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ON-CAMPUS
HOUSING 2007-08

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General Information

Residence Life at Columbia College Chicago

Columbia College Chicago is proud to offer some of the most innovative and unique student housing available. Housing is offered to more than 2500 students in five separate residence facilities, 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. New freshmen students who live beyond a commutable distance are *expected* to live on campus.

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 on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date an application is received. **During the College's contract renewal process, Columbia's continuing students are assigned housing prior to new incoming students. New freshmen and transfer students can expect that they will likely NOT be assigned their first housing preference.**

How to Obtain On-Campus Housing

1. Submit an Admissions Application

While early application for on-campus housing is encouraged, you are welcome to submit a housing application ONLY after beginning the admissions application process. The College is unable to process a housing application prior to receiving an admissions application.

2. Complete the Housing Application and mail to:

Columbia College Chicago
Undergraduate Admissions
600 S. Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60605-1996

3. Wait to receive a Housing Contract

Applicants will receive Housing Contracts that reflect specific living arrangements. The first round of Fall Housing contracts will be sent out no later than the first week of April 2007 and will continue to be mailed out on a rolling basis until all of our housing is filled.

4. Return signed Housing Contract by the date specified with a \$500 prepayment

A Contract Packet will be mailed that contains:

- a housing contract
- a letter that will establish the date your signed contract must be returned
- a housing reply card
- a pre-paid envelope for the return of the contract, your \$500 prepayment, and your housing reply card.

Only when we have received the signed housing contract complete with a \$500 housing prepayment will your space in on-campus housing be secured. If we do not receive the signed contract and housing prepayment by the date specified in your contract letter, the contract will be cancelled and the space will be assigned to another student.

Two important things to know about your \$500 housing prepayment:

1. The housing prepayment is an out-of-pocket expense. It cannot be covered by financial aid from federal, state, institutional or private sources, including loans as those funds are not typically disbursed to students until the school year begins. We regret that we are not able to waive or defer the prepayment for any student.
2. Your \$500 housing prepayment is refundable upon written request only until May 1, 2007 (please send all refund requests to Undergraduate Admissions via email to admissions@colum.edu). After May 1st, your prepayment is refundable only if, after review of your complete Undergraduate Admissions application, the College does not offer admission to you.

Annual contracts: Students have the option of living on campus during the summer months—either by filling out a summer housing application or by signing an Annual Housing contract in their second year of study at Columbia College. Students interested in summer housing or Annual Housing contracts must apply directly through the Residence Life Office located at 731 S. Plymouth Court. You may also reach Residence Life by phone: 312-344-7803, or via email: residencelife@colum.edu.

Important Note to Spring Applicants: Students who enter the College or the Residence Life System in the Spring semester should know that the process of obtaining on-campus housing is substantially the same. However, please note the following important distinctions:

1. Housing contracts are traditionally offered to Spring students in mid-January, often very close to the start of Spring semester.
2. Housing contracts for students entering in Spring are binding only for the Spring semester.
3. Spring applicants, if offered housing, will be responsible for paying only one semester's housing fees (one half of the prices listed in this application).

Moving Into Your Home-Away-From-Home

Starting mid-July, 2007, move-in packets will be mailed to new students who have contracted to live in Residence Life. These packets will include a move-in schedule, your specific campus address, roommate name(s) and contact information, and a list of suggested items to bring with you to campus. If assigned an apartment, you and your roommate will need to provide cooking utensils and dishes!

Room Types

Columbia College Chicago offers a variety of room types within our five residence facilities. 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/semi-suite layouts, furnishings and amenities, please visit: <http://www.colum.edu/Admissions/Residences.php>.

If you require special room accommodations due to an ADA recognized disability, contact the Admissions Housing Coordinator, in writing, via email: newstudenthousing@colum.edu.

A NOTE ON HOUSING COSTS AND ASSIGNMENTS: Housing costs vary according to building, type of room, occupancy and location within the building. Even within a single building, there are variations in cost. Because students will not know their actual housing costs until a specific space is offered through a housing contract, students and their families should understand that, for most students, housing will cost roughly \$5,000 to \$6,000 per semester. Some students may choose to purchase or enhance the optional meal plan, which will add to their total costs.

IMPORTANT: The space assigned to you will be the best available match to your stated housing preference at the time we receive your application. You have the option of not accepting the space offered if you believe it will not meet your needs, but no other housing offer will be made to you. We are unable to respond to individual requests for exceptions to this policy.

Shared Bedroom in a Traditional-Style Semi-Suite

Price range per student per academic year: \$10,572.00—\$11,778.00

Consists of a traditional two-person room. Students share a bathroom with 1 to 3 other students. A 15-meal per week meal 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: \$7,934.00—\$9,654.00

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: \$9,050.00—\$11,250.00

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.

Meal Plans

For residents assigned a **Shared Bedroom in a Traditional-Style Semi-Suite**, the cost of living includes a mandatory meal plan as those 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 College’s dining facility and during the regular academic year (Fall and Spring semesters.)

Residents assigned either a **Shared Bedroom in a Shared Apartment** or a **Private Bedroom in a Shared Apartment** will have full kitchens in their apartments and may cook for themselves. Apartment residents may also choose to purchase, at an additional cost, a 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 College’s dining facility. Please understand that this plan is strictly supplementary—don’t forget those kitchens—as it only allows an average of five meals per week (not including “flex” dollars.) The estimated cost for the 150 Plan is approximately \$1500 and will be billed directly to the student’s account at the start of the first semester.

The option to sign-up for the supplementary meal plan will be part of the contract package which will be mailed to you once you are assigned a space in on-campus housing.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Rec'd _____

Oasis ID _____

Roommate Request I.D. _____

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1. Name

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

2. Permanent Street Address

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTRY

3. Telephone

4. Email Address

5. Date of Birth

6. Gender

FEMALE MALE

7. Social Security Number

8. I am a:

NEW STUDENT (FRESHMAN OR TRANSFER) RETURNING STUDENT (If you are a returning student, please skip question 9.)

9. In Fall 2007, I will be a(n):

FRESHMAN TRANSFER GRADUATE STUDENT
 INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENT INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT

10. I am requesting housing for:

FALL 2007 AND SPRING 2008 SPRING 2008 ONLY

11. Study Floor:

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

12. 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

FIRST

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

You're not finished yet!

Please be sure to complete the back of your application →

13. Housing Preferences:

Please rank your preferred room type by marking 1 through 3:

- ___ SHARED BEDROOM IN A SHARED APARTMENT
- ___ PRIVATE BEDROOM IN A SHARED APARTMENT
- ___ SHARED BEDROOM IN A TRADITIONAL-STYLE SUITE

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Although the College will try to accommodate your housing requests, we cannot guarantee housing preferences or roommate requests.

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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Undergraduate Admissions
600 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605-1996

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Students under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign below as guarantor. Please state relationship to student.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR MINOR STUDENT

DATE

INDICATE RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT

Columbia College Chicago complies with all local, state, and federal laws concerning civil rights. Columbia College Chicago does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities.

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