
[Explore \(/explore/intro\)](/explore/intro)

[Learn \(/learn/academiclife\)](/learn/academiclife)

[Visit \(/visit\)](/visit)

See

[Apply \(/apply/admissions-process\)](/apply/admissions-process)

[Ask \(/ask/faq\)](/ask/faq)

[Financial Aid \(http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/finaid/\)](http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/finaid/)

[PARENTS \(/PARENTS\)](/PARENTS)

[COUNSELORS \(/COUNSELORS\)](/COUNSELORS)

[ALUMNI \(/ALUMNI\)](/ALUMNI)

[Home \(/\)](#) / [Ask \(/ask\)](/ask) / [FAQ \(/ask/faq\)](/ask/faq) / [What are the differences between Columbia...](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the differences between Columbia College, Columbia Engineering, Barnard College and the School of General Studies?

[Columbia College \(http://college.columbia.edu/\)](http://college.columbia.edu/) is Columbia's traditional undergraduate liberal arts college, its founding in 1754 as King's College marks the birth of Columbia University.

[Columbia Engineering \(http://www.engineering.columbia.edu\)](http://www.engineering.columbia.edu) is the University's engineering school, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees.

[Barnard College \(http://www.barnard.edu/\)](http://www.barnard.edu/) is a liberal arts college for women in partnership with Columbia University.

At Columbia College, Columbia Engineering and Barnard College, students usually come directly from high school and attend full-time.

[The School of General Studies \(http://gs.columbia.edu\)](http://gs.columbia.edu) is Columbia's college for nontraditional students who want to earn a degree while attending full- or part-time. Nontraditional students have had a break of one year or more in their educational paths or have compelling personal or professional reasons for completing their bachelor's degrees part time. Students in the School of General Studies take the same courses with the same faculty and undertake the same majors as all other undergraduates at Columbia.

All four colleges are located on the Morningside Heights campus in New York City.

Related FAQ Topics: [College \(/ask/faq/topic/384\)](/ask/faq/topic/384) [Engineering \(/ask/faq/topic/382\)](/ask/faq/topic/382) [Other Columbia Schools and Programs \(/ask/faq/topic/390\)](/ask/faq/topic/390)

Related FAQs

- + What are the differences between Columbia College, Columbia Engineering, Barnard College and the School of General Studies?
- + I have already earned a Bachelors degree (or its equivalent). Am I eligible to apply to Columbia if I would like to earn a second degree?
- + May I apply to both Columbia College and Columbia Engineering?
- + May I transfer from Columbia College to the Engineering School (or vice-versa) once accepted and enrolled?
- + How large are Core classes?
- + What are the courses of the Core Curriculum for Columbia College students?
- + What is the Core Curriculum?
- + What academic requirements are necessary for graduating from Columbia College?
- + When do students take Core courses?
- + Can I minor in Columbia College?
- + Does Columbia allow students to double (or triple) major?
- + Does Columbia offer pre-professional majors?
- + What is the difference between a major and a concentration?
- + Can undergraduates take classes at Columbia's graduate and professional schools?
- + How are classes selected?

All FAQ Topics

Select a Topic



Search Our FAQs

[See all FAQs \(/ask/faq\)](#)

Ask (/ask/faq)

- ▶ [FAQs \(/ask/faq\)](#)
- ▶ [Request Information \(https://undergraduate-admissions.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/register/firstyear\)](https://undergraduate-admissions.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/register/firstyear)
- ▶ [Download Our Publications \(/ask/publications\)](#)
- ▶ [Advice from Students \(/ask/advice\)](#)
- ▶ [Contact Admissions \(/ask/contact\)](#)

Contact Us

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
212 Hamilton Hall, Mail Code 2807
212-854-2522
ugrad-ask@columbia.edu (<mailto:ugrad-ask@columbia.edu>)
[Street Address & Contact Info \(/ask/contact\)](#)

Related Websites

[Columbia College \(http://college.columbia.edu\)](http://college.columbia.edu)
[Columbia Engineering \(http://engineering.columbia.edu\)](http://engineering.columbia.edu)
[Alumni Representative Committee \(https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/arc\)](https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/arc)
[Columbia University Home \(http://www.columbia.edu\)](http://www.columbia.edu)

