

Columbia College

Columbia, SC

Freshman Admission Requirements
Entrance Difficulty

Moderately Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 50% of their high school class and scored over 1010 on the SAT I or over 18 on the ACT; about 85% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High School Graduation	High school diploma required and GED is accepted
High School Program	

High School Units Required or Recommended

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English		4
Mathematics		3
Science		2
Foreign Language		2
Social Studies		2
History		1
Academic Electives		2

Examinations

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Considered if submitted	July 1
SAT Only		
ACT Only		
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT		
SAT Subject Tests Only	Not used if submitted	
SAT Essay Component Policy	Accepted with or without essay component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Accepted with or without writing component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: Not used ACT: Not used	

Applying for Admission
Admissions Office

Address	1301 Columbia College Drive
City, State, Zip	Columbia, SC 29203-5998
Phone	(803) 786-3871
Fax	(803) 786-3674
E-mail	admissions@columbiasc.edu

Application Dates and Fees

Regular Admisson Deadline	May 1
Application Fee	No fee required
Application Fee Waiver	Available
Regular Admission Notification	Not reported
Accept Offer of Admission	By May 1 or within 4 weeks if notified after May 1
Waiting List Used	No
Defer Admission	Student cannot defer admission

Transfer Admission **Transfer applications accepted**

Early Admission

Early Decision Offered	No
Early Decision Deadline	
Early Decision Notification	
Early Action Offered	No
Early Action Deadline	
Early Action Notification	

Application Form

Common Application	Accepted
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	https://kc.columbiasc.edu/ICS/Admissions/

Other Application Requirements

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	Recommended for all freshmen
Letters of Recommendation	
Other	
Financial Need	Financial need is not a consideration in the admissions process

Selection of Students

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record	X			
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized Tests			X	
Class Rank	X			
Recommendations	X			
Essay			X	
Interview			X	
Level of Applicant's Interest	X			
Extracurricular Activities		X		
Volunteer Work		X		
Particular Talent/Ability		X		
Character/Personal Qualities		X		
First Generation to Attend College				X
State Residency				X
Geographic Residence				X
Relation with Alumnus			X	
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity				X
Work Experience		X		

Profile of Fall Admission

Overall Admission Rate	87% of 880 applicants were admitted
Women	87% of 880 applicants were admitted
Men	Not reported
Students Enrolled	189 (25%) of 764 admitted students enrolled
Women	173 (23%) of 764 admitted students enrolled
Men	16 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	
Early Action Admission Rate	
Students Offered Wait List	
Students Accepting Wait List Position	
Students Admitted From Wait List	

Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)

Average GPA	3.72
3.75 and Above	56%
3.50 - 3.74	12%
3.25 - 3.49	14%
3.00 - 3.24	8%
2.50 - 2.99	9%
2.00 - 2.49	1%

SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SAT Math	460-540 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	0%
Score of 600 - 700	3%
Score of 500 - 600	47%
Score of 400 - 500	41%
Score of 300 - 400	9%
Score of 200 - 300	0%
SAT EBRW	520 average 490-580 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	0%
Score of 600 - 700	16%
Score of 500 - 600	50%
Score of 400 - 500	25%
Score of 300 - 400	9%
Score of 200 - 300	0%

ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

ACT Composite	20 average 17-21 range of middle 50%
Score of 30 - 36	3%
Score of 24 - 29	14%
Score of 18 - 23	56%
Score of 12 - 17	27%
Score of 6 - 11	0%
Score of 5 or Below	0%

Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

High School Class Rank	Top tenth: 9% Top quarter: 34% Top half: 72%
National Merit Scholar	Not reported
Valedictorian	Not reported
Class President	Not reported
Student Government Officer	Not reported