Columbia University Fact Sheet for Incoming Undergraduate Exchange Students

University Overview:

Nestled in the Morningside Heights neighborhood of Manhattan, Columbia University in the City of New York lies at the crossroads of the world. Our exhilarating intellectual reach comprises pioneering work in the sciences, standard-setting work in the humanities, mind-bending innovations in engineering. Our students choose from more than 90 areas of study and take advantage of hundreds of opportunities, every one enriched by the social and cultural vibrancy of New York City. Columbia University is at once a small college and a major research university: an Ivy League education on a human scale.

Facts and Figures:

Founded in 1754 (as King’s College)

Undergraduate students: 8,500

Graduate students: 19,000

Full-time faculty: 1,500 (Doctorate holders: no information available)

Library holding: 12.8 million books, 167,000 periodical titles

http://www.columbia.edu/

Academic calendar (e.g., fall semester: Sep.-Dec., spring semester: Jan.-May):

Late August to mid-December; Mid-January to mid-May

Housing:

As an undergraduate exchange student, you are guaranteed on-campus housing. There is a separate online housing application that you will need to complete once you have been formally admitted to Columbia.

Course Planning:

As an exchange student, you will be registered for a full-time non-degree program and will be able to register for a variety of courses at Columbia College or at the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS). A full-time course load is 15-18 points per semester, which usually means five classes. At a minimum, you must register for at least 12 points each semester. Classes meet for two to four hours per week and can consist of lectures, seminars, labs, and discussion sessions. At Columbia, you are allowed to take courses in a variety of academic departments as long as you meet the specific course prerequisites. Some courses are restricted to students majoring in the area, other by permission of the instructor or the department. Students can choose classes that are listed as open to students from Columbia College or SEAS.

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Medical Insurance:

Each student must have medical insurance coverage as a requirement for both your visa and for Columbia University. As a Columbia student, you are automatically enrolled in the Columbia University Student Health Insurance program. If you have your own comprehensive health insurance that provides coverage during your stay here in the United States, you may petition to use your own private medical insurance if it meets certain criteria. Typically, most students use Columbia Insurance. For more information about Columbia student insurance, please see: http://health.columbia.edu/student-insurance/about-columbia-insurance-plan

Finances:

As an exchange student, you will pay tuition and academic fees to your home university. Here at Columbia, you are responsible for the cost of room and board, student activity fees, medical insurance, travel to and from the United States, books and personal expenses. Upon arrival, you should be prepared to pay for one semester of housing and fees.

Breakdown of Fees 2016-2017 (as of 10/26/2016)

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For more information on the fees, please see the following link: http://sfs.columbia.edu/content/undergraduate-18 and https://health.columbia.edu/student-insurance/about-columbia-insurance-plan.