

Columbia 

COLLEGE CHICAGO

INNOVATION IN THE VISUAL, PERFORMING, MEDIA
AND COMMUNICATION ARTS



application

FOR INTERNATIONAL
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION
AND ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

FALL 2009

SPRING 2010

SUMMER 2010

DEGREE PROGRAMS:

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA)

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (BMUS)

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Definition of an International Student:

- > An international student at Columbia College Chicago is an individual who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of the United States.
- > Any individual who is “in process” to receive U.S. permanent residency is considered by Columbia College Chicago to be an international student.

Before filling out this application please consider the benefits of applying online:

- > **There is no application fee if you apply on-line**
- > **The on-line application is faster and easier to complete**
- > **Delivery is instant**
- > **No postage required**
- > **Your on-line application can be processed faster than paper**

We welcome your application regardless of which one you use!

Go to **WWW.COLUM.EDU/APPLY** to apply on-line.

Instructions and Deadlines For Priority Consideration

Columbia College Chicago considers international students as being those applicants who are **neither** citizens **nor** permanent residents of the United States.

Admissions files must be completed and received by:

Term of Interest	Priority Deadline
Fall 2009 term	May 1
Spring 2010 term	November 15
Summer 2010 term	April 15

Late Applicants

In some cases, applicants currently in the United States who already hold F-1, J-1 or any other non-immigrant visa status under which degree-seeking status is permitted, who apply **after** the published deadlines *may* be considered for admission. Late applicants are expected to apply on-line and to submit all of their supporting documents at the same time they submit their application form in order to allow sufficient time for an admissions decision to be made. Late applicants may be notified of the admissions decision by mail, email or by telephone.

Degree-seeking applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early due to government regulations resulting in prolonged visa processing time.

Admissions Decisions

Columbia's Admissions Review Committee evaluates all completed applications for admission to the college. Students will be notified of their admissions decisions by mail or email within 3 to 4 weeks of the completion of their admissions file.

Applicants whose English proficiency level suggests that they are likely to be under-prepared to meet the college's standards will be required to complete additional English language preparation prior to admission. Columbia College Chicago offers a Summer Intensive English Language Institute (SIELI*) to fulfill this requirement. Additional information regarding SIELI will be sent to applicants as necessary, or may be accessed on-line at www.colum.edu/esl/sieli

Students whose application materials suggest that they would be inordinately challenged by the college's curriculum will be denied admission.

* The SIELI is an intensive English language and culture program designed for students with high-intermediate to advanced levels of proficiency in English who wish to continue to develop their language and intercultural skills for academic and/or professional purposes. The program is an arts, media, and community infused program offering courses in reading and vocabulary, writing, listening/speaking, and culture as well as individualized instruction and participation in weekly cultural and arts events in and around the college campus and the greater Chicago area.

On-Campus Housing

New freshmen students who live beyond a "commutable" distance are *expected* to live on campus. Local students and transfer students are also invited to apply for on-campus housing.

Columbia College Chicago is proud to offer some of the most innovative and unique student housing available. Housing is offered to more than 2,700 students in several residence centers, all conveniently located steps away from the main campus buildings and public transportation. No matter which one of Columbia's outstanding residence centers becomes your home-away-from-home, we are committed to building a diverse, supportive community by providing a full residential living experience, complete with educational and social programs, a Residence Hall Association and Resident Assistants.

All on-campus housing is single-gender by unit, though co-ed by floor. Columbia College does not offer family or married housing. Housing is assigned to admitted students on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date a housing application is received. **Columbia's continuing students are assigned housing prior to new students. New freshmen and transfer students can expect that they will likely NOT be assigned their first housing preference in their first year.**

Returning Students

Columbia College Chicago students who interrupt their studies for one full academic year or longer must complete an International Undergraduate Admissions Re-enrollment Form with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Additional documentation for immigration purposes may be required. The student must meet the financial, academic program and degree-completion requirements that are in place at the time of re-enrollment and must contact a College Advisor prior to registration to have his or her transcripts and requirements assessed. Download the re-enrollment form at www.colum.edu/apply.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Applicants not seeking a degree need to apply for admission through a different application. The Student-at-Large Application is available on-line at www.colum.edu/apply.

A complete International Admission Application must include:

1. Completed Columbia College Chicago International Undergraduate Admissions Application (including your essay)

There is a \$65.00 USD non-refundable application fee for students who use the paper application. There is NO application fee for students who apply on-line. Students who use the paper application please submit an international money order, a cashier's check made payable to "Columbia College Chicago", or pay on-line at www.colum.edu/ **online payment**. Please include the student's full name on the check or money order. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Students who apply on-line can submit their application fee in the final step of the application process.

2. Official or Certified True Copies of Educational Records (Transcripts, Mark Sheets or School Records)

Official educational records of high school, secondary school or college/university work done in the United States must be submitted directly to Columbia College Chicago's Office of Undergraduate Admission.

Official educational records of high school or college/university work completed at institutions outside the United States require a credential evaluation. A credential evaluation converts foreign educational documents into U.S. equivalents.

To arrange for a credential evaluation, applicants must contact World Education Services (WES) directly, at www.wes.org. Applicants must arrange with WES for either a general evaluation of their high school/secondary school records, or in the case of college/university records, a "course by course" evaluation to be sent directly to Columbia College Chicago's Office of Undergraduate Admission.

Please contact WES directly at www.wes.org for current costs and instructions.

IF APPLYING AS A FRESHMAN

Applicants must submit official or certified true copies of their educational records demonstrating successful completion of a high school or secondary education as noted above. In some cases this may require applicants to submit a "leaving certificate" or "graduation certificate" along with their translated, certified educational record.

IF APPLYING AS A TRANSFER STUDENT

Submit official or certified true copies of educational records from all previously attended colleges or universities. Transfer applicants must also submit educational records demonstrating successful completion of high school or secondary education. These documents must be submitted as noted above.

Transfer students will be notified by Columbia's Office of Transfer Credit Evaluation of all transfer credit (if any) that will be accepted by the college.

IF APPLYING AS A POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE OF MAJOR

Post Baccalaureate Certificate Major applicants are required to use the on-line application only. Submit the official college or university educational record on which the applicant's Bachelors Degree is posted.

3. Proof of English Language Proficiency

Proof of English language proficiency is required for admission into the College's undergraduate degree program if English is not your country's primary language. This can be demonstrated by submitting at least one (1) of the following:

- 1) An official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 200 CBT (computer-based test) or 72 composite iBT (internet-based test);
- 2) IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of at least 5.5;
- 3) TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) score of at least 725;

- 4) Evidence of completion of at least one semester of university-level coursework in English Composition at an accredited college/university in the United States with a grade of "C" or better;
- 5) Successful completion of the College's eight-week Summer Intensive English Language Institute (SIELI), upon the recommendation of faculty.*

4. Letter of Recommendation

Submit at least one letter of recommendation from an instructor, guidance counselor or other individual, not including a relative, who is qualified to comment on your potential to complete college level work in an arts and communications curriculum. Please be sure your full name appears on the letter. An optional Recommendation Form is included, or is available to download from www.colum.edu/apply. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome.

5. Financial Documentation

Proof of sufficient funds from reliable and renewable sources to cover the first year "cost of attendance" is required. For F-1 and J-1 visa issuing purposes, you must submit evidence of adequate funding to meet Columbia College Chicago's estimated tuition and living expenses while pursuing a program of study. For all other international students, it is not necessary to submit financial documentation. For the current cost of attendance budget, please visit www.colum.edu/sfs. If you are married and plan to bring your spouse and/or children, proof of additional funds is required. Contact Undergraduate Admissions for current amounts.

Financial Documentation includes:

- Original certified or notarized “Certificate of Sponsorship”. Forms available at www.colum.edu/apply
- Sponsor’s original, current bank statement, issued within six months of your anticipated entry term, preferably in savings, reflecting the appropriate amount in U.S. dollars, certified in English.
- Other acceptable financial documentation may include proof of income, stock portfolios, and/or affidavits of free room and board.

Keep in mind that each dollar not personally provided by you must be promised through sponsorship. If you have multiple sources of funding, each sponsor must submit official documentation detailing what they will provide.

As you prepare your financial documents to send to Columbia College, be sure to keep official copies of all documents to be used in the visa application process.

6. Immunization Records

Students are required to submit records showing proof of specific immunizations as follows: one tetanus/diphtheria shot within the last ten years, two separate measles shots during your lifetime, one rubella shot and one mumps shot; or one tetanus/diphtheria shot within the last ten years, a combination of one MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and a second measles vaccination. Students born prior to January 1, 1957 and students enrolled in fewer than six credit hours are exempt from complying with this law, Illinois Public Act #85-1315.

Completed applications can be reviewed without immunization records on file. However, all students are required to have complete immunization records on file prior to orientation/registration.

7. Immigration Status Documents

All applicants must submit a photocopy of the passport page(s) showing the applicant’s full name and passport expiration date.

Applicants currently in the United States must also submit a photocopy of the I-94 card (front and back).

Additionally, applicants currently holding F-1 student visa status must submit:

- Photocopy of the current I-20
- Photocopy of the F-1 student visa stamp in the passport (if applicable)
- Columbia’s Immigration Pre-Transfer Verification Form, completed by the Designated School Official or International Student Advisor at the applicant’s current U.S. institution. The form is available to download at www.colum.edu/admissions/forms

8. Return your completed application form and all other documents to:

Columbia College Chicago
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
600 South Michigan
Chicago, IL 60605-1996
U.S.A.
FAX: 312 369 8024

9. I-20 or DS-2019 Issuance

A Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility/DS-2019 will be issued only after the admitted student submits:

- 1) Required financial documentation
- 2) Required immigration status documents

PLEASE NOTE

Download forms at www.colum.edu/admissions/forms. All application materials and documents must be in English or accompanied by an official English translation. The applicant’s full name must appear on all documents. Be sure to provide correct mailing instructions to individuals or institutions sending documents separately.

Programs of Study

BA = Bachelor of Arts

BFA = Bachelor of Fine Arts

BMUS = Bachelor of Music

The School of Fine and Performing Arts

ART AND DESIGN

Art and Design (BA)
Art History (BA)
Advertising Art Direction (BFA)
Fashion Design (BFA)
Fine Art (BFA)
Graphic Design (BFA)
Illustration (BFA)
Interior Architecture (BFA)
Product Design (BFA)

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA MANAGEMENT

Fashion/Retail Management (BA)
Media Management (BA)
Music Business Management (BA)
Performing Arts Management (BA)
Arts Entrepreneurship/
Small Business Management (BA)
Visual Arts Management (BA)
Sports Management (BA)

DANCE

Dance (BA)
Dancemaking (BA)
Dance Studies (BA)
Choreography (BFA)
Teaching (BFA)

FICTION WRITING

Fiction Writing (BA; BFA)
Playwriting (BA; BFA)

MUSIC

Composition (BA; BMUS)
Contemporary Urban and Popular Music (BA)
Instrumental Performance (BA)
Vocal Performance (BA)
Vocal Jazz (BA)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography (BA; BFA)

THEATER

Acting (BA; BFA)
Directing (BA; BFA)
Musical Theater Performance (BA; BFA)
Theater (BA)
Technical Theater (BA)
Theater Design (BA; BFA)

The School of Media Arts

AUDIO ARTS AND ACOUSTICS

Acoustics (BA)
Audio Arts and Acoustics (BA)
Audio for Visual Media (BA)
Audio Design and Production (BA)
Sound Contracting (BA)
Sound Reinforcement (BA)

FILM AND VIDEO

Alternative Forms (BA)
Animation: Computer (BA)
Animation: Traditional (BA)
Audio for Visual Media (BA)
Cinematography (BA)
Critical Studies (BA)
Directing (BA)
Documentary (BA)
Editing (BA)
Film/Video (BA)
Post-Production (BA)
Producing (BA)
Screenwriting (BA)

INTERACTIVE ARTS & MEDIA

Game Design (BA)
Interactive Arts & Media (BA; BFA)

JOURNALISM

Broadcast Journalism (BA)
Magazine Writing/Editing (BA)
News Reporting and Writing (BA)
Reporting on Health, Science and the
Environment (BA)

MARKETING COMMUNICATION

Advertising (BA)
Marketing (BA)
Public Relations (BA)

RADIO (BA)

TELEVISION

Interactive Television (BA)
Post-Production/Effects (BA)
Production/Directing (BA)
Writing/Producing (BA)

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION

ASL-English (BA)

HUMANITIES, HISTORY, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Cultural Studies (BA)

EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education (BA)
Teacher Certification (BA)

ENGLISH

Creative Writing – Poetry (BA)
Creative Writing – Non-Fiction (BA)

INTERDISCIPLINARY

In consultation with academic advisors and department chairpersons, highly-motivated students may chart an interdisciplinary course of study that meets career and academic goals, and integrates one or more disciplines offered in the Columbia curriculum. The resulting interdisciplinary major, including courses from liberal arts and sciences as well as from major-granting programs, culminates in a senior project merging the student's areas of interest, and will be formally recognized as a program of study.

Section 1:

Please type or print in dark ink.

Please complete all questions in every section, sign your application and attach your essay and application fee.

1. Name

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

PREVIOUS, FORMER OR MAIDEN NAME

2. Permanent Foreign Address

Note: In compliance with governmental regulations, international applicants must include a permanent foreign address.

STREET ADDRESS (LINE 1)

STREET ADDRESS (LINE 2)

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

3. Mailing Address (if different from above) Effective Dates: From _____ To _____

STREET ADDRESS (LINE 1)

STREET ADDRESS (LINE 2)

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

4. Day Telephone

COUNTRY CODE CITY CODE

5. Evening Telephone

COUNTRY CODE CITY CODE

6. Email Address

Columbia College Chicago complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Federal regulations require the collection of statistical information concerning ethnic origin, age and sex of our applicants. Columbia College Chicago admits students without regard to age, race, color, creed, sex, religion handicap, disability, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin.

13. Family Information

Please select one:

MR. MRS. MISS MS. DR.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONE: LAST NAME

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONE: FIRST NAME

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONE: PERMANENT ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY CODE/CITY CODE/PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

OCCUPATION

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL TITLE

EMPLOYER

PARENT/GUARDIAN ONE'S HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION:

- Less than High School Some High School HS graduate or equivalent Some College Technical School 2 Year college
 Bachelor's Level Degree Some Graduate School Master's Level Degree Doctorate (Academic) Doctorate (Professional) Post Doctorate

Please select one:

MR. MRS. MISS MS. DR.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN TWO: LAST NAME

PARENT OR GUARDIAN TWO: FIRST NAME

PARENT OR GUARDIAN TWO: PERMANENT ADDRESS

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY CODE/CITY CODE/PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

OCCUPATION

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL TITLE

EMPLOYER

PARENT/GUARDIAN TWO'S HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION:

- Less than High School Some High School HS graduate or equivalent Some College Technical School 2 Year college
 Bachelor's Level Degree Some Graduate School Master's Level Degree Doctorate (Academic) Doctorate (Professional) Post Doctorate

14. If you are applying from within the United States, what is your current immigration status (F-1, J-1, etc.)?

15. Do you plan to enter Columbia as a:
 FULL-TIME STUDENT (12 CREDIT HOURS OR MORE)
 PART-TIME STUDENT (FEWER THAN 12 CREDIT HOURS)

16. Are you applying as (check only one):
 FRESHMAN
 TRANSFER

17. What other U.S. colleges or universities are you considering (if any)?

SCHOOL NAME 1

CITY

STATE

SCHOOL NAME 2

CITY

STATE

18. List the full name of the high school/secondary school from which you were (or will be) graduated, or the information from your GED center.

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL/SECONDARY SCHOOL

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

(EXPECTED) GRADUATION DATE

____/____/____

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

— OR —

NAME OF GED TEST CENTER

CITY

STATE

DATE GED EARNED

____/____/____

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

19. List the full name of all colleges/universities you have attended since high school/secondary school, starting with the most recent.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

COUNTRY

DEGREE EARNED (IF APPLICABLE)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME

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CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

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COUNTRY

DEGREE EARNED (IF APPLICABLE)

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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME

[Light blue horizontal bar for text entry]

CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

[Light blue horizontal bar for text entry]

COUNTRY

DEGREE EARNED (IF APPLICABLE)

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Please Note: If you have earned AP, CLEP, or International Baccalaureate credits you wish to have considered by Columbia College Chicago, you must arrange to have your documents sent to the Columbia College Undergraduate Admissions Office.

- 20. List any other schools and/or workshops you have attended, such as technical institutes, certificate programs, ESL programs, etc.

[Large light blue area for listing other schools and workshops]

21. List any special accomplishments, awards, skills, talents (e.g, honor roll status, 1st place in high school senior art exhibition, published writings, professional web design, film editing experience, editor of high school newspaper, etc.).

Light blue horizontal bars for writing answers to question 21.

22. If you have been out of school for one year or longer, please tell us what you have been doing in that time and why you have chosen to attend college now.

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Section 2: On-Campus Housing

23. I am requesting housing for:

- FALL 2009 AND SPRING 2010 SPRING 2010 ONLY

Students inquiring about housing for Summer 2010, should visit www.colum.edu/residencelife

24. Study Floor:

Are you interested in living on a floor with extended quiet hours? YES NO

25. Roommate Preferences

- a) It is important for me to live with someone who does not smoke. YES NO
- b) It is important for me to live with someone that cleans up after themselves and keeps the living space clean. YES NO
- c) I prefer to live with someone who goes to bed at: 10 PM 12 AM 2 AM IT DOES NOT MATTER
- d) When I study I prefer: SILENCE SOME BACKGROUND NOISE (MUSIC/TV) DON'T MIND ANY NOISE

26. Roommate Request

Roommate requests must be mutual. Roommate requests cannot be guaranteed; however, it is easier for us to consider your request if both you and your intended roommate apply early and submit your housing applications within a week of each other.

LAST

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FIRST

ROOMMATE'S PHONE NUMBER

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27. Housing Preferences:

Room Types

Columbia College Chicago offers a variety of room types within our residence centers. We provide apartment-style housing as well as more traditional one-room units called semi-suites. All come fully furnished. Below you will find a list of the possible room types available on campus.

For more specific information regarding apartment and semi-suite layouts, furnishings and amenities, please visit: <http://www.colum.edu/residencelife>

PLEASE RANK YOUR PREFERRED ROOM TYPE BY MARKING 1 – 3.

Shared Bedroom in a Traditional-Style Semi-Suite

Price range per student per academic year: \$10,806.00—\$12,270.00

Consists of a traditional two-person room. Students share a bathroom with 1 to 3 other students. A 15-meal per week plan is mandatory and is included in the cost of the room. In addition to the on-campus dining facility, students also have access to kitchenettes and community lounges on each floor.

Shared Bedroom in a Shared Apartment

Price range per student per academic year: \$8,600.00—\$10,800.00

Consists of a two-person bedroom within a 1 to 3 bedroom apartment. The apartment, depending on number of bedrooms, may house from 2 to 6 students and will include 1 to 3 bedrooms, one or more bathroom(s), a living/dining area and a kitchen. Students will prepare meals for themselves and may opt to purchase a supplementary meal plan, for an additional cost, through our on-campus dining facility.*

Private Bedroom in a Shared Apartment

Price range per student per academic year: \$10,137.00—\$12,800.00

Consists of a one-person bedroom within a 4 to 5 bedroom apartment. The apartment will house 4 to 5 students and will include one or more bathroom(s), a living/dining area and a kitchen. Students will prepare meals for themselves and may opt to purchase a supplementary meal plan, for an additional cost, through our on-campus dining facility.*

If you require special room accommodations due to an ADA recognized disability, contact the Residence Life Office, in writing, via email: residencelife@colum.edu

Dining Services

Mandatory meal plans are provided for residents assigned to Traditional-Style Semi-Suites, as these units do not include kitchens. The meal plan offers 15 meals per week during the Fall and Spring semesters. It also includes \$660 in “flex” dollars to spend at the student’s discretion within the dining facility during the regular academic year. The cost of the meal plan is included in the price range listed above.

Apartment units have full kitchens that include a full-sized refrigerator, oven, range, and dishwasher. Residents cook for themselves, and often share cooking duties with their roommates. Two major grocery stores are within walking distance of our residence centers, or students may order groceries on-line through a commercial provider. Meal preparation is an important part of the independent living experience available to our students.

*Residents assigned to apartments may choose to apply for an optional, supplementary meal plan. The plan includes 150 meals for the academic year (Fall and Spring semesters), plus \$250 in “flex” dollars to spend at the student’s discretion within the dining facility. Please understand that this plan is strictly supplementary as it allows an average of five meals per week. Supplementary meal plans cost approximately \$1600; several hundred plans are available for purchase each year and are made available on a first-come first-served basis until all are sold. Detailed meal plan information will be included in the Housing Contract Packet.

Section 3:

Essay

28. Essay

THE ESSAY IS A MANDATORY PART OF THE APPLICATION. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

YOUR FULL NAME MUST BE TYPED CLEARLY AT THE TOP OF YOUR ESSAY.

YOUR ESSAY MUST BE AT LEAST 400 WORDS. THE ESSAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE IT IN A THOROUGH AND THOUGHTFUL MANNER. ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED, AND DOUBLE-SPACED.

Improvements in consumer-grade technology and its relative affordability have provided opportunities for students to create and distribute their art, their films, their writings, and their music in ways previously unavailable. Though it was once far too expensive for an individual outside of the professional world to make a “film,” for example, many young people now engage in scripting, shooting, and editing their own works. Aspiring journalists write and publish their own e-zines, blogs, and on-line journals. Self-managed musicians create and distribute their own CD’s and promote themselves.

With so much ready access to the technology tools that help produce and distribute these creative works, and with so much work being produced and distributed “out there” (some of it not very good, by the way), how will you make your work stand out? For the moment, forget the technology and what it has done for you and your art form. Tell us, instead, about your *ideas*. What themes or concepts do you want to explore through your work? What do you want to make your ‘audience’ think or feel? What do you want to make them aware of? Why are you interested in your ideas? Why should anyone else be interested in them? Have you already begun to explore your concepts through your work? What do you hope or expect Columbia College Chicago to contribute to the development of your ideas? What is the first thing you want to do at Columbia to explore your ideas?

OR

Choosing to study outside of your home country for your college education is an important decision. For many of you, this means traveling a great distance, adjusting to a new culture, a new way of life, a new language—all of which may be quite different from your own. Of the many countries in the world to further your education, why have you chosen the United States, and why have you selected Columbia College Chicago as your educational destination? How did you first hear about Columbia? What about Columbia College Chicago attracts you the most? What do you hope the Columbia College Chicago experience will do for you as an artist or communicator? What are you hoping to gain from this experience to take back with you to your home country? Why do you believe Columbia College should consider your application for admission? What positive contributions will you make to the Columbia College community?

Section 4:

Signature

I understand that providing false information may make me ineligible for admission to Columbia College Chicago or subject to dismissal. I agree to abide by the regulations of Columbia as set forth in its current catalog and other official college publications.

I am applying to Columbia College Chicago as a degree seeking student and I attest that this writing sample included with my application is my own original composition.

29. Applicant’s Signature

Date Submitted

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

Checklist for a completed International Undergraduate Application

- Essay
- Letter of recommendation
- Educational records (official or certified true copies)
- Credential evaluation
- Proof of English language proficiency
- \$65 USD application fee (for paper applications only)
- Signature

Checklist for additional Documents Required for 1-20 Issuance

- Financial documentation
- Immigration status documents
- Immunization records

Prospective students who have special physical or learning needs are encouraged to contact the Office of the Conaway Achievement Project to arrange for necessary assistance while attending Columbia College Chicago. Contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities at 312-369-8134/V or 312-360-0767/TTY to arrange for assistance.

Your application will be ready for review when the Undergraduate Admissions Office has received all of the necessary documents. Only completed applications will be reviewed. Decision letters are mailed to students approximately four to six weeks after all admission materials have been reviewed. Applicants may be notified of the admission decision by mail, email or by telephone.

PLEASE REMOVE AND RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS.