

>>> APPLICATION DATES

All materials must be postmarked by the following dates:

Fall semester – March 15

Spring semester – November 1



>>> ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING

Admission to Colgate University with advanced standing is possible twice during the calendar year through three different programs: transfer student, visiting student, and special student.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Colgate defines a transfer student as any student who has matriculated in a college-level degree program and wishes to attend a different institution. Competition for transfer admission is very rigorous.

Most successful transfer applicants have achieved a grade point average at or above 3.0 (B) during their previous college experience. The average GPA for an admitted transfer student has been 3.5.

VISITING STUDENTS

The visiting student program allows students from other colleges to attend Colgate on a temporary basis. Visiting students are limited to one term of enrollment at Colgate.

A student may apply to Colgate as a visiting student any time after completing one term at the home college. The proposed visit needs prior approval from the home college. Visiting students receive their degrees from the home college and pay Colgate fees during the visit. Visiting students do not receive priority in the scheduling of classes. Students may apply for transfer

admission while visiting at Colgate. Coursework completed in the visiting student program may be considered in the decision-making process. Applicants are evaluated primarily, however, on academic work completed at their previous institution(s). To obtain a visiting student application, please contact the Office of Admission.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

The special student option typically is limited to a few area residents who, for personal reasons, wish to enroll for less than a full course load. Special student status is an exception; Colgate's campus does not readily lend itself to part-time, non-residential students. Those who take less than a full course load must plan on commuting, as there is no provision in the residential facilities for those taking less than a full academic program. Special students receive no special consideration or priority at registration. To obtain a special student application, please contact the Office of Admission.

FIRST-YEAR VERSUS TRANSFER ADMISSION FOR STUDENTS WITH ADVANCED STANDING

Colgate University defines a transfer applicant as someone who has enrolled in a degree-seeking program at a college or university. A student who possesses an associate's degree must apply to Colgate as a transfer student.

Students who have supplemented their high school curriculum with college-level classes in a non-degree-seeking program, and students who have enrolled in a high

school enrichment program associated with a college, have the option of applying to Colgate as either a first-year student or a transfer student. The benefits and limitations for these options are outlined here:

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

- Are permitted a total of six course credits of transfer/pre-matriculation work
- Attend first-year orientation
- Enroll in a first-year seminar during their first semester; faculty member becomes adviser
- Participate in first-year residential experience
- Apply using the Common Application
- May only be admitted for fall term

TRANSFER STUDENTS:

- Are permitted up to 16 course credits of transfer/pre-matriculation work
- Attend transfer orientation
- Register for classes with appropriate class year
- Have their number of required core classes determined by class year assigned
- May be able to fulfill Areas of Inquiry requirements with transfer credits
- Obtain on-campus housing where room is available
- Apply using the Common Application for Transfer Admission
- May be admitted for fall or spring terms



>>> **TRANSFER, VISITING, AND SPECIAL STUDENT ADMISSION**

PREVIOUS APPLICANTS

Students who previously applied for first-year admission are welcome to apply for transfer admission by completing the Common Application for Transfer Admission. The Office of Admission retains application materials from the past two academic years and will refer to previous application data during the transfer review process. Standardized test scores do not need to be forwarded if they were submitted with the first application.

Students who have applied for transfer admission within the last two years and are interested in reapplying must submit a new Common Application for Transfer Admission.

The transfer committee requires an updated college transcript, mid-term report, application fee, essays, and current recommendations.

RE-ADMISSION

Students who were previously admitted and matriculated at Colgate University should contact the Office of Admission at 315-228-7401 for information about re-enrolling.

>>> **CREDIT EVALUATION, CLASS STANDING, AND THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

At Colgate University, transfer credit will normally be considered for liberal arts courses bearing the equivalent of three semester- or five quarter-hours' worth of credit when the student earns grades of C or better. Grades of C- or lower are not granted credit, nor are courses taken as pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory. A student may transfer a maximum of 16 courses to Colgate. At Colgate, one course generally carries one course credit, which is equivalent to four semester hours. Please refer to the guideline chart on page 3.

The following defines academic standing and required Colgate credits to achieve the listed standing:

Junior standing: 14 transferred Colgate credits
Sophomore standing: 6 transferred Colgate credits



Colgate's policy requires students to complete at least half the required credits (16 of 32 courses) for graduation at Colgate or in Colgate-sponsored programs.

The registrar completes official credit evaluations upon receipt of official college transcript(s) for all college-level courses completed and Advanced Placement score reports. Final transcripts must be sent to the Office of the Registrar when the final term is completed. Students who have taken Advanced Placement exams should have official scores sent to the Office of the Registrar. Courses transferred to complete Colgate degree requirements will reduce a student's eligibility for financial aid.

>>> **ACADEMICS**

ADVISING

Colgate has a dual advising system. One component is administrative advising, while the other is academic advising.

Each student, upon enrollment, is assigned an administrative adviser. Administrative advisers are consulted when students have questions about course requirements, registration, academic standards, leaves of absence, and issues related to being a member of the Colgate community.

Students consult academic advisers to develop meaningful educational plans that are compatible with their goals, interests, abilities, and skills. The academic adviser is a faculty member in a student's major.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Transfer students should be aware that individual departments determine which courses taken elsewhere transfer for major credit, whereas the registrar decides which courses apply toward graduation requirements. In many departments, no more than two courses taken elsewhere may be counted toward the major.



AREAS OF INQUIRY

As a condition of graduation, students must take at least one course in two different departments in each of three areas of inquiry: Human Thought and Expression; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Social Relations, Institutions, and Agents. Transfer credits may satisfy this requirement.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Colgate requires students to be competent in a foreign language before graduating. They may show their competency by:

1. Completing three years (levels) of a foreign or classical language in a secondary school before enrolling at Colgate; or
2. Demonstrating basic language skills on a standard test (for example, a satisfactory score on a College Board SAT-II language subject test); or
3. Studying a foreign or classical language at Colgate or another college/university through at least one semester at the intermediate level.

Students who complete one semester of an introductory language should be aware that Colgate grants credit for those courses after the second semester of the introductory language is completed. At that time, credit is awarded for both courses.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENT

Students are required to complete core requirements as indicated below:

Total courses accepted upon enrollment at Colgate	Core courses required at Colgate
1-4	4
5-8	3
9-12	2
13-16	1





>>> **GUIDELINE FOR CONVERSION OF ACADEMIC CREDIT** <<<

Cumulative quarter-hours transferred	Cumulative semester hours (credits) transferred	Colgate course equivalents
*5-8	*3-5	1
9-13	6-8	2
14-19	9-12	3
20-25	13-16	4
26-31	17-20	5
32-37	21-24	6
38-43	25-28	7
44-49	29-32	8
50-55	33-36	9
56-61	37-40	10
62-67	41-44	11
68-73	45-48	12
74-79	49-52	13
80-85	53-56	14
86-91	57-60	15
92-97	61-64	16

* Courses that have a value of one or two semester hours or fewer than four quarter-hours are not normally considered for transfer credit.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENTS

Select courses from across the curriculum satisfy this requirement. All students must take one such course. Transfer credit does not satisfy this requirement.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Colgate requires two units of physical education, taken by the end of the sophomore year (one unit equals six weeks). First-year transfer students and sophomore transfer students must complete two units by the end of the sophomore year at Colgate. Junior transfer students must complete one unit.

LIVING OPTIONS FOR TRANSFER AND VISITING STUDENTS

Upon admission to the university and payment of the enrollment deposit, transfer and visiting students receive information about residential options and a housing preference questionnaire. Assignments made for the fall semester are completed by early August after first-year students receive their assignments, and for the spring term in early January. Housing placement is based on the entering class year of the transfer student. Please refer to the course catalogue for detailed descriptions of all on-campus housing opportunities.

>>> **FINANCIAL AID**

It is rare for Colgate to be able to offer financial aid to transfer students. The deadline for application is March 15 for the fall term and November 1 for the spring term. Links to required application forms and more detailed information about applying for financial aid can be found at www.colgate.edu/financialaid/transfer.

Institutional aid is provided only to students who have demonstrated need and apply for assistance before an admission decision is made; and aid applicants can be considered for admission only when both the admission and financial aid application requirements have been met.

Questions about the financial aid application process should be addressed to the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@colgate.edu.

U.S. CITIZENS, ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZENS, AND CANADIANS

Domestic and Canadian students must file the Financial Aid PROFILE with the College Board. For most students, this is the only financial aid application form that Colgate will require prior to admission. If parents are separated, divorced, or were never married to each other, then the custodial parent completes the PROFILE, and the noncustodial parent completes the Noncustodial PROFILE. Upon deposit, completed tax returns will be required; domestic students will also be required to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

2011-2012 FULL-YEAR EXPENSES

Full-year tuition	\$42,625
Student activities fees	\$295
Room (residence hall)	\$5,140
Meals (19-meal plan)	\$5,510
Total:	\$53,570
Est. personal expenses/books	\$2,000

NON-CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Non-Canadian international students must file the Financial Aid PROFILE with the College Board. Upon deposit, additional financial materials will be required in order to process the student's visa request. Students with questions or concerns about filing the PROFILE should contact the Office of Financial Aid.

VISITING STUDENTS/SPECIAL STUDENTS

Visiting students and special students are not eligible for financial aid from Colgate. Visiting students should continue to receive their home institution's financial aid when appropriate.

>>> **NOTIFICATION DATES**

Notification for students applying for the fall semester usually takes place in late April. Notification for the spring semester occurs in early December.



>>> TRANSFER, VISITING, AND SPECIAL STUDENT ADMISSION

>>> APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Colgate accepts the Common Application for Transfer Admission, available at www.commonapp.org. All application materials must be postmarked by the deadline.

APPLICATION FEE

A \$60 application fee is required. The fee for online applications can be paid through the Common Application website. Paper applications must be accompanied by a check made payable to Colgate University. Colgate accepts official fee waivers, for those who qualify, from the College Board, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and Expanding College Opportunities. The fee waiver should be submitted online or mailed to the Office of Admission. Additionally, the application fee is waived for students whose permanent mailing address is outside the United States.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Official final high school transcript(s) should be sent to Colgate by the applicant's high school(s) and must include the date of graduation.

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

Official college transcript(s) must be sent to Colgate by the institution(s) attended. The transcript must include the courses in which the applicant is currently enrolled.

COLLEGE OFFICIAL'S REPORT

This report should be completed by the appropriate official at the applicant's current institution.

MID-TERM REPORT

This report is circulated by the applicant to the professors of their current courses. Each professor should report the applicant's progress or projected grade for the course, and sign and date the form.

INSTRUCTOR EVALUATION

This form should be given to a professor who has taught the applicant in an academic discipline. Letters on school letterhead are also welcome.

TESTING

Official results of the College Board's SAT or the American College Testing (ACT) Program must be submitted to Colgate. Colgate considers all SAT scores in the application review process and requires that students submit all SAT scores from all test dates.



ESSAYS

The short answer and the personal essay on the Common Application should accompany the application.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

The TOEFL is required of all international applicants. For those U.S. citizens or permanent residents for whom English is not the primary language, the TOEFL can be a valuable supplement to the application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. General letters of recommendation are not requested; however, Colgate accepts letters from individuals who can effectively describe accomplishments, community service, or similar activities.
2. Music materials and art portfolios that are suitable for evaluation will be examined by appropriate Colgate faculty members, whose comments will be included in the student's application.

Send music materials to:

Glenn Cashman
Department of Music
Colgate University
13 Oak Drive
Hamilton, NY 13346

Send art portfolios to:

Office of Admission
Colgate University
13 Oak Drive
Hamilton, NY 13346
or
submit electronically at
<https://colgate.slideroom.com/>

3. Other supporting materials may be sent to the Office of Admission along with the application.

>>> CHECKLISTS

In addition to a completed application, students must submit the following items depending on the type of application they are making to Colgate University:

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

- \$60 application fee or fee waiver
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Official college transcript(s)
- Mid-Term Report
- College Official's Report
- Instructor Evaluation
- Essays
- Standardized test results

VISITING STUDENTS

- \$60 application fee
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Official college transcript(s)
- Instructor Evaluation
- Standardized test results

SPECIAL STUDENTS

- \$60 application fee
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Official college transcript(s)
- Standardized test results



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