

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Estimated Expenses: 2009- 2010

Columbia College Chicago is required by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to obtain and check the financial ability of each student prior to issuing the Certificate of Eligibility for

Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status I-20. International students seeking an I-20 are required to show full financial support for one academic year of study. Support must be arranged for the duration of study at Columbia College Chicago.

At Columbia College Chicago, the academic year consists of 2 semesters beginning September/Fall semester and January/Spring semester. A 5-, 8-, 10- or 12-week May/Summer Session is available and enrollment is optional. Full-time status for undergraduate students requires a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. International students are required to be enrolled full-time to remain in student status.

The following are minimum cost estimates and actual costs may vary. Columbia College Chicago reserves the right to change tuition and fee information at any time without prior notice. All international students are required to document the full amount whether the student lives on-campus, off-campus or in the area with friends or relatives. An "Affidavit of Free Room and/or Board" from a friend or relative is required if a student plans to commute along with a "Certificate of Sponsorship" from the sponsor(s) providing the educational cost.

Additional financial support should be demonstrated for accompanying dependent in F-2 status. If the applicant is married and plans to bring their spouse and/or children, please add \$5,000 per year for the spouse and \$3,000 per year for each dependent child. Columbia College Chicago does not provide on-campus housing for married students. Family members accompanying a student are required to have an I-20 and will be in F-2 status. They will not be allowed to work in any type of employment.

Students must note that neither federal nor state financial aid is available to international students.

However, eligible F-1 students may apply for extremely limited, highly competitive select Columbia College Chicago scholarships after completing their first semester at the College. Visit www.colum.edu/scholarships for more details.

Students should not anticipate working in the U.S. to offset the cost of tuition. On-campus employment is very limited and competitive. Only part-time employment (20 hrs./week) may be authorized on campus.

International students must be admitted to Columbia College Chicago and follow these steps to receive an I-20:

- 1) Provide a notarized "Certificate of Sponsorship" and "Affidavit of Free Room and Board" (if applicable).
- 2) Provide an original bank letter or bank statement confirming funds are available for the student. Bank information must be an original letter with an official signature on bank letterhead, must be dated within six months of the start of the desired term of enrollment, verify a current account balance showing the minimum amount certified in US dollars and show that the account is in good standing.

An I-20 will not be issued until the necessary forms and financial documentation are returned to Columbia College Chicago.

Estimated expenses given in U.S. dollars for the educational and living expenses of an international undergraduate student for the 9-month 2009-2010 academic year plus the Summer Session are as follows:

FALL /SPRING TUITION & FEES		SUMMER SESSION (OPTIONAL)	
Tuition (\$9,245.00/semester)	\$18,490	Tuition (\$497/credit hr.)	\$4,473
(Based on 12-16 credit hours/semester)		(based on 9 credits)	
(Each additional credit hour over 16)	\$468		
Registration Fee (\$50.00/semester)	\$100		\$50
Student Activity Fee (\$75/semester)	\$150		\$40
Health Center Fee (\$40.00/semester)	\$80		\$25
U-PASS (\$95.00/semester)	\$190		(not available)
Orientation Fee (first semester only)	\$80		\$80
Class Fees (\$250.00/semester)	\$500		\$167
Class fees will vary depending upon the courses selected			
Estimated Tuition & Fees	\$19,590		\$4,835
Other Expenses			
Mandatory Student Health Insurance*	\$1,188		\$297
(\$594.00/semester)			
Books & Supplies	\$3,000		\$1,000
Personal	\$3,780		\$1,260
On-Campus Living Expenses			
Actual cost may vary depending on housing type			
Average cost for Room & Board	\$12,360		
Residence Center Summer Session - 8 weeks			\$2750
Residence Center Summer Session - 12 weeks			\$3950
Estimated Academic Year Total:	\$39,918	Estimated Summer Total (8 weeks)	\$10,142
With On-campus housing		Estimated Summer Total (12 weeks)	\$11,342
Off-campus Living Expenses**			
Rent, food, utilities***	\$11,700		\$3,900
Transportation	\$1,600		\$534
Estimated Off-campus	\$40,858		\$14,576 (8 weeks)
			\$15,776 (12 weeks)

*Health coverage is for 12 months

**A student who is provided with free room and board by a relative or close friend living within a commutable distance to the College will not need to provide for food, housing expenses or utilities. Therefore, an undergraduate student who presents an "Affidavit of Free Room and/or Board" will need a minimum of \$25,000 in cash support.

***Based on a 9-month lease. Please note the time period of most leases is 12 months. There may be an additional charge for shorter lease periods.