

>>> ABOUT COLGATE

Colgate University's mission is to provide a demanding, expansive educational experience to a select group of diverse, talented, and intellectually sophisticated students who are capable of challenging themselves, their peers, and their teachers in a setting that brings together living and learning. In addition, the university strives for students to develop into critical thinkers as well as perceptive leaders by encouraging them to fulfill their potential as members of a community that values all forms of intellectual rigor and respects the complexity of human understanding.

>>> WHO IS CONSIDERED AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?

Colgate defines an international student as a citizen of a foreign country who is not a dual citizen of the United States or permanent resident. Although U.S. citizens who are living and studying abroad are not technically considered international students, we do recognize the rich diversity and cultural perspective they offer to the Colgate community.

>>> THE COLGATE ENVIRONMENT

Colgate University is a small, highly selective liberal arts university with an enrollment of 2,900 men and women. We are located in central New York State in the village of Hamilton (population of approximately 2,500). The spacious campus is situated on a hillside surrounded by a rural landscape. The largest nearby cities are Syracuse (38 miles away) and Utica (30 miles away); New York City is 200 miles southeast.

The vast majority of students enter Colgate directly after completing secondary school education in the United States. Typically, 40 to 70 new international students enroll at Colgate each year. There is an international student organization, and international students are challenged and encouraged to contribute to the entire Colgate community.



>>> ACADEMICS

The curriculum provides an undergraduate liberal arts education leading to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, plus a very small graduate program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT). In the liberal arts program, students take classes in a variety of disciplines, while choosing at least one academic field as a chosen major (see list of majors). Liberal arts graduates learn in an interdisciplinary style where they are constantly making connections among academic subjects rather than focusing solely on one field. Liberal arts graduates are very effective oral and written communicators — evidenced by their success in a wide range of careers.

Although many Colgate students seek employment immediately after graduation,

a large number continue their studies for an advanced degree at another institution in order to pursue a particular profession. The majority of Colgate graduates pursue advanced degrees elsewhere within five years of earning their Colgate BA.

Colgate offers a curriculum established around four academic divisions: humanities, natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and university studies.

In addition to a student's academic major, the academic program includes the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (four interdisciplinary courses plus one course to satisfy the Global Engagements requirement) and two courses in each of three

Colgate offers 52 undergraduate majors including several interdisciplinary programs.

>>> ACADEMIC MAJORS <<<

Africana and Latin American studies
Art and art history
Asian studies
Astrogeophysics
Astronomy/physics
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese
Classical studies
Classics
Computer science
Computer science/mathematics
Economics

Educational studies
English
Environmental biology
Environmental economics
Environmental geography
Environmental geology
Environmental studies
French
Geography
Geology
German
Greek
History
Humanities

International relations
Japanese
Latin
Mathematical economics
Mathematics
Molecular biology
Music
Native American studies
Natural science
Neuroscience
Peace and conflict studies
Philosophy
Philosophy and religion
Physical science

Physics
Political science
Psychology
Religion
Russian studies
Social sciences
Sociology and anthropology
Spanish
Theater
Women's studies
Pre-professional programs:
Pre-architecture
Pre-engineering
Pre-health science
Pre-law

Colgate University is recognized as a leader in undergraduate research.



areas of inquiry (Human Thought and Expression; Social Relations, Institutions, and Agents; and Natural Sciences and Mathematics). Electives and physical education classes are also taken throughout the four years. Competency must be demonstrated in a foreign or classical language and in English composition. First-year students enroll in a first-year seminar during the fall term.

Selection of the major is made before the end of the sophomore year. Optional minors (available in all department fields and 9 additional areas) are normally declared during the junior year.

Colgate offers a variety of academic experiences with an international emphasis including nine modern and two classical languages as well as more than 20 off-campus semester-long study groups, most of them overseas. As part of the liberal arts and sciences program, there are opportunities for honors, independent study, and research. This diversity within the academic program prepares students for many careers and life choices, including professions that require graduate school training.

>>> RESEARCH

Colgate is recognized as a leader in undergraduate research. For more than 30 years, undergraduates have participated with Colgate professors on summer research projects in areas ranging from anthropology to zoology. Each summer, approximately 100 students are granted research assistantships in 15 different academic departments. This type of opportunity provides a learning experience unparalleled in the classroom, enhancing student awareness of research activity, and providing career guidance and close student/faculty interaction. This work often yields fruitful results that are communicated through co-authored publications or presentations at national or regional professional meetings.

>>> LIFE AT COLGATE

Colgate University maintains an extensive support network for international students. Professionals in the Office of the Dean of the College advise international students on matters such as cultural issues, passport and visa questions, and travel. In addition, the Colgate International Community (CIC) is a vibrant student-led organization that coordinates social events and provides a network of support and advice. Typical programs include weekly meetings,

holiday gatherings, weekend excursions to places such as Boston and New York City, and Family Weekend functions. Most international students also have local host families who provide advice and support throughout the students' time at Colgate.

HOUSING OPTIONS

All first-year students are required to live in residence halls. Beginning in the sophomore year, students may also elect to live in college houses or university-owned apartments. Students who are members of a fraternity or sorority may live with other members during their junior and senior years. Seniors may participate in a lottery if they wish to move off campus. Approximately 250 seniors live in non-university-owned housing, and 12–14 percent of the student body live in fraternities and sororities. Colgate guarantees housing every year to students wishing to remain on campus. To learn more about student housing, visit www.colgate.edu/housing.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Colgate believes that cultural perspective is an important goal of a liberal arts education. To achieve this end, the university offers a wide variety of international and domestic off-campus study groups. Nearly two-thirds of Colgate students study off campus before graduation.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Students are involved in more than 100 organizations that range from a full concert orchestra to a campus radio station, from the College Republicans and Democrats to a range of a cappella singing groups. In addition, Colgate fields 25 men's and women's Division I varsity athletic teams and more than 25 competitive club teams, and also sponsors approximately 50 intramural sport tournaments. With all of these options available, almost 98 percent of the students remain on campus during the weekends. To learn more about student organizations, visit www.colgate.edu/clubs.



COLGATE STUDY GROUP LOCATIONS

- Australia (Wollongong – Environmental studies)
- Australia (Wollongong – Natural sciences)
- Bethesda, Md. (National Institutes of Health)
- China (Beijing)
- Dominican Republic (Santiago de los Caballeros)
- England (London – Art and art history)

- England (London – Economics)
- England (London – English)
- England (London – History)
- England (Manchester)
- France (Dijon)
- Germany (Freiburg)
- India (Delhi, Mussoorie, Jaipur, and Varanasi)
- Italy (Venice)
- Jamaica (Kingston)

- Japan (Kyoto)
- San Francisco, Calif. – Sociology and anthropology, Asian studies
- Santa Fe, N.M. – Native American studies
- Scotland (St. Andrews)
- South Korea (Seoul)
- Spain (Madrid)
- Switzerland (Geneva)
- Wales (Cardiff)
- Washington, D.C. – Political science

Some of the more than 170 student clubs and organizations include:

ACADEMIC CLUBS

- Colgate Debate Society
- Colgate Physics Club
- Colgate Pre-Health Student Association
- Colgate Pre-Law Society
- Finance Club
- International Relations Council
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- Philosophy Club
- Sociology and Anthropology Club

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Buddhist Student Association
- Colgate Christian Fellowship
- Colgate Jewish Union
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

- Hindu Student Association
- Muslim Student Association
- Newman Community (Catholic)
- University Church

PERFORMING ARTS

- Charred Goosebeak (improv comedy)
- Colgate Ballet Company
- Colgate Jazz Ensemble
- Colgate Resolutions (*a cappella*)
- Colgate Thirteen (*a cappella*)
- Colgate University Orchestra
- The Dischords (*a cappella*)
- Groove (dance troupe)
- Kuumba (dance troupe)
- Latin American Dancers
- Raider Pep Band

- Sojourners Gospel Choir
- Student Musical Theater Company
- The Swinging 'Gates (*a cappella*)
- University Chorus
- University Theater
- Urban Theater

CLUB SPORTS

- Badminton
- Cricket
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Field hockey
- Figure skating
- Martial arts
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Squash
- Table tennis
- Volleyball

CULTURAL/POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

- African Student Union
- Amnesty International
- Asian Awareness Coalition
- Caribbean Student Association
- Chinese Interest Association
- Colgate International Community
- German Club
- Italian Club
- Japan Club
- Korean American Student Association
- Latin American Student Organization
- South Asian Cultural Club
- Spanish Club
- Vietnam Culture Club

>>> LIFE AFTER COLGATE

The Center for Career Services at Colgate is a comprehensive operation where staff assist students with all levels of career advising and exploration. Career services offers students a place to learn about career opportunities all over the world. Many motivated students take advantage of the diverse resources and guidance at Colgate. Ninety-five percent of graduates are employed or attending graduate school within one year of graduating.

Each year, more than 250 organizations recruit Colgate students to fill a variety of positions in areas such as advertising, communications, the arts, science and research, health, business, government, law, consulting, social change, human services, education, and more. Career services also works closely with students and alumni to help with graduate school searches, and it is estimated that approximately two-thirds of all Colgate alumni will ultimately pursue graduate study.

Career services also offers advising for students interested in Rhodes, Fulbright, Watson, Churchill, Marshall, Carnegie, Truman, and other fellowships and scholarships for postgraduate study, travel, and research. Although our international students are quite successful in their endeavors after Colgate, non-U.S. citizens should be aware of immigration laws that might affect their ability to work in the United States after graduation.



CLAUDIA MELNICIUC '05

Majors: Art history, mathematics
Country: Romania
Postgraduate education: Yale School of Architecture
Current position: Architectural designer, London, England

"I knew I wanted to become an architect before I came to Colgate. I decided to enroll in a liberal arts program rather than a professional school because I planned to get a broad education first. Rather than teaching me a particular method or philosophy of design, Colgate provided me with the skills to look at the problem from many different angles and discover a new approach. It helped fuel my creativity and taught me how to give my ideas the power to engage others. My liberal arts training really helped me develop my own design identity."



PIAN SHU '07

Majors: Mathematics, mathematical economics
Country: China
Current position: Pursuing a PhD in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

"An important strength of the liberal arts education at Colgate is the tremendous interest that faculty take in students. I was able to work directly with economics professors on research projects. The experience was crucial in my decision to pursue a graduate degree in economics and become a researcher myself. It also helped me build a profile that was recognized by top programs and made my transition to graduate school easier."



ASHISH SHAH '10

Majors: Physics, mathematics
Country: Nepal
Current position: Pursuing a PhD in mechanical engineering at Columbia University

"My academic experience at Colgate was greatly enhanced by the various research opportunities I had, working under the very close guidance of professors. This experience is proving to be very helpful as I continue my graduate studies in mechanical engineering. My Colgate education makes me a unique candidate in my current area of study."



KRYSTLE MCLAUGHLIN '06

Major: Physics
Country: Trinidad and Tobago
Current position: SPIRE Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"Every course I took at Colgate prepared me for my current position. My science courses and research opportunities gave me the skills to work in a lab efficiently, core classes challenged me to think critically — an invaluable tool in scientific research — and writing courses gave me the experience so now I can easily write research papers for publication. My Colgate liberal arts education really helped me to become a well-rounded person. Not only did I take challenging physics courses and do research, but I also learned about art, discussed the Bible, and pondered Nietzsche. Colgate prepared me to take on life."

>>> ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Colgate requires three written letters of recommendation: one from the school guidance counselor or college adviser, and two from faculty who have taught the applicant in major academic courses (English, social studies, foreign or classical languages, physical or biological sciences, or mathematics) during the student's sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school (or other secondary educational institution). The Common Application includes forms to be given to faculty. Please bear in mind that teachers need adequate time to complete these forms.

We also require original copies of your transcripts from high school and for any college courses you have completed as well as a mid-year report for current seniors. A transcript includes internal grades granted by a student's secondary school, and may also include national exam results depending on the country. Colgate requires a complete secondary school transcript, which, in many countries, includes the last four years of secondary school or the equivalent of U.S. grades 9-12.

All admission documents should be written in English or accompanied by certified translations from a local consulate, embassy, or school official.

TESTING AND SECONDARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

International students whose first language is not English should take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Our most competitive candidates for admission generally receive a TOEFL score of 100 for the Internet-based test (600 or above on the written test). If you are unable to take the TOEFL due to cost or access, as an alternative, submit results of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

All applicants must take the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT assessment. Colgate considers the highest mathematics, critical reading, and writing scores on the SAT Reasoning Test. Of the three sections of the SAT Reasoning Test, less emphasis is placed on the writing section. Colgate does not require the writing component of the ACT assessment.

EARLY DECISION

Colgate offers the Early Decision option for those candidates who have identified the university as their first choice. Early Decision applications are considered on the following basis:

- **Option I:** Early Decision Option I candidates apply by November 15. Students receive notification of Colgate's decision (acceptance, deferral to reconsideration under regular decision, or denial) by mid-December.
- **Option II:** Early Decision Option II candidates must apply by January 15 (our regular application deadline), but may declare themselves candidates for Early Decision any time up until March 1. A decision is made within four weeks of receipt of all admission materials, including the Early Decision Agreement signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and a counselor.

Both Early Decision options are binding programs; Early Decision indicates that Colgate is the student's first choice, and that the student will withdraw all other applications and attend Colgate if admitted.

Colgate welcomes Early Decision applications from international students applying for financial aid. The financial aid package awarded to an accepted student is the same for Early Decision and regular decision.

>>> FINANCES

Colgate University is committed to educating the most capable and intelligent students from around the globe. Although Colgate does offer financial aid to international students, applicants should be aware that admission into Colgate is highly competitive for those students seeking admission with financial aid.

Colgate University does not offer scholarships or "merit aid" — Colgate does offer need-based financial aid primarily consisting of grant funds and a campus job.

The financial aid package covers demonstrated need for on-campus expenses only, including a reasonable allowance for books and personal expenses.

All international students applying for financial aid must complete the CSS PROFILE. This application is submitted online through the College Scholarship Service (CSS) and by the same deadline as the application for admission. All admission and financial aid documents should be written in English or accompanied by certified translations from a local consulate, embassy, or school official. If an international student is admitted, a review of the CSS PROFILE will determine the student's demonstrated need for financial assistance during the four undergraduate years. Financial aid awards for international students will meet full, demonstrated need, based on the information provided at the time of admission.

International students who do not qualify for financial aid may not apply for aid in subsequent years.

Students with questions or concerns about filing the PROFILE should contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@colgate.edu.

ESTIMATED FIRST-YEAR STUDENT BUDGET

Academic year 2011–2012

Tuition	\$42,625
Student activities fee	\$295
Room and board	\$10,650
(Books and other expenses	\$2,000 approximate)
Total:	\$55,570

RANGE OF AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

Academic year 2011–2012

Financial aid	\$10,250-\$52,685
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We guarantee to meet the full, demonstrated financial need of all admitted students.

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