty and Student Outreach, to find out how to make the most of its myriad programs, including the CUArts website, discounted movie and Broadway tickets, Passport to New York (for discounted Museum access), ArtsLink, the Gatsby Charitable Foundation Fund, and more.
Insider’s Guide to the Libraries
203 Butler Library, Main Level
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This session will provide you with the opportunity to learn how to navigate the libraries, access online scholarly resources, and get help with your research. This session will also cover where to find books, films, course reserves, networked printing and study spaces, and how to utilize the Libraries’ mobile app. You will need your Columbia University ID to enter Butler Library.

Here & Queer: An Introduction to the Columbia LGBTQ Community
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn about the various Columbia queer organizations, their missions and how to get involved from the perspective of a GS student. All are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served.

Mapping Your First Year with Columbia Health for JTS Joint Program Students
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Take a trek through some of the health issues that first-year students may experience. This is your official introduction to Columbia Health and staying healthy in college. It is sure to be an enjoyable experience. Attendance is required. Ask your orientation leader for more information.

- “With a Little Help from My Friends”: A hilarious play about the lives of first-year students trying to hang out, hook-up, and fit in.
- Consent 101: This interactive and engaging workshop, facilitated by students, will introduce first-years to Keeping Sex Sexy! Participants will discuss one of the essential factors of healthy sexual/dating interactions, consent. They will identify ways to navigate consent using verbal communication and will discuss how to keep the dialogue going in ways that are clear, specific, fun, and rooted in respect.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

General Studies Student Council: The Quick Rundown
602 Lewisohn Hall
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Want to get involved at GS? Want to know where your student life fees go? Interested in upcoming events, finance, communications, public relations, and policy on campus that matters to you? Join the General Studies Student Council (GSSC) for refreshments and conversation and learn how you can make a difference on campus—from volunteer and committee positions to officer elections for student council. Bring your questions and event ideas.

Financial Aid Strategies 101
408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Join Skip Bailey, GS Director of Educational Financing, who will help you learn the basics of financial aid strategies, which include budgeting, understanding your Columbia bill, how enrolling in summer session impacts financial aid and other great strategies. Students will also receive a financial aid application, timeline for applying, and financial aid deadlines. This workshop goes beyond what is covered at Orientation Day to make the financial aid process more understandable and more manageable. This session will not focus on international-student needs.
NYC EVENT
BRONX ZOO

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
7:00 PM
Meet with the GS Orientation Leaders for Bronx Zoo Trip
*GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor*
6:00 - 6:15 p.m.
Meet up with the GS Orientation Leaders before heading together to the Bronx Zoo for the New York City event.

**NYC Event: Destination Bronx Zoo (NSOP Event)**
*Enter at 116th Street Subway Station*
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Join us for an evening at one of the most famous zoos in the world. Experience the wonder of an after-hours visit to exhibits like the Butterfly Garden, Mouse House, and World of Reptiles. For those of you who like to dance, there will be a DJ mixing some tunes, in addition to a number of other activities to enjoy with your fellow new students. Both GS and NSOP Orientation Leaders will guide you to the event. *Remember to bring along money for a MetroCard and any additional food and shopping.*

- **Directions:** Starting at the 116th Street 1 train station, take the 1 train downtown to 96th Street. At 96th Street, transfer to an uptown 2 train at the uptown platform. Take the 2 train to the West Farms Square / E Tremont Ave station. Exit the station and go north east on Boston Road towards E 178th Street. Turn left onto Boston Road and arrive at the Boston Road entrance to the Bronx Zoo. Orientation Leaders will be stationed along the way to direct you.
Seeking a Job or Internship? Learn the Ins and Outs of LionSHARE, Columbia’s Online Job and Internship Database
602 Lewisohn Hall
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to maximize the Center for Career Education’s (CCE) online job and internship database for your individual career search needs. This session will teach you how create job search agents and receive daily emails with your saved job searches, successfully search and apply to positions, determine if you are qualified for a position, locate the listing of employer information sessions and career fairs, and much more. *If possible, bring your laptop to the session as this will be an interactive workshop.*

**Intermediate Ballet (NSOP Event)**
305 Barnard Hall
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join Katie Glasner, Assistant Chair of Barnard College Department of Dance, and begin your day at the barre with glorious music in the Department’s largest studio. Katie Glasner is a former professional ballet dancer who trained with Twyla Tharp (1977-87), and has been at Barnard College for many years. Get ready for pliés, and don’t forget your ballet shoes.

**Test Taking Strategies**
602 Lewisohn Hall
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Melanie Rios, Manager of Academic Support Services, to learn the necessary skills to prepare for essay exams, multiple-choice tests, objective exams, and more.

**Intermediate Modern (NSOP Event)**
305 Barnard Hall
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Colleen Thomas, Associate Professor of Professional Practice, to spiral down to the floor, find your solar plexus, or soar through space while getting to know the Barnard College Department of Dance faculty and your peers. Professor Thomas’s work has been seen around the world. She most recently is returning from Paris with a group of Barnard students who explored the French dance scene.
**Coping with Stress – Brought to You by Alice!**

*408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room*

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join Brad Badgley from Alice! Health Promotion for an informative and fun discussion about positive coping techniques for stress. The session will explore a variety of support resources from Alice! Health Promotion for physical activity, balanced eating, healthy relationships and more. *There will be a variety of giveaways at this session.*

**Navigating Columbia with the Support of the Ombuds Office**

*408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room*

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Ombuds Office is a confidential and neutral resource for addressing concerns within the Columbia University community. This session will provide an overview of the Ombuds Office, which maintains University policies and procedures, offers options for problem solving, and with permission, may assist in resolving disputes. *There will be a variety of giveaways at this session.*

**Campus Safety Presentation**

*602 Lewisohn Hall*

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join Ricardo Morales, Columbia Manager for Crime Prevention Programs, to learn about personal safety on campus and what Columbia University Public Safety can do for you. Bring your laptop, PDA, MP3, or calculator for free security engraving and registration.

**Study Tips for Foreign Languages**

*408 Lewisohn Hall, Baer Room*

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Vanessa Karahalios, GS Assistant Dean of Students, who will introduce you to study skills and tips to help make learning a foreign language a more enjoyable and manageable experience.
Don’t Be Shy.

OPEN MIC NIGHT
Friday, August 31
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

GS Campus Scavenger Hunt
*GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor*
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

A new student favorite! This is no ordinary scavenger hunt. Bring your camera, curiosity, competitive spirit, and especially your thirst for justice as you battle your peers for glory, bragging rights, and prizes, courtesy of CUArts. This semester's hunt theme is, “Superheroes,” where you form a team, fly your colors, battle evil, help the good guys, and learn about all the buildings on campus, the hang-out spots, the study spots, the hidden secrets of Columbia, and, of course, meet fellow GSers. *This event is sponsored by the General Studies Student Council (GSSC).*

LGBTQA New Student Mixer (NSOP Event)
*Party Space, Lerner Hall, First Floor*
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

New students who self-identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Allied are invited to join returning students and administrators for a casual snack to discuss LGBTQA life at Barnard and Columbia. Find out about resources, programs, and groups on campus that are available for you.

Open Mic Night (NSOP Event)
*Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall*
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

From dancing to playing the ukulele to reciting poetry, the incoming new students are a talented bunch. Sip some coffee, soak in the atmosphere, and don’t be afraid to share your own talent. Sign-ups will be at the door on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Tour: East Village (NSOP Event)
*Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway*
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

In the early 1960s, the East Village became a Mecca for artists, musicians, and hippies in New York City. Now, numerous art venues, cultural hotspots, and restaurants call this neighborhood home. Visit historic St. Mark’s Place, Alphabet City, and Union Square. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Brooklyn Bridge (NSOP Event)
*Meet at the Sundial on College Walk*
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Take in the Manhattan and Brooklyn skylines while strolling across one of the world’s most well-known bridges. After crossing into Brooklyn, enjoy a slice of New York’s famous brick oven pizza as well as homemade ice cream at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Downtown/Financial District (NSOP Event)
*Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway*
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Lower Manhattan is a historically famous area of NYC. Spanning South Street Seaport to the Financial District to Battery Park, a trip downtown is worth the trek. Along the way, check out famous sites like Stone Street and Trinity Church, Columbia’s first home in 1754. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Park Slope (NSOP Event)
*Meet at Alma Mater on Low Steps*
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Looking to explore a different borough? Head out to Brooklyn and visit Park Slope, where historic buildings, hip restaurants, and trendy shops reside. In this area you’ll discover the Montauk Club, the Squad 1 Firehouse, Montgomery Place, Prospect Park, and more. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Neighborhood Tour: Museum of Modern Art (NSOP Event)
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Steps
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Picasso. Van Gogh. Warhol. Pollock. See the works of these revolutionary artists and many others at The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Visit a photography exhibit by artist Taryn Simon called *A Living Man Declared Dead and Other Chapters I–XVIII*. The work was produced over a four-year period (2008–11), during which Simon travelled around the world researching and documenting bloodlines and their stories. The subjects Simon documents include victims of genocide in Bosnia, test rabbits infected with a lethal disease in Australia, the first woman to hijack an aircraft, and the living dead in India. Admission to the museum is $14 with your CUID and remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Queer New York City: A GS Student-Led Neighborhood Tour
Meet at the Main Gates at 116th and Broadway
12:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Come and join your fellow GS Undergrad and Postbac students as we take a leisurely stroll through historic queer neighborhoods. Discover James Baldwin’s old haunts, explore where Madge got her start, and see where the modern day LGBTQ movement began! The tour will meet at 12:45 pm in front of the main gate on 116th & Broadway. Please wear comfortable shoes and remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food or shopping.

Vertical Tour of St. John the Divine (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. & 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The unfinished Cathedral of St. John the Divine is one of New York’s most famous religious and architectural landmarks, the largest cathedral in the United States, and one of the largest Christian churches in the world. On this tour, you will ascend the church’s thirteen-story spiral staircases, explore the shadowy stone alcoves above the nave, and have a chance to take in the breathtaking view of Manhattan from the roof. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your Orientation badge! Due to the nature of the tour, we can only accommodate a limited number of students on a first come, first-served basis.

Note: This tour is physically strenuous and is not wheelchair accessible. If anyone would like to see the Cathedral, but is unable to take the stairs, an alternate tour of the altar and the artwork on the ground level of the Cathedral is available.
Chillin’ and Grillin’ with Greek Life (NSOP Event)
_Pupin Plaza_
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy free barbeque while getting to know members of Columbia’s rapidly growing Greek organizations. With over 30 member organizations, Greek Life at Columbia has grown in recent years to become one of the most prominent community and service-oriented groups on campus. Each member organization of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), Panhellenic Council, and Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) has its own traditions and events. Take a break to get to know the Columbia Greeks.
Student Organization Meet & Greets (NSOP Event)

Various floors, Lerner Hall, More information on page 63
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Looking to explore the University community? Come talk to many of the clubs and organizations that contribute to our vibrant student life. Visit www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/orientation for an updated list of clubs and organizations participating in this event. Information tables at each entrance to Lerner will be set up if you have any questions or need directions.

Meet & Greets Schedule

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Neighborhood Tour: West Village (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The West Village is considered the heart of the art community on the West Side. Trendy galleries, chic boutiques, and cool nightclubs attract people of all backgrounds to the West Village. Your guide will show you the narrowest house in New York City, introduce you to Magnolia Bakery’s famous cupcakes, and show you the famous Stonewall Inn among other historical sights. Bring along money for a MetroCard and shopping.

Neighborhood Tour: Flushing (NSOP Event)
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Steps
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Although widely known today for its vibrant Asian-American community, Flushing, Queens, is also a historical hotspot. On this tour you will see Gothic architecture from 1915, Underground Railroad stops from the 19th century, Quaker houses dating as far back as 1661, and more. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Harlem (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Take this chance to explore Harlem, a rich and vibrant Manhattan neighborhood famous for jazz music and soul food. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
Neighborhood Tour: Museum of Contemporary Art (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Considered the only museum in New York City that solely focuses on contemporary art from around the world, the New Museum brings the works of undiscovered artists to light in a building that is itself a work of art. See a special exhibit, Museum as Hub: Carlos Motta: We Who Feel Differently, which explores the idea of sexual and gender “difference” after four decades of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning politics.
Among other pieces, the exhibit features a video installation based on fifty interviews with a group of LGBTIQ academics, activists, artists, politicians, researchers, and radicals. Admission to the museum is $10 with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Metropolitan Museum of Art (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Explore the masterpieces of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (the Met) with your fellow new students. This highly acclaimed museum has an array of sculptures, paintings, and other art forms from artists around the world. Check out Tomás Saraceno’s special exhibition Cloud City, situated on the Museum’s Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden. Entrance to the Metropolitan Museum of Art is free with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Museum of Natural History (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Whatever your interests, from dinosaurs to outer space, a trip to the American Museum of Natural History will expand your knowledge. The current President of the museum is Ellen V. Futter, former President of Barnard College. The suggested donation to the museum is $14.50 with your CUID. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
Neighborhood Tour: High Line/Meatpacking District (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Originally built to facilitate the movement of dangerous freight trains across Manhattan, the High Line railway was fully operational from 1934 to 1980. Recently renovated for use as a public park, the High Line first opened to the public in June 2009. Discover this innovative urban park, and take advantage of the fantastic, elevated views of New York’s famous Meatpacking District, the former home of the city’s slaughterhouses and packing plants. The area is now a fashionable place to live, full of trendy shops, striking architecture, and hip restaurants. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and shopping.

The EcoReps Green Tour (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Visit environmentally cutting-edge buildings, the campus garden, Columbia’s green residence halls, the local Farmer’s Market, and more!

Performance Showcase (NSOP Event)
Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Check out our gifted University community and enjoy a taste of the performing arts at Columbia. Come see the various groups that entertain and inspire us throughout the school year with singing, dancing, acting, and more.

Neighborhood Tour: The Cloisters (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Located atop a hill overlooking the Hudson River, The Cloisters Museum includes art and architecture from Medieval Europe. Stroll through the lush garden and stop to enjoy a scenic view of the New Jersey Palisades, a line of steep cliffs above the water. Admission to the museum is free with your CUID. Remember money for a MetroCard and food.

Note: This tour is not fully wheelchair accessible.
PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

Roone Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Neighborhood Tour: Central Park (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Enjoy one of the most open spaces of New York City. Visit the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, the Delacorte Theater, Belvedere Castle, and Strawberry Fields. Thousands of New Yorkers run, walk, and bike in Central Park every day, and now you can, too! Wear comfortable shoes and bring money for a MetroCard.

Neighborhood Tour: Chinatown/Little Italy (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Sundial on College Walk
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Visit two of New York City’s most culturally rich neighborhoods. Explore the abundance of restaurants, shops, and outdoor market stalls at one of the largest Chinatowns in the United States. Next to Chinatown is New York’s famous Little Italy found on Mulberry Street. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: Midtown (NSOP Event)
Meet at Alma Mater on Low Steps
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Want to see where the ball drops every New Year’s Eve or find out how to score cheap theater tickets? The Midtown neighborhood tour will lead you on a trek through the hustle and bustle of Times Square, through the Theater District, past Bryant Park, and over to Grand Central Station. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.

Neighborhood Tour: 5th Avenue/Rockefeller Plaza (NSOP Event)
Meet at the Barnard Gates, 117th St. and Broadway
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Take a stroll through one of the most famous shopping districts in the world. Here you can check out the latest New York fashions, glamorous window displays, and Rockefeller Center. You might even see a celebrity or two walking along the Avenue. Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and food.
INTERNATIONAL FILM SCREENING

FOOTNOTE

LEHMAN LAWN (RAIN LOCATION: DIANA EVENT OVAL) 8:00 PM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Neighborhood Tour: SoHo (NSOP Event)
*Meet at the Columbia Gates, 116th St. and Broadway*
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Formerly the Cast Iron District, short for, “South of Houston Street,” (that’s How-ston), but known simply as SoHo, this neighborhood is one of New York’s largest hubs for shopping and one of Manhattan’s trendiest spots. *Remember to bring money for a MetroCard and shopping.*

Neighborhood Tour: Staten Island (NSOP Event)
*Meet at the Sundial on College Walk*
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Care to glimpse the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and Ellis Island all in one trip? Take a ride in New York Harbor on the Staten Island Ferry! Once on Staten Island, you can explore the neighborhood of St. George. Ferry tickets and admission to the island are free. *Remember to bring money for a MetroCard.*

International Film Screening: Footnote (NSOP Event)
*Lehman Lawn*
*Rain Location: Diana Event Oval, Diana Center LL1*
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

After a long and busy week, come gather with all your peers from both sides of the street as we invite First-Year Columbia and Barnard Students to share in the screening of Israel’s 2012 Oscar nominated film, “Footnote!” Refreshments provided.

Trailer can be previewed at: [http://www.footnotemovie.com](http://www.footnotemovie.com)
ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION EVENTS

Senior / First-Year Luncheon
Visit gssc.columbia.edu for event details.

Get answers to your questions about transitioning to Columbia, meet fellow first-year students, and make invaluable connections with GS seniors! Build relationships and network by spending a few minutes talking about yourself, and then a few minutes listening to another student’s fascinating experiences. Your questions and concerns will be answered by our knowledgeable seniors. A catered lunch will be served. Please visit gssc.columbia.edu for date, time, and location of event.

This event is sponsored by the General Studies Student Council (GSSC).

Columbia Activities Day
College Walk, Low Plaza, and Butler Plaza
Friday, September 7, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Activities Day is your first opportunity to get involved in campus life. Over 300 student organizations will be present with many offering giveaways and performances throughout the day. Come early and stay late to catch it all!

Dinner & Discussion: Careers in Finance
GS Lounge, Lewisohn Hall, Third Floor
Monday, September 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Network with GS alumni in the finance field at this informal, intimate panel discussion where alumni share their professional experiences, industry insights, and answer questions about careers in finance. Dinner will be served.

This event is sponsored by the GS Office of Alumni Relations.
GS STUDENT LIFE

GS Student Life, a part of the Office of the Dean of Students, is committed to enhancing the overall student experience for GS students. We aim to provide GS students with opportunities for social and academic engagement while fostering a strong sense of community within GS, Columbia, and New York City and empowering the nontraditional student population. GS Student Life hosts a number of events and programs each semester to foster campus involvement and community. Visit gs.columbia.edu/student-life for upcoming events and involvement opportunities at the School of General Studies and Columbia University. Also, be sure to check the bi-weekly DOS News and Announcements email for updates from GS Student Life.

Upcoming Events

Fall 2012 Student-Faculty Dinner
Faculty House, Skyline Dining Room
For date, time, and more information please visit gs.columbia.edu/student-life

Forty GS students will have the opportunity to invite a Columbia or Barnard faculty member to the Skyline Dining Room in Faculty House for a marvelous dinner, excellent conversation, and a little night music from special guests, all of which should make this one of the highlights of your time at GS.

Pre-Law Workshop Series Part II: How to Succeed in Law School
For date, time, and more information please visit gs.columbia.edu/prelaw

This seminar is designed to help students who are considering law school figure out whether your identity as a thinker and student matches well with the demands of a legal education. Please note that if you register for this session, you will be asked to read a few cases in advance which will serve as the basis of our discussion.

Organized by the GS Pre-law Advisor.
Pre-Law Workshop Series Part III: Life After Law School
For date, time, and more information, visit gs.columbia.edu/prelaw.

Are you thinking about going on to law school and what options will be available to you once you earn your J.D.? Are you curious what the day-to-day life of a lawyer is like? Come and learn from someone who has been in the field for over twenty years and is excited to share some tips for success.

Organized by the GS Pre-law Advisor.

Pre-Law Workshop Series Part IV: GS Alums in the Legal Profession
For date, time, and more information, visit gs.columbia.edu/prelaw.

Are you interested in a career in law? Are you curious about how past GS students have put their experiences and their Columbia education to use in the field? Come and listen to a panel of GS alumni who work in the legal profession. Alums will share tips and insights that they’ve learned throughout their career.

Organized by the GS Pre-law Advisor.

Contact GS Student Life!
For involvement opportunities, upcoming events, and information about getting involved.

www.gs.columbia.edu/student-life
gs-studentlife@columbia.edu
212-854-5890
Exam Notes

- Please refer to the Core Requirement Checklist to see if you need to take the QR exam. To take any other exam, please consult with your GS Academic Advisor.
- Arrive 15 minutes before the exam with a valid photo ID.
- A standard calculator is allowed for the Quantitative Reasoning Exam.
- No exams will be given after Friday, August 31, 2012.

Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
In some cases, students with disabilities are entitled to accommodations related to administration of examinations, including placement exams. Such accommodations must be specified as well as authorized by the Columbia University Office of Disability Services, based on an assessment of the disability and appropriate documentation. This authorization process can often take a month, once all required documentation is received.

Students with learning disabilities or other disabilities that may warrant an accommodation should contact the Office of Disability Services immediately upon receipt of the GS Acceptance Packet.

Exams Administered by the Office of Disability Services
Students who take a Placement Exam through the Office of Disability Services will receive their scores within 24-48 hours via email.

## GS Placement Exams

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For more information regarding Placement Exams, please visit [www.gs.columbia.edu/placement-exams](http://www.gs.columbia.edu/placement-exams).
ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT EXAMS

Are you interested in taking advanced courses or placing out of a required class? If so, you should plan on taking these placement exams at the times listed below. Test results determine the appropriate course with which to begin. Note that some exams may require that you register in advance with the department administering the exam. High SAT II or AP scores may exempt you from placement exams, but check with your advisor for confirmation. For exams that do not provide a time, or to verify the time and location, contact the department for details.

Note: Dictionaries are prohibited during all exams.

Chemistry
Tuesday, August 28, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
309 Havemeyer Hall

Students who wish to place into an advanced chemistry course must attend this session. A brief introduction to course options will be given, and then students interested in taking advanced chemistry will take a placement exam. Please refer to the Placement Examinations Information Sheet in your Academic Packet for further details.

Note: Calculators are required for the exam.

Physics Information Session and Placement Exam
Wednesday, August 29, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
301 Pupin Hall

A brief introduction to course options for your first year of physics will be provided with a particular emphasis on the format of and required prerequisites for the C2801-2802 Accelerated Physics Sequence. Following the discussion, students interested in taking the Accelerated Physics sequence will take a short evaluation exam covering introductory mechanics.
ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT EXAMS

Arabic
Friday, August 31, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
103 Knox Hall
For more information, contact Arabic Language Coordinator May Ahmer at ma2550@columbia.edu.

Armenian
For information, contact Charry Karamanoukian at ck2444@columbia.edu.

Chinese
Thursday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
413 Kent Hall
Arrive at least 10 minutes early for this examination. For more information, contact Yuan-Yuan Meng at ym11@columbia.edu.

German
Tuesday, August 28, 4:00 p.m.
313 Hamilton Hall
Friday, August 31, 10:00 a.m.
Milbank Hall, Room TBA
Friday, August 7, 4:00 p.m.
Hamilton Hall, Room TBA

Greek, Modern
For information, contact Vangelis Calotychos at ec2268@columbia.edu.

French
Thursday, August 30, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, August 31, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
352 International Affairs Building
This exam is given online at http://webcape.byuhtrsc.org?acct=columbia.
Sign in with password “roaree1” and select “French” from the dropdown list. When asked for your name and e-mail, please use your Columbia University email. For more information, contact Professor Pascale Hubert-Leibler at ph2028@columbia.edu.
ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT EXAMS

Hebrew
Wednesday, August 29, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
CO1 Knox Hall
For more information contact Rina Kreitman at rk2617@columbia.edu.

Hindu and Urdu
Thursday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
101 Knox Hall
For more information, contact Rakesh Ranjan at rr2574@columbia.edu.

Hungarian
For information, contact Carol Rounds at chr2@columbia.edu.

Italian
Tuesday, August 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 30, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
501 Hamilton Hall
For more information, contact Lani Muller at lcm36@columbia.edu.

Japanese
Thursday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
411 Kent Hall
Students interested in the exam must register in advance at

For more information, contact Miharu Nittono at mn70@columbia.edu.

Korean
Thursday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
405 Kent Hall, 423 Kent Hall
**ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT EXAMS**

**Latin**
Wednesday, August 29, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*603 Hamilton Hall*

For more information contact Professor Joseph Howley at jah2220@columbia.edu.

**Music Humanities**
Friday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*622 Dodge Hall*

Please refer to your Academic Packet for important information about the exam. The exemption exam for Masterpieces of Western Music (Music Humanities) will last about 90 minutes. It requires extensive knowledge of major musical works, identification, comments on features of style, on musical elements such as texture, meter, mode, and short answers on the principal musical terms and concepts.

**Persian**
Wednesday, August 29, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
*101 Knox Hall*

For more information, contact Professor Hussain (hh2453@columbia.edu).

**Polish**
For information, contact Anna Frajlich-Zajac at af38@columbia.edu.

**Russian**
Thursday, August 30, 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
*703 Hamilton Hall*

The Slavic Department invites students to come learn more about our courses in Russian and other Slavic languages, as well as courses in literature and culture that have no prerequisites (readings are done in English). Russian refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT EXAMS

Spanish
Wednesday, August 29, Online Before 11:59 p.m.

Thursday, August 30, 11:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
352 International Affairs Building

An initial online placement exam is available at www.columbia.edu/cu/spanish/ (click on “Spanish Placement Exam”). A second, written exam will be administered to those who test out of the online exam. For more information, contact Dr. Diana Romero at rd2170@columbia.edu.

Turkish
Thursday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
104 Knox Hall

Students also need to contact Michael Fishman at mf399@columbia.edu or Jessica Rechtschaffer at jr650@columbia.edu to schedule an oral interview the week before classes start.

Ukrainian
For information, contact Yuri Shevchuk at sy2165@columbia.edu.

Swahili, Zulu, & Wolof
For more information, contact Mariame Sy at sms2168@columbia.edu.
The Office of the Dean of Students provides academic counseling and support to all General Studies students. Upon matriculation each GS student is assigned an individual academic advisor within GS. The Dean of Students Office also coordinates academic support services, student life activities, and campus resources to support the well-being and academic progress of GS students.

Important announcements, reminders, and updates are sent out in a twice-weekly email called DOS News and Announcements and are posted on the GS Website at www.gs.columbia.edu/current-students.

**OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS HOURS**
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
with extended hours until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays.
*Phone: 212-854-2881 | Fax: 212-854-7257*

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Angela McKay, Administrative Coordinator  am3481@columbia.edu

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Daniel Rodriguez, Assoc. Dir. Educ. Financing  dr2288@columbia.edu
Alicia Doshi, Financial Aid Officer  ajd2170@columbia.edu
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Safety and security are foremost concerns at Columbia University and in New York City. There are many resources on campus to help you stay safe and to assist you in emergency situations; some numbers can be found on the back of your Columbia ID.

The Columbia ROLM Phone System
The Columbia campus telephone system is known as the ROLM Phone System. In many campus publications, you’ll see telephone numbers listed as ROLM extensions, in the format 4-1234. If you’re using a Columbia phone, simply dial 4-####. If you are dialing from your cell phone or a telephone outside the ROLM system, you’ll need to dial 212-85#-####.

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The Academic Resource Center (ARC)
The Columbia University School of General Studies
Academic Resource Center (ARC)
could help you get an A—or many As!

The ARC is dedicated to addressing your needs. We provide an extensive range of academic support services to GS undergraduate and Postbac Premed Program students so that you can maximize your education experience at Columbia.

In-Person Tutoring
• Pair tutoring for math and sciences; One-on-One tutoring for languages
  • To make an appointment or for more information go to www.gs.columbia.edu/tutoring
  • Tutoring Center is located in 601 Lewisohn Hall

Online Tutoring with AskOnline
• Receive tutoring for select subjects online
  • No need to make an appointment
  • Get started at www.gs.columbia.edu/online-tutoring

Contact Us
For in-depth information on these and other services available to you at the ARC, please visit our website at: www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-resource-center
CIVIL BEHAVIOR AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS | ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

For a full list of Columbia University and School of General Studies policies, please visit http://www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-policies.

UNIVERSITY CONDUCT
All University faculty, students, and staff are responsible for compliance with the rules of University Conduct. Copies of the full text are available in Essential Policies for the Columbia Community and at the Office of the University Senate, 406 Low Memorial Library.

Students in the School of General Studies are part of a wider intellectual and social community that holds itself to the highest standards of tolerance, respect, integrity, and civility. Students who violate the standards of the University community, in academic or social behavior, are subject to disciplinary action. The continuance of each student upon the rolls of the University, the receipt of academic credits, graduation, and the conferring of any degree or the granting of any certificate are strictly subject to the disciplinary powers of the University.

Disciplinary authority of the University is vested by the Trustees in the President and Provost and, subject to their reserved powers, in the dean of each faculty. The dean and his staff are given full responsibility for establishing the standards of behavior for all General Studies students beyond the regulations included in the Rules of University Conduct and for defining procedures by which discipline will be administered.

CIVIL BEHAVIOR AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS
It is expected that in and out of the classroom, on and off campus, each student in the School will act in an honest way and will respect the rights of others. Freedom of expression is an essential part of University life, but it does not include intimidation, threats of violence, or the inducement of others to engage in violence or in conduct which harasses others. Conduct which threatens or harasses others because of their race, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or for any other reason is unacceptable and will be dealt with very severely. For all to benefit from the diversity to be found at Columbia, all must live up to these standards.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is essential to the academic integrity and vitality of this community that individuals do their own work and properly acknowledge the circumstances, ideas, sources, and assistance upon which that work is based. Academic honesty in class assignments, term papers, examinations, laboratory reports, and computer projects is expected of all students.

Because intellectual integrity is the hallmark of educational institutions, academic dishonesty is one of the most serious offenses that a student can commit at Columbia. It is punishable by suspension or dismissal from the School.

Students who are unsure about the proper presentation of their own independent work should consult with their instructor or advisor.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

1. **Plagiarism**: Failure to cite or otherwise acknowledge ideas or phrases used in any paper, exercise, or project submitted in a course but gained from another source, such as a published text, another person's work, or materials on the Web.
2. **Self-plagiarism**: The submission of one piece of work in more than one course without the explicit permission of the instructors involved.
3. **Misrepresentation of authorship**: The submission of work as one’s own which has been prepared by or purchased from another.
4. **Cheating on examinations or tests**: To give or receive assistance from written material, another person, his or her paper, or any other source during an examination or test; to hire or attempt to hire someone to take your exam for you.
5. **Falsification or misrepresentation of information** in coursework or lab work; on any application, petition, or forms submitted to the school.
6. **Fabrication of credentials** in materials submitted as part of an admissions application or materials submitted to the University for administrative or academic review.
7. **Violating the limits of acceptable collaboration** in coursework set by a faculty member or department.
8. **Removing, hiding, or altering library materials** in order to hinder the research of other students.
9. **Facilitating academic dishonesty** by enabling another to engage in such behavior.
10. **Lying to a faculty member, dean, or advisor** about circumstances related to your academic work or failure to complete academic work.

Ignorance of the School’s policy concerning academic dishonesty shall not be a defense in any disciplinary proceedings.
Copyright, File-Sharing, and Responsible Use of Electronic Resources

More detailed information can be found on the University’s website at: www.columbia.edu/cu/policy/copyright.html.

As a member of the Columbia University community, it is important that you understand your responsibilities for complying with the University’s policies and federal law on the use of electronic resources, including computers, networks (including the Internet), email, and online information resources, and on the use of copyrighted material on Columbia’s computer systems and network. The University’s electronic resources and services are for the primary purpose of supporting the University’s mission of education, research, and service. Uses that interfere with or threaten the operation and activities of any part of the University are prohibited, as are uses that violate the law, University policy or the rights of others.

Peer-to-peer file-sharing programs such as Kazaa and BitTorrent, make it easy to download and share unauthorized copies of music, movies, and other copyrighted works. Such activity is against the law and exposes you to legal liability. To help you use Columbia’s electronic resources and services responsibly, and to help you understand the basics of copyright law, we have summarized some information about copyright law below.

**Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws**

Copyright infringement constitutes both a violation of University policy and a violation of the law. Under the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), the University is required to inform you of the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing. Those penalties include the following: Anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages, which are set at not less than $750 and not more than $30,000 per work infringed. A court also has discretion to assess costs and attorneys’ fees. Willful copyright infringement also can result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to $250,000 per offense.

Keep in mind that there are legal alternatives for downloading copyrighted material. For a list of some of the popular legal alternatives for downloading movies and music and other copyrighted materials, please visit: www.cuit.columbia.edu/cuit/it-security-practices/filesharing-networks/legal-music-movies-online
**FALL ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Updated calendar information is also available on the School of General Studies website at [www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-calendar).

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<td><strong>Monday.</strong> Mandatory Orientation for entering undergraduate students and Postbaccalaureate Premedical students.</td>
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# Fall Academic Calendar

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<td>Tuesday. Classes begin for the 259th academic year.</td>
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<td>4–7, 10–14</td>
<td>Tuesday–Friday, Monday–Friday. Late registration and change of program online.</td>
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<td>7 &amp; 10</td>
<td>Spring-term deferred examination dates (by petition and approval only).</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Friday. Last day to make registration changes (add/drop courses) for the fall term. Courses officially dropped by this date do not incur tuition charges.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Last day to uncover the mark of Pass for a spring- or summer-term course.</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>Sunday. Last day to enroll in, or request a waiver of, the Student Medical Insurance Plan.</td>
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## October

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<td>1-31</td>
<td>Major declaration month.</td>
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<td>Deadline for submitting the GS Study Abroad Clearance Form to the Dean of Students Office for students interested in studying abroad for the spring term.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Tuesday. Last day to drop individual courses without incurring the mark of &quot;W.&quot; Late drops must be approved by a student's advisor. Courses dropped by this deadline are charged at full tuition but do not appear on a student's transcript.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Wednesday. October degrees conferred.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Thursday. Midterm date.</td>
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<td>Advising period for course registration for Spring 2013 begins.</td>
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## November

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<td>• Last day to apply or reapply for degrees or certificates to be awarded in February.</td>
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<td>• Last day to apply Regular Decision for admission to General Studies for Spring 2013 enrollment.</td>
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<td>• Last day to apply for admission to Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program for Spring 2013 enrollment.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Monday. Academic holiday. University offices are open, but classes are not in session.</td>
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<td>Tuesday. Election Day. University Holiday.</td>
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**FALL ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

### NOVEMBER

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<td>12-16</td>
<td><strong>Monday–Friday.</strong> Online course registration for Spring 2013.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday.</strong></td>
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<td>- Last day to exercise Pass/D/Fail option.</td>
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<td>- Last day to drop a course for a mark of “W” (withdrew).</td>
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<td>- Senior thesis stipend applications due for fall-term and academic year senior projects.</td>
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### DECEMBER

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<td><strong>Saturday.</strong></td>
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<td>- Last day to apply or reapply for degrees to be awarded at May graduation ceremonies.</td>
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<td>- Final due date for completed re-enrollment applications for students who have withdrawn from GS who wish to return for the spring term.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td><strong>Monday.</strong></td>
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<td>- Last day of fall-term classes.</td>
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<td>- Last day to apply for an incomplete on written work.</td>
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<td>- Last day to completely withdraw from semester in progress.</td>
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<td>11–13</td>
<td><strong>Tuesday–Thursday.</strong> Study days.</td>
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<td>14–21</td>
<td><strong>Friday–Friday.</strong> Final examinations.</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td><strong>Friday.</strong> Fall term ends.</td>
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<td>22-1/21</td>
<td><strong>Winter holidays.</strong></td>
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**Note:** The above Academic Calendar was correct and complete when compiled; the most up to date calendar information is available on the School of General Studies website at [www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.gs.columbia.edu/academic-calendar).

*Deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or University holidays will be moved to the next business day.*
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
AND UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University consists of twenty-nine departments in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. All undergraduate liberal arts courses are taught by members of the Columbia University Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Arts and Sciences also includes five schools: Columbia College, the School of General Studies, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of the Arts, and the School of Continuing Education, as well as numerous institutes and centers.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES
The School of General Studies (GS) of Columbia University is one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the United States created specifically for returning and nontraditional students seeking a rigorous, traditional, Ivy League undergraduate degree full- or part-time. Most students at GS have, for personal or professional reasons, interrupted their education, never attended college, or are only able to attend part-time. GS is unique among colleges of its type, because its students are fully integrated into the Columbia undergraduate curriculum: they take the same courses with the same faculty members and earn the same degree as all other Columbia undergraduates.

GS students come from varied backgrounds and all walks of life. Many students work full-time while pursuing a degree, and many have family responsibilities; others attend classes full-time and experience Columbia’s more traditional college life. In the classroom, the diversity and varied personal experience of the student body promote discussion and debate, fostering an environment of academic rigor and intellectual development. GS has approximately 1,400 undergraduate degree candidates and more than 400 Postbaccalaureate Premedical students. The average age of a GS student is 29. More than 60 percent of GS students attend classes full time.

In addition to its bachelor’s degree program, GS offers combined undergraduate/graduate degree programs with Columbia’s Schools of Social Work, International and Public Affairs, Law, Business, Dental Medicine, Teachers College, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. More than 70 percent of the students go on to earn advanced degrees after graduation.

GS is home to the oldest and largest Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program in the United States. In recent years, the acceptance rate for GS Postbaccalaureate
Premedical Program students applying to U.S. medical schools is up to 90 percent.

In addition to its bachelor’s degree program and Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program, the School of General Studies offers combined undergraduate/graduate degree programs with Columbia’s Schools of Social Work, International and Public Affairs, Law, Business, Dental Medicine, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and undergraduate dual-degree programs with the Columbia School of Engineering and Applied Science the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Dual BA Program Between Columbia University and the French University Sciences Po.

BARNARD COLLEGE
Barnard College, founded in 1889, was established as an affiliate of Columbia University. The tenth President of Columbia University, Frederick Barnard, strongly believed in providing women with opportunities for higher education. Barnard College fulfilled his vision for women’s education as an independent women’s college.

Located in a small brownstone at 343 Madison Avenue, the school began with only 14 students and 6 faculty members. Today, Barnard students are entering a college of 2,300 women; their classmates come from all over the United States and around the world. Academically, the Barnard experience begins with the First-Year Seminar and First-Year English courses in which first-years examine texts and readings from an interdisciplinary perspective.

During students’ time here, they will work closely with professors and students in a community filled with opportunities for intellectual and emotional growth. The Barnard education culminates with the senior project, an in-depth work of personal significance related to a student’s chosen discipline. At Barnard, the possibilities for joining student organizations, obtaining internships, and participating in cultural events are endless.

The undergraduate experience will be enriched by the legacy of prestigious and accomplished alumnae, including Zora Neale Hurston, Jhumpa Lahiri, Margaret Mead, and Anna Quindlen, who serves as the Chair of the Barnard Board of Trustees.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE
Columbia College, in its 258th academic year, enjoys a long tradition of academic prestige. Founded in 1754 as King’s College, Columbia has maintained its high standard of excellence through centuries of change and development. As the first-year experience begins, each new student becomes a part of this legacy. The Core Curriculum will introduce them to the Columbia tradition while shaping and developing their intellectual capacities.
Small class settings will allow students to challenge their assumptions and consider new perspectives. Although the Core Curriculum will be the focus of studies for the first year, instruction within the classroom is only one of many forums for learning at Columbia. The time spent outside of the classroom, whether in co-curricular activities or athletics, exploring New York City, or talking to new friends from diverse backgrounds, will be a fundamental part of each student’s personal development and education.

In the next four years they will take part in long-standing traditions and seek out new experiences. In the process, students will build their own unique perspective of the world and their place in it. This greater learning is the hallmark of the Columbia experience which they will carry with them for a lifetime.

THE FU FOUNDATION
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE
The Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science, originally founded as the School of Mines in 1864, was the first mining school in North America. The School is more commonly referred to as Columbia Engineering or SEAS. During its first 50 years, the school trained almost half of the mining engineers in the country. By 1896, the high volume of courses warranted the creation of the School of Chemistry, Engineering, and Architecture.

The school was renamed the School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1960 and moved to the Seeley W. Mudd building from its former home in Lewisohn Hall. In 1997, Columbia Engineering was given its current name to recognize the generous gift from businessman and philanthropist, Z.Y. Fu. Since its inception, Columbia Engineering has produced many prominent alumni who have contributed significantly to the history of the University and various fields of science.

SEAS students balance classes in both science and humanities. Outside the classroom, pre-professional societies on campus serve as valuable resources for choosing a major, informing student about upcoming technology conferences, and introducing them to alumni in their prospective fields. By taking advantage of the various courses and co-curricular activities that Columbia University had to offer, SEAS students will enjoy some of the most rewarding years of their lives.
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Special thanks go out to the wonderful Orientation Team! Although Orientation activities only last a week, Orientation Leaders are here for you all year long - please feel free to contact them if you need anything!

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