Orientation Session
Introduction to
Registration & Financial Services
and Financial Aid
Get in Contact with Registration & Financial Services

- Student Service Center (205 Kent Hall)
- Cashiering (210 Kent Hall, 9 AM - 4 PM)
- Have questions?
  - FAQ & Email: https://askus.columbia.edu
  - Call (212) 854-4400
  - Visit in person: Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM
E-Billing

- E-billing notification sent to your Columbia e-mail account
- If someone else will be assisting with your account, please be sure to **authorize him/her as a payer**
- Easy access to online payment history and previous statements
- E-Bill is a “snapshot” of the charges, credits and anticipated credits on your student account as of a specific date and, therefore, is not updated between billing cycles.
- You can view the most current information through the Student Account Details on Student Services Online (SSOL: https://ssol.columbia.edu).
Payment Methods

- E-Check (preferred)
- Wire Transfer
- In-person (210 Kent Hall)
- Check / Money Order / Bank Check
- Cash
- Mail
- Tuition Payment Plan*

For additional information, please visit http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/
Please pay attention to the payment due date on your e-bill; payments must be RECEIVED (not postmarked if sent by mail) by that date.

Spring 2014 Payment due date: Friday, January 31, 2014

Late fees:
- $150 (1st e-bill of semester due on Jan. 31st)
- 1.5% (every subsequent e-bill for semester)

Students will not be de-registered if the billed is not paid on time

Hold will be placed if the balance is $1,000 or greater
Tuition Payment Plan

- Administered by Sallie Mae
- If you cannot pay in full by the due date, please be sure to enroll in the Tuition Payment Plan (Monthly) at the start of each term.
- Information regarding the Tuition Payment Plan was provided in your Admission Packet
  - 5 monthly payments per semester (a total of 10 monthly payments if attending both Fall and Spring semesters)
  - Application fee of $40 for one semester or $55 for both
  - Not available for summer session
  - Spring 2014 deadline: Friday, January 31st (two payments + fee)
- For additional information, please visit http://www.columbia.edu/cu/sfs/
Student Services Online (SSOL)

- [https://ssol.columbia.edu/](https://ssol.columbia.edu/)
- On SSOL, you can:
  - Sign up for direct deposit
  - View Academic Records
  - Update your Permanent Address
  - View your e-bill and make e-check payment
  - View your financial aid information by directing you to our Online Financial Aid System, Net Partner
Questions?
Office of Educational Financing

- Award ("package") Federal Financial Aid
- Process Federal/Private Student Loans
- Counsel students on all student financing and federal processing issues
408 Lewisohn Hall

Quick-Visits

- Quick-Visits hours exist each week day to answer quick questions, clarification of a specific financial aid issue, assistance with a form, and address similar concerns. A Quick-Visit does not require an appointment and will be limited from 5 to 10 minutes in length. Depending on the number of students requiring Quick-Visit counseling, there may be a wait of 10 to 15 minutes for assistance.
- Typical Quick-Visits Hours, Monday to Friday (subject to change)
  - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
  - 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- Quick-Visits Schedule: www.gs.columbia.edu/financing-your-education

Counseling Appointments:

- Counseling appointments are typically one half-hour and are meant for more in-depth educational counseling issues and long-term planning. An appointment is usually the best way for a student to start the planning process for managing Columbia educational costs. GS financial aid Counselors will be available for appointments at various times each week. Please call 212-854-5410 to schedule a counseling appointment.

- Email: gs_financial_aid@columbia.edu
- Telephone: (212) 854-5410
Aid Applications

- Federal Financial Aid
  - Eligible for 12 consecutive months of federal loans beginning with the borrower’s first loan
  - Two Forms necessary to apply:
    - FAFSA - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
    - Planned Enrollment Form
      - Completed online via Online Financial Aid System
- FAFSA is a national form sent to a Central Processor. School Code: 002707
Educational Financing Website

Columbia University in the City of New York

COLUMBIA GS
School of General Studies

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Students at the School of General Studies may be eligible to receive scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Financial aid may come from GS, federal and state governments, or private sources. Approximately 70 percent of all GS students receive some form of financial aid.

The GS Office of Educational Financing, located in 408 Lewisohn, administers all financial aid for GS students, including Institutional, federal, and state aid.

Applying for Aid

- Information for prospective students
- Information for current students

Counseling

If you're a current student, or have been recently admitted, you may make an appointment to speak with someone about planning your educational financing by calling (212) 854-5410 or via email.

In addition to counseling appointments, Day-of Quick Visits (for quick questions; no advance appointment required) are available.

This week's hours for Day-of Quick Visits:
Available Aid: Loans

- **Federal**
  - **Federal Direct Subsidized Loan**
    - Interest free while in school at least ½ time
    - After grace period, fixed interest rate of 3.86% for loans disbursed through 7/1/13 – 6/30/2014
    - Payments begin 6 months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled for at least half time (6 credits).
    - $5,500
Available Aid: Loans (cont.)

- **Additional Federal Loans**
  - **Independent Students**
    - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
      - Fixed interest rate of 3.86% for loans disbursed through 7/1/13 – 6/30/2014
      - Interest begins accruing upon disbursement
        - Have option to defer interest payments while in school
      - Payments begin 6 months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled for at least half-time (6 credits).
      - $7,000
  - **Dependent Students**
    - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
      - $2,000
    - Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan
      - Amount based on your cost of attendance minus your financial aid
Spring – Option A

2013 - 2014
$5,500
Spring*

2014 - 2015
$5,500
Summer*
Fall*
Spring

Assumes half-time enrollment for the Summer
Consult w/ your advisor

* Enrolled at least ½ time (6+ credits)

12 Months

Spring – Option B

2013 - 2014
$5,500
Spring*

2014 - 2015
$0
$5,500
Summer
Fall*
Spring

Assumes you are NOT half-time for the Summer
Consult w/ your advisor

* Enrolled at least ½ time (6+ credits)

12 Months
Available Aid: Loans (cont.)

- **Private Educational loans**
    - Check the list to be sure the lender offers loans to certificate program students

- Apply online with the lender

- Not an exhaustive list, students are not limited to these lenders
Online Financial Aid System

- [https://studentviewer.finaid.columbia.edu/](https://studentviewer.finaid.columbia.edu/)
- Review missing financial aid documents
- Review and Accept/Decline financial aid
  - Login using your
    - Columbia University ID # (CUID, C00__ __ __ __)
    - PIN, initially your date of birth (MMDDYYYY)
Online Financial Aid System

Columbia University’s educational financing options consist of federal, state, institutional and private sources of funds that will help meet the diverse needs of the student population. Columbia recognizes the importance of choices in educational financing and hopes that the options provided will be useful in planning and managing educational expenses.

Before you explore these options, we ask that you read the disclosure below regarding the suggested lenders featured on this website.

Please note: If you receive financial aid, you are required to notify your school's Financial Aid Office upon receiving any funds that you did not report on the original financial aid application, such as University tuition exemption, scholarships, tuition reimbursement from your employer, or sponsorship.

Are you new to this site?: To sign in please enter your Student ID (starts with the letter C followed by 9 numbers) and your PIN is your date of birth(MMDDCCYY). If you haven't been assigned a Student ID yet, please contact your admissions office. After logging in; you will be asked to create a new PIN and create security questions.

Are you returning to this site?: Welcome back! To log in, simply put in your Student ID and the PIN you created for this site.

Did you forget your PIN?: If you are returning to the site but have forgotten the PIN you created when activating your account, please click on the Forgot your PIN? link in the login box.
Additional Forms Required

- **Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans**
  - Entrance Interview/Counseling: goes over the borrower’s responsibilities
  - Master Promissory Note (MPN): contract between the borrower and lender promising repayment

- Completed online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)
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- Email: gs_financial_aid@columbia.edu