

# 2022-23

# TRANSFER INFO

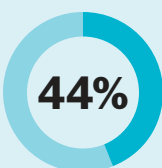
## Private Illinois Colleges & Universities (PICU)

### FAST FACTS

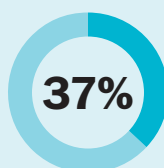
Columbia College Chicago will accept a maximum of 75 transfer credit hours from regionally accredited institutions. This includes AP/IB/CLEP and other postsecondary credit. There is no minimum number of credit hours required to transfer.

**572** transfer students enrolled in Fall 2021.

These students represented **36** states,  
Washington D.C. and **16** foreign countries.



identified  
as students  
of color



identified as  
first-generation  
college  
students



identified as  
members of  
the LGBTQIA+  
community

**52%**  
were from  
the Chicago  
metro area

**66%**  
transferred  
from a  
community  
college

**35%**  
lived in one  
of Columbia's  
four residence  
halls

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

#### Required items:

- Completed Columbia application—available at [colum.edu/apply](https://colum.edu/apply)
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions where the student has enrolled
- Final High School or GED transcripts for students who:
  - Earned a GED or were homeschooled **-or-**
  - Attended a non-US high school **-or-**
  - Have earned fewer than 24 college credits at the time of application
- Some BFA and BMus programs require portfolio review/audition and have earlier deadlines (see back)

**November 15, 2022:** Application deadline for Spring term

**December 1, 2022:** Application deadline for Acting, BFA and Musical Theatre Performance, BFA programs—Fall term start only

**January 18, 2023:** Application Deadline for remaining BFA and BMus programs—Fall term start only

**January 18, 2023:** Submission Deadline for Faculty Recognition Award—Fall term start only; requires completed application to the college

**April 1, 2023:** Priority Application Deadline for Fall term—BA and BS programs.

**April 1, 2023:** Application Deadline for Chicagoland Transfer Award—requires completed application to the college

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## TEST-FREE ADMISSIONS

Columbia College Chicago's admissions process is entirely test free. The standardized tests that many colleges have come to rely on have a deep history of bias. As a result, they have often served to exclude BIPOC and other underrepresented students from the professional opportunities and socioeconomic advancement afforded by higher education. Further, we know from years of reviewing applications and getting to know our students that these tests don't tell us anything important about a student's ability to succeed at Columbia.

## TRANSFER EVENTS

Columbia offers a mix of on-campus and virtual events tailored specifically for transfer students. See [colum.edu/transferevents](https://colum.edu/transferevents) and [colum.edu/virtualevents](https://colum.edu/virtualevents) for a complete schedule.

## COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM

Columbia's combined degree program allows students to earn graduate credits toward one of our Master of Arts programs while still enrolled in an undergraduate major. Choose from the following MA degrees:

- Civic Media
- Entrepreneurship for Creatives
- Interaction Design
- Strategic Communication

After graduating with a bachelor's degree, students will be able to finish

their master's degree in one year. Students can indicate interest in the combined degree program when they fill out their application to the college. Find out more about combined degree requirements at [colum.edu/combined](https://colum.edu/combined).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Columbia is proud to offer generous scholarship support to incoming transfer students. Merit, need, and talent-based scholarships are available.

### MERIT-BASED AID

**Dean's Scholarship:** All applicants are automatically considered for this scholarship upon admission. See [colum.edu/deans](https://colum.edu/deans) for more information.

**Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship:** All members of the PTK Honor Society are eligible for up to \$3,500 provided they meet the additional requirements at [colum.edu/ptk](https://colum.edu/ptk).

**Chicagoland Transfer Award:** The Chicagoland Transfer Award was established to recognize transfer students from eligible Chicago-area community colleges. One full-tuition award and ten \$12,000 annual awards are available each year. A separate application is required. Find more details at [colum.edu/cta](https://colum.edu/cta).

### NEED-BASED AID

**Columbia Scholar Award:** All applicants who complete the FAFSA, using Columbia's school code (001665), are automatically considered for this scholarship. Students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA can contact [transfer@colum.edu](mailto:transfer@colum.edu) to learn about alternate options.

## TALENT-BASED AID

Fall applicants only

**The Faculty Recognition Award:** This is Columbia's talent-based scholarship. Portfolio/audition requirements and submission deadlines can vary based on intended major. See [colum.edu/fra](https://colum.edu/fra) and [colum.edu/bfa](https://colum.edu/bfa) for more.

## MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Columbia offers more than 100 majors and minors across disciplines in the fine, performing, visual and media arts; communication, business, technology, and the liberal arts and sciences.

You can find a full list of our majors at [colum.edu/majors](https://colum.edu/majors).

## TRANSFER PLANNING

Go to [colum.edu/transferchecklist](https://colum.edu/transferchecklist) for a complete run-down of the steps to enrollment. You'll also find specific school and program agreements at [colum.edu/transfer](https://colum.edu/transfer). Don't see your school or program listed? You'll find your representative's contact info at [colum.edu/transferstaff](https://colum.edu/transferstaff).