



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY | POSTBACCALAUREATE STUDIES

# Take Columbia Courses Your Way

Unlock the best of Columbia University with hundreds of undergraduate and graduate courses available in customized study options to help you prepare for graduate school or expand your knowledge in a subject area.

## Program Options

### Academic Year

**Fall** September–December  
**Spring** January–May

During the academic year (14–15 weeks per term), postbaccalaureate students can choose from more than 3,000 academic courses in 100-plus subject areas.

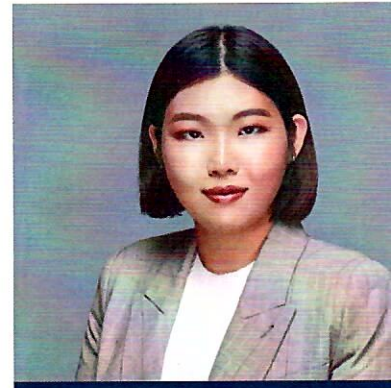
## Program Options

### Summer Session

**Summer** May–August

During the summer, there are two Summer Sessions, and each runs for six weeks. Students can attend one or both sessions (12 weeks total). Columbia offers more than 300 courses in more than 50 subject areas.

You may also apply to one of our four-course structured certification programs: Critical Issues in International Relations, Human Rights, and UN Studies.



“The Postbaccalaureate Studies program provided me with a chance to familiarize myself with the fundamental engineering curriculum and made me realize that I could do something different from my undergraduate major.”

**Muhan Liang**  
*Postbaccalaureate Studies;  
M.S. Candidate,  
Columbia Engineering*



## Why Columbia?

**Academic Advising:** Work with an academic advisor to customize your study to fulfill your academic goals and take courses that challenge and inspire you, whether you are looking to prepare for graduate school, or expand your knowledge in a subject area.

**Career Counseling:** Tap into personalized coaching, find mentors, compete for seed capital, and apply to jobs exclusively open to Columbians through the Career Design Lab.

**Housing (Summer Session Only):** Get an on-campus residential experience.

**Credentials:** Receive a Columbia University transcript and/or college credit after successfully completing the program requirements.

**Support:** Take advantage of resources like academic advising, wellness resources, tutoring and peer coaching, 22 university libraries, and faculty office hours.

**Community:** Get involved by attending 200-plus skills-based workshops and socials each year, plus your choice from hundreds of student organizations.

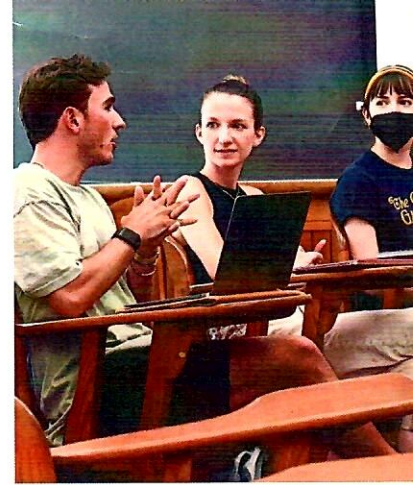
### International Students

*Students on an F-1 visa are required to enroll in a program full-time (12 points, or about 4 courses, for each academic term). Over the summer, students on an F-1 visa are required to enroll in 6 points, or about 2 courses, per six-week session.*

## For More Information

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## Who Should Apply?

- Individuals who've earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent

## Application Requirements

- Completed online application form
- \$80 application fee
- Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Statement of academic purpose
- Résumé
- Students whose primary language is not English must include proof of English proficiency.
- International students studying on campus must fulfill visa requirements.

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