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Message from the President

As President of Teachers College, Columbia University, it's my pleasure to welcome you to the nation's first and largest graduate school of education—a place whose founding vision was to bring educational opportunities to all members of society, and whose faculty and students, time and again during more than a century of leadership, have demonstrated the power of ideas to change the world across the disciplines of education, health and psychology.

Our legacy is the work of a long list of thinkers and doers that includes James Russell and John Dewey; Lawrence Cremin and Maxine Greene; Edmund Gordon and Isabel Maitland Stewart; Mary Swartz Rose and Morton Deutsch; Arthur Wesley Dow and William Heard Kilpatrick.

These are people who created fields of inquiry. At Teachers College today, our work is about living up to their legacy by ensuring that we not only build knowledge, but enhance its impact by engaging directly with the policymakers and practitioners who will put it to use. Because of our preeminence, it is both our privilege and our obligation to focus our coursework and our research on the questions of the day in each of the fields we serve. To that end, we favor no ideology or single methodology, but instead seek answers that meet the genuine needs of teachers and other practitioners, and the children they ultimately serve.

Whether you plan to teach, conduct research, serve as an administrator, or pursue a career as a practitioner in health or psychology – or even if you are already active in one of these fields – at Teachers College, you are undertaking a journey that will change your life and the lives of others by unlocking the wonders of human potential.

As you explore this catalogue, I urge you to remember that the education you will receive at Teachers College is as much about the people you will meet – your professors and your fellow students – as it is about the knowledge you will find in books. So as you join with us in our work, open your hearts as well as your minds. Then will you truly be able to say that you have learned everything you needed to know at Teachers College.

Thomas Bailey,
President
Teachers College, Columbia University



Message from the Provost

Students and colleagues, my warmest welcome as you embark on your journey into the fields of education, psychology and health disciplines. I know that this will be an adventure that extends far beyond the classroom. You join a committed, energetic community of educators, deeply engaged in the work of connecting human lives with opportunities to learn. Thank you for choosing this path in your own life.

I hope you enjoy your studies at Teachers College. This is a place where you can delve into the possibilities of education and its allied fields, not only as a tradition or a profession but as a way of being in the world. We see education and life as vitally interconnected. This means that you – your roots as a person, your vision as an advocate of human development, your drive to change the world – matter to us greatly as we develop our programs, degrees, and services.

So who are we as an academic community? We are many things, in fact, and must be, because we believe in freedom of inquiry and rigorous peer-reviewed research and teaching at the highest levels. But let me add that we stand especially for the value of inquiry-based teaching and learning. We strive to cultivate self-discovery and life-enhancing experiences for learners at all levels and ages. Working from within one of the world's greatest research universities, we make good use of the knowledge generated from science, social sciences, humanities and the arts to expand human capacity to learn and create. We also believe strongly in conducting our work in authentic partnership with the communities around us, because what we do at Teachers College is first and foremost about helping real people in the real world.

New York City is an exceptional place to study the fields we represent at Teachers College. Let me be blunt about this because it is so important. This place is not quite like any other, and you need to come here and work with us to realize the potential. Our working environment, in every dimension, reflects both the problems and opportunities of this civilization in their most intense and concentrated form. If you can engage the human prospect here, joining us as educators to imagine and create what might be possible to achieve with such magnificent human complexity, your work and ours will be of national and global significance.

Teachers College is diverse and we are proud of it. Along with the human diversity of our faculty and students, we are also a big-hearted place in our understanding of education and human development. Equity and opportunity are at the heart of everything we do. I use the term “education” as it has always been understood at TC, in its broadest sense, to include all the

disciplines we embrace, from the preparation of classroom teachers, early childhood specialists, counselors and school psychologists, music and arts educators, to nursing educators, nutritionists, higher and adult education, and much more. Indeed, we are interested in all the fields of learning that bear on the well-being of students, families, schools and communities.

Above all, Teachers College is a place where these disciplines talk with one another. We are a community that welcomes difference, a place that fosters dialogue and respectful interplay among diverse and sometimes divergent points of view. You can find your intellectual home here and here is your launching pad for a productive career in education and related fields. Let's get to work!

KerryAnn O'Meara

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost and Dean of the College
Teachers College, Columbia University

About the Catalog

This catalog is an informational guide to Teachers College. The information it contains is subject to change and should not be considered a contract. Changes to the catalog are possible for a number of reasons, including changes in certification or licensing standards for certain programs of study, periodic review of academic programs, curricula and course offerings by Teachers College or Columbia University, and modifications of policies. Through academic advising, every effort will be made to help students adapt to changes in the catalog. However, the final responsibility for meeting academic and graduation requirements rests with each student. Students are encouraged to consult frequently with their faculty or academic advisors and to remain in regular contact with their program in order to stay informed about possible changes in the catalog. Current versions of TC policies are available at www.tc.edu/policylibrary.

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Academic Calendar

Autumn Term 2023

April 24	Monday	Registration for Summer Term and Autumn Term for continuing students via web registration begins.
May 1	Monday	Registration for Summer Term and Autumn Term begins for new students.
September 1	Friday	Deadline to meet all program requirements on degree audit for October 2023 Master's Degree or Advanced Certificate.
September 4	Monday	Labor Day. College Holiday.
September 5	Tuesday	Classes begin. Autumn Term.
September 18	Monday	Last day to add and drop courses for the Autumn term.
September 22	Friday	Autumn semester payment due date for tuition, fees, and housing charges.
October 18	Wednesday	Award of October degrees and certificates. No ceremony.
November 7	Tuesday	Election Day. College Holiday.
November 22	Wednesday	No Classes. Offices open.
November 23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Holidays.
November 24	Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays.
December 22	Friday	Last day to withdraw from Autumn courses.
December 22	Friday	Autumn Term ends.

Spring Term 2024

December 4	Monday	Registration for the Spring term for continuing students via web registration begins.
December 11	Monday	Registration for the Spring term for new students via web registration begins.
January 15	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed. College Holiday.
January 16	Tuesday	Classes begin. Spring Term.
January 29	Monday	Last day to add and drop courses for the Spring term.
February 2	Friday	Spring semester payment due date for tuition, fees, and housing charges.
February 14	Wednesday	Award of February degrees and certificates. No ceremony.
March 17	Sunday	First day of spring holidays.
March 24	Sunday	Last day of spring holidays.
May 6	Monday	Last day to withdraw from Spring courses.
May 6	Monday	End of Spring Term.
May 15	Wednesday	Conferring of degrees at Columbia University.

Summer Term 2024

April 29	Monday	Registration for Summer Term and Autumn Term for continuing students via web registration begins.
May 6	Monday	Registration for Summer Term and Autumn Term begins for new students.
May 23	Thursday	Session A courses begin.
May 23	Thursday	Last day to add and drop classes for the Summer A or Full Summer session.
May 24	Friday	Summer A semester payment due date for tuition, fees, and housing charges.
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day Observed. College Holiday.

June 19	Wednesday	Juneteenth -- College Holiday
July 3	Wednesday	Last day to withdraw from Summer Session A courses.
July 3	Wednesday	End of Summer Session A courses.
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day observed. College Holiday.
July 8	Monday	Session B courses begin.
July 12	Friday	Summer B semester payment due date for tuition, fees, and housing charges.
July 15	Monday	Last day to add and drop classes Summer session B.
August 16	Friday	Last day to withdraw from Summer Session B and Full Summer courses.
August 16	Friday	End of Summer Session B courses.

* Please refer to the [full academic calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Applying to Teachers College

For complete information regarding admission to Teachers College, please refer to the Office of Admission website at www.tc.edu/admission.

About the Application Process

Teachers College is a graduate school of education. To be eligible for admission to any/all programs, applicants must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. International applicants must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, the equivalent of a 120-credit U.S. baccalaureate degree.

Teachers College admits students for Spring, Summer, and Fall entry. However, not all programs or degree levels are available for all entry terms. The application for degree admission opens each year in early September for the following Spring, Summer, and Fall entry terms. **Applicants may only have one active application at a time, and may only apply to one degree program per cycle.**

A complete list of available programs, degrees, and entry terms can be found at www.tc.edu/programs.

All admission decisions are final. The official notification of all admission decisions comes directly from the Office of Admission. Specific details regarding an applicant's admission decision are confidential and not shared with anyone external to the admission committee.

How to Apply

The Teachers College application for admission is available at www.tc.edu/apply.

The complete Teachers College application consists of the application form and supplemental materials, which vary depending on the program and degree.

Admission requirements and application instructions may be found at www.tc.edu/apply.

Application Deadlines

Only complete applications will be eligible for review. An application is considered complete when all required application materials are received by the Office of Admission by the designated, posted deadline.

Deadlines vary according to degree and program. Deadlines are posted at <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/admission/how-to-apply/application-deadlines/>.

Please note: Applications for admission received after the posted deadline(s) may be considered on a space-available basis, but review is not guaranteed.

Students with Disabilities

The Office of Access and Services for Individuals with Disabilities (OASID) ensures that programs and services at Teachers College are physically, programmatically, and attitudinally accessible to individuals with disabilities. Equal access is achieved through individualized responses addressing the needs of individuals with conditions including, but not limited to, vision, hearing, or mobility impairments; medical conditions; or learning disabilities that affect one or more academic activities. Students who seek accommodations should contact OASID directly. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/oasid.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Teachers College (“TC” or the “College”) is committed to providing a working, learning and living environment free from discrimination and harassment and to fostering a vibrant, nurturing community founded upon the fundamental dignity and worth of all of its members.

Consistent with this commitment, Teachers College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital or partnership status, citizenship or immigration status, military status, disability, pregnancy, genetic predisposition or carrier status, status as a victim of domestic violence, or any other legally protected status in the administration of its admissions policies, educational policies, employment, scholarship, loan, and other College-administered programs; treatment, or in access to College programs or activities.

Components of a Complete Degree Application

Degree-seeking applicants must submit all pieces of the application to be considered for admission.

Only complete applications will be reviewed. These required items are:

- **Completed and Signed Online Application Form**
- **\$75 Non-Refundable Application Fee**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **Résumé**
- **Academic Transcript(s):** For current requirements regarding transcript submission, visit the Office of Admission website at tc.edu/apply. Students who completed or are completing degrees outside of the United States will be required to submit an official course-by-course evaluation. Please see the “International Students” section for further detail.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants are required to submit at least two letters of recommendation. Some programs require a third recommendation or may include specific elements to address. For program-specific requirements, please visit tc.edu/programs and search for your program.
- **Standardized Tests:** Standardized tests are required by some, but not all, Teachers College degree programs. The testing center must report official scores directly to the Office of Admission by the application deadline. Expired scores will not be accepted. For tests administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), **the assigned institution code for Teachers College is 2905**. For more information, visit tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/instructions/degree-programs.
- **English Proficiency Tests:** If your native language is not English and you have not received a baccalaureate (undergraduate) degree from an institution where English was the sole official language of instruction, you must submit official scores from an accepted English proficiency exam. We accept the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
If you have not earned an undergraduate degree at an institution where English was the sole official language of instruction, but you have successfully completed a graduate degree at a school that meets this criteria, you are **not required** to submit official results from an accepted English proficiency exam. If you meet these conditions, in order to qualify for a TOEFL/IELTS exam waiver, evidence of your conferred graduate degree must be displayed on the relevant academic transcript or course-by-course evaluation. Applicants who meet this criteria must reach out to the Office of Admission at admission@tc.columbia.edu to request an English Proficiency Exam waiver. For more information and score requirements, visit tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/international-students.

- **Supplemental Application Requirements:** Some programs require additional application materials. For more information, visit tc.edu/programs.

International Applicants

International applicants must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, the equivalent of a 120-credit U.S. baccalaureate degree to be eligible for admission to Teachers College.

- **Course-by-Course Evaluation:** Applicants who have completed, or are completing, undergraduate and/or graduate degrees at institutions outside of the United States are required to submit a course-by-course translation and evaluation. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the necessary paperwork and payment to an approved evaluation service (World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)), and to request that an official copy of the report be sent to the Teachers College Office of Admission. **The completed evaluation must be received by the admission deadline.** Evaluations will be reviewed by Teachers College administrators. The determination of degree equivalency to U.S. degrees is at the discretion of Teachers College. For more information and a list of approved evaluation agencies, visit tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/international-students.
- **Certified Translations:** For students who are not required to submit a course-by-course evaluation because they did not or will not complete degrees abroad, transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified English translations.
- **English Proficiency:** Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree from a college or university where English is not the sole official language of instruction must take an exam to establish English language proficiency. Refer to the “English Proficiency Tests” section above for more information.
- **Visa Information:** Documents necessary to obtain a student visa (I-20 or DS-2019) should be sent to the Office of International Students and Scholars only after an applicant has been officially admitted to Teachers College. Applicants should not submit bank statements or other proof of funds with application materials.

Non-Degree, Advanced Certificate, and Non-Credit Applications

Admission as a Non-Degree Student

Non-degree status is available to applicants holding a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. International applicants must hold the equivalent of a 120-credit U.S. baccalaureate degree. The non-degree application is available online at www.tc.edu/apply. The components of a non-degree application include:

- **Completed and Signed Online Application Form**
- **\$75 Non-Refundable Application Fee**
- **Official Transcript(s):** Official transcripts from the applicant’s undergraduate baccalaureate institution(s) showing a degree conferral and all academic courses and grades. Students who completed degrees outside of the United States will be required to submit an official course-by-course evaluation. Please see the “International Students” section for further detail.
- **English Proficiency Tests:** If your native language is not English and you have not received a baccalaureate (undergraduate) degree from an institution where English was the sole official language of instruction, you must submit official scores from an accepted English proficiency exam. We accept the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
If you have not earned an undergraduate degree at an institution where English was the sole language of instruction, but you have successfully completed a graduate degree at a school that meets this requirement, you are **not required** to submit official results from an accepted English proficiency exam. If you meet these conditions, in order to qualify for a TOEFL/IELTS exam waiver, evidence of your conferred graduate degree must be displayed on the relevant academic transcript or course-by-course evaluation. Applicants who meet this criteria must reach out to the Office of Admission at admission@tc.columbia.edu to request an English proficiency exam waiver. For more information and score requirements, visit tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/international-students.
- **Supplemental Application Requirements:** Some programs require additional application materials. For more information, visit tc.edu/programs.

A non-degree student may take up to 16 points as long as the academic standards of the College are met. Once the 16 point maximum is met, the non-degree student must either:

- Apply to and be admitted to a Teachers College degree program, or
- Obtain approval from the Registrar for continued registration under non-degree status

Admission to non-degree status implies no commitment for admission to a degree, Advanced Certificate, or non-credit program. Should a non-degree student become a degree candidate, a maximum of 16 points (8 in the major field) taken in non-degree status may be applied toward a degree program, if approved by the program.

Admission as an Advanced Certificate Student

Advanced Certificate status is available to applicants holding, or in the process of obtaining, a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. International applicants must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, the equivalent of a 120-credit U.S. baccalaureate degree. Some Advanced Certificate programs require coursework or degree completion beyond the baccalaureate degree; for specific information, visit www.tc.edu/programs.

The Advanced Certificate application is available online at www.tc.columbia.edu/apply. The components of an Advanced Certificate application include:

- **Completed and Signed Online Application Form**
- **\$75 Non-Refundable Application Fee**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **Résumé**
- **Academic Transcript(s):** For current requirements regarding transcript submission, visit the Office of Admission website at tc.edu/apply. Students who completed or are completing degrees outside of the United States will be required to submit an official course-by-course evaluation. Please see the “International Students” section for further detail.
- **English Proficiency Tests:** All applicants who received a baccalaureate degree from an institution where English is not the sole official language of instruction must take an English proficiency exam. Teachers College accepts official results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. An English proficiency exam is required regardless of where the applicant received a graduate degree (if any). For more information and score requirements, visit tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/international-students.
- **Supplemental Application Requirements:** Some programs require additional application materials. For more information, visit tc.edu/programs.

Admission to an Advanced Certificate implies no commitment for admission to a degree, non-degree, or non-credit program.

For more information about applying to an Advanced Certificate program, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/admission/instructions/advanced-certificate-programs.

Admission as a Non-Credit Student

Refer to the Continuing Professional Studies website at www.tc.columbia.edu/continuing-professional-studies for more information about non-credit options at Teachers College.

Admission to a non-credit program implies no commitment for admission to a degree, non-degree, or Advanced Certificate program.

Financial Aid

Degree-seeking students may be considered for a variety of financial aid options including scholarships, fellowships, grants, federal aid, and student employment. Aid is not guaranteed.

The Office of Financial Aid is committed to guiding students through the process of identifying and securing the financial resources necessary to attend Teachers College. Visit www.tc.edu/financialaid for more information.

How to Apply

Applicants

The Teachers College scholarship application is included in the application for admission. Applicants who wish to be considered for scholarship aid should complete and submit the application for admission by the published deadline(s). See www.tc.edu/programs for deadline dates. The scholarship application is a one-time application that does not need to be renewed or resubmitted each year of a student's matriculation.

Applicants who wish to be considered for federal financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Continuing Students

Continuing students are not required to complete a new scholarship application each year, as the one on file will be used if necessary. However, continuing students seeking federal aid must refile the FAFSA for each year that they wish to be considered for federal loans, the TEACH grant, or work study funds.

How Aid is Awarded

New Students

New students who completed the scholarship application and submitted their application for admission by the posted deadline will be considered for scholarship funding upon admission to Teachers College. Students who are recipients of the Teachers College Scholarship will be notified of the award shortly after admission via email directing them to their official award letter in the student portal.

Other sources of funding, such as endowed scholarships, fellowships, and grants, may be awarded on a rolling basis. Students who receive additional funding will receive a revised financial aid award notification.

Continuing Students

Financial Aid award notifications for continuing students will be released beginning in May prior to the upcoming academic year. Students may view their financial aid award in their student portal.

The Office of Financial Aid may make changes on a student's existing financial aid award package throughout the academic year (due to enrollment changes, withdrawals, etc.). If a change occurs, the student will be notified promptly via email.

Disbursement

Scholarship funding will be applied to the student's account at the beginning of each term, while federal financial aid will be applied following the end of the add/drop period. For more information about federal loan eligibility and disbursement, see the Federal Financial Aid Programs section below.

Tuition, fees, account charges, and refunds are processed by the Office of the Bursar. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/bursar.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

Institutional Scholarships

Students who are first-time applicants to a master's-level program of study may be considered for institutional scholarships based on the TC scholarship application. Continuing students may also be considered for other institutional scholarships.

Teachers College also offers special scholarships for new applicants to master's programs. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/scholarships.

Endowed Scholarships

Endowed scholarships are provided through the generosity of donors' contributions. Some of these funds are in support of students in particular programs, while others are available to students across a variety of programs.

Fellowships and Grants

Fellowship awards are based on scholastic ability and potential for academic and professional achievement. Grants may be merit- and/or need-based according to each program's specific requirements. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/fellowships-and-grants.

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistantships

Students who are employed as graduate research/teaching assistants earn salary plus a tuition scholarship. Students may be awarded up to 3 points per semester, with a maximum of 9 points per academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer). Points may only be used during the semester in which a graduate research/teaching assistantship is awarded. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/assistantships.

Terms and Conditions

There are terms and conditions associated with scholarships awarded by Teachers College. For details, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/scholarships/terms-and-conditions.

Fellowships, grants, and graduate research/teaching assistantships may have separate criteria that students need to meet in order to gain and maintain eligibility. For more information, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources.

Federal Financial Aid Programs

Federal Loans

Teachers College offers the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan.

As per federal regulations, students who seek federal aid are provided a Cost of Attendance (COA) budget that consists of estimated tuition, fees, and other expenses. The COA budget will be adjusted based on full-time, three-quarter time, and half-time enrollment. If enrollment plans change during the academic year, students should notify the Office of Financial Aid to adjust their Cost of Attendance and federal aid award package. Students who will be enrolled in less than an academic year (i.e., single-term student) will have loan eligibility reflective of their period of enrollment.

Students may be offered federal loan aid less than the annual COA budget if they receive other forms of financial aid (scholarships, grants, etc.) that are being used to cover a portion of the COA budget. For more information about federal student loans at Teachers College, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/federal-student-loans.

Students who wish to accept and utilize their federal loan offer must complete a Master Promissory Note and entrance interview. Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as it is available through www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order for federal aid to be processed in a timely manner, students should begin the loan acceptance process three to four weeks in advance of the beginning of the semester.

For students who are enrolled in the Fall and Spring semesters, federal loans are disbursed after the last day of add/drop. During the Summer term, federal loans have a different disbursement schedule depending on the student's registered summer session(s). In order for the student to receive federal aid disbursements, they must meet the following criteria on the scheduled disbursement date(s) and thereafter:

1. Registered for at least half-time status each semester
2. Completed an entrance interview
3. Completed a Master Promissory Note
4. Completed verification of income and citizenship, if required

For more information about federal student loans, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa>.

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a need-based federal financial aid program that provides job opportunities to eligible Teachers College students. Applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA as early as possible in order to ensure consideration for a work study award.

FWS allows awardees to earn hourly wages that help cover education-related expenses. The amount of FWS that appears on the Financial Aid Award Letter is not a guarantee of total wages to be earned. Rather, it is a maximum limit on the amount of FWS funds a student may earn should they choose to participate in the program. Students are paid only for actual hours worked.

Placement in an FWS position is contingent upon the availability of jobs and funding, as well as on a student's skills, experience, and schedule. For more rules and regulations, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/federal-work-study.

Eligibility

To be eligible for federal financial aid, applicants must meet each of the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
- Be enrolled in at least five (5) credits/points per semester in a degree program
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress toward their degree
- Not have been convicted of any offense under federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance
- Be registered with the Selective Service System, if they are male
- Not be in default on a loan or owe a payment of federal funds

All applicants are encouraged to file a FAFSA, regardless of eligibility for Federal Aid. Students can find and file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Teachers College institutional code is **G03979**.

After filing the FAFSA, students will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which must be reviewed for accuracy and corrected if necessary. If there are questions, contact the Office of Financial Aid. Students may also be required to submit copies of their federal tax returns and other supporting documents to verify the information on the FAFSA.

The information provided on the FAFSA is applied to a federally designed formula which calculates the “Estimated Family Contribution”—the theoretical amount the student should have available for educational costs. The cost of education minus the family contribution is “need.” The total amount of need-based aid cannot exceed this figure.

Normally, the need calculations are based on financial data from two years prior (i.e., the 2021-2022 FAFSA will utilize 2019 tax information). Students who wish to inquire about the effect of a change in their financial circumstances on their federal financial aid should contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Maintaining Federal Student Aid Eligibility

All students requesting and receiving federal student aid must meet and maintain the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a matriculated student in an eligible program
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress*
- Meet enrollment status requirements
- Have resolved any drug conviction issue

Failure to meet the above requirements may result in the loss of federal student aid eligibility. Students will need to present proof of resolution to the Office of Financial Aid before aid can be offered or disbursed. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress:* In order to maintain eligibility for aid, students must make satisfactory progress toward their degree. In addition to meeting all standards of academic performance required in the program, students must maintain at least half-time enrollment per semester in order to remain eligible for student aid. For more details about this policy, see www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/sap-policy.

Return of Title IV Funds

This policy applies to students who complete 60% or less of the enrollment period (i.e., Fall, Spring, or Summer session) for which they received Federal Title IV aid. A student who drops a class but still completes one or more classes does not qualify for the Return of Title IV Funds policy. The term “Title IV aid” refers to the following federal financial aid programs: Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loans, , Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loans, and the Federal TEACH Grant.

To conform with the policy, Teachers College must determine the student’s official withdrawal date. The official withdrawal date is defined as: 1. the date the student began the withdrawal process or officially notified Teachers College of their intent to withdraw; or 2. the last date of attendance at an academically-related activity by a student who does not notify Teachers College.

The calculation required determines a student's earned and unearned Title IV aid based on the percentage of the enrollment period completed by the student. The percentage of the period that the student remained enrolled is derived by dividing the number of days the student attended by the number of days in the period. Calendar days (including weekends) are used, but breaks of at least five days are excluded from both the numerator and denominator.

Until a student has passed the 60% point of an enrollment period, only a portion of the student's aid has been earned. A student who remains enrolled beyond the 60% point is considered to have earned all awarded aid for the enrollment period.

Other Sources of Aid

Private Loans

There are several student loan programs administered by private institutions that provide loan funds to students who do not qualify for federal or need-based loans, or who may need additional funding. They are often available from banks, require a credit check, and in some cases, a co-signer and processing fee. Securing a co-signer may result in lower interest on the loan. For information on private loans, visit www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-sources/private-loans.

Student Employment

Opportunities for student employment are available at Teachers College, including the Federal Work Study program and different types of graduate assistantships. Students should visit the Teachers College Human Resources website at www.tc.edu/hr to review job vacancies. In some instances, positions may be eligible for tuition exemption or scholarship points.

Registration Procedures

Students seeking course credit must be admitted by the Teachers College Office of Admission. For details, please refer to the section on Admission. Former Teachers College degree students who wish to pursue a degree program and have not met the requirements of the continuous enrollment policy must contact their academic department to request readmission prior to the beginning of their term of return. Please note that returning students will be held to any new program requirements.

Course registration may be completed online via myTC. Limited in-person registration is available during dates announced in the Academic Calendar.

Teachers College Student Information System

All students are expected to register via the web through the Student Information System on myTC. It is the responsibility of each student to obtain advisement and approval for their course selections from their academic advisor prior to registering. Registering for classes that your advisor has not approved can seriously compromise your ability to fulfill degree requirements and may have unintended financial consequences. Students must also obtain permission from the course instructor for any course listed in the Schedule of Classes that requires instructor approval. Students may connect to the Student Information System through the TC portal myTC. Instructions for registration are available in the Registration Information Section in the Schedule of Classes for each term.

Whenever course enrollment has been entered in the registration system, the student is responsible for payment of the assessed charges unless the student follows the procedures for a change of program as outlined in the Schedule of Classes and in accordance with the dates listed in the Academic Calendar. Failure to attend a course does not constitute an automatic withdrawal. (See section on Changes in Registration and Withdrawal.)

Each registrant is expected to assume a major responsibility in program planning. A careful study of the general degree requirements and maximum point loads outlined in this Catalog, special departmental bulletins, and advisory recommendations should be taken into consideration.

Teachers College students must have written permission of the Registrar before registering in any program or institution outside the College. Additionally, students are not permitted to be enrolled concurrently in two degree programs or schools within the University or the College.

Maximum Point Loads

The number of points (credits), a point being the equivalent of a semester hour that a course carries per term, is given on the course schedule. No more than nine points may be taken during a summer session and no more than a total of 16 points in the summer term. No more than 18 points may be taken during the fall or spring term; students who hold full-time positions are discouraged from enrolling for programs in excess of 8 points each fall and spring term.

Certification of Part-Time/Full-Time Attendance

Enrollment status certification is based upon the number of points for which a student is registered per term. During the fall, spring and summer terms, “full-time” status is accorded to students registered for nine or more points per term. Students enrolled for fewer than nine points (0–8 points) are considered “part-time.” “Half-time” status is based on enrollment of five to eight (5–8) points per term. Students registered for fewer than five points are accorded “less-than-half-time status.” During the summer term, enrollment status is determined by the cumulative number of points in both Session A and B. For “full-time” status, students must register for a combined load of at least nine points, with no more than nine points in one summer session. Full-time status is accorded to students registered for courses that carry a full-time equivalent (please see your program for that information), as well as students registered for doctoral dissertation advisement (_8900 courses) and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense (TI8900).

Change in Registration and Withdrawal

Notice of any change in your registration, including adding/dropping courses, changes of points in variable point courses, or of total withdrawal from the College, must be given to the Registrar in writing or completed through the online registration system. Instructions for changes in registration and withdrawal through the Student Information System are outlined in the Registration Information section in the Schedule of Classes or may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

The last date for changes in registration is indicated in the Academic Calendar. After this deadline, courses may not be added, but a partial refund of tuition fees for withdrawal from courses may be authorized by the Registrar. Fees are not subject to this reduction. Reduction of tuition based on a sliding scale is calculated from the day the Registrar receives written notice from the student or the withdrawal is processed through the Student Information System. The sliding scale is outlined in the Registration Information section in the Schedule of Classes on the TC-Web for each term.

The deadline for making changes in points in variable-point courses will extend until the class has met four times; dates are indicated in the Academic Calendar.

Courses with special dates must be dropped before the course begins to receive full tuition credit. There is no reduction of tuition for special-date classes once the course begins or for fee-based courses in art, music and dance after the close of the change of program period. Students who have registered for workshops must withdraw from a workshop prior to the beginning of the workshop. No tuition rebates will be granted for a workshop once it has begun.

Students who are deficient in their attendance or who perform their class duties unsatisfactorily may be required at any time to withdraw from a course, upon recommendation by the course instructor to the Registrar; in extreme cases, this may mean withdrawal from the College.

For grading symbols covering withdrawals, see Grades.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition

Tuition and fee rates are set annually by the Teachers College Board of Trustees. In the 2023-2024 academic year, tuition for all regular courses is \$1,970 per point. Non-credit courses vary in rate, usually depending on the minimum number of points for which the particular course is offered and the special services provided.

Columbia University's tuition is assessed at a per-point or flat rate determined annually by the University's Board of Trustees. Each school's rate may vary. Check the Office of the Registrar's website for the current tuition rates at Columbia and other affiliates.

Total tuition and fees are determined based on the number of points for which the student has registered. All tuition and fees (registration, service, workshops, and all miscellaneous related expenses) charged are due and payable in full on the opening day of the semester or on the official published deadline date. Registrations submitted after the published due date are due upon registration.

Payment Options

Various forms of payment are accepted for tuition and fees and may be used individually or in combination. Teachers College accepts checks, money orders, and cash. A deferred payment plan, employee tuition exemption, third party billing agreements, and financial aid are also available to finance a Teachers College education. Some restrictions may apply.

eCheck

Tuition can be paid online directly from a personal checking or savings account drawn on a U.S. bank. An eCheck payment will appear on your monthly statement as **Teachers College Epayment**. There is no fee to pay by eCheck. Online payments can be made by accessing the myTC Portal at: <http://my.tc.edu>. Returned checks are assessed a return-check fee and subject to collection fees, if necessary. After three returned check payments, no further personal checks will be accepted.

International Wire Transfers

International students may pay their student account using international wire transfers. Students can generate a Western Union international wire transfer payment request on the myTC ePayment site in their home currency, in most cases.

The benefits include:

- Teachers College and Western Union will not charge a fee for wire transfers.

- (NOTE: your bank may charge an encounter fee for wire transfer payments)
- Competitive exchange rates valid for 72 hours.
- Automated posting of wires to your student account when payments are received.

To learn more visit our <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/bursar/payments/international-wire-transfers/>

Checks or Money Orders

Must be made payable to Teachers College. These types of payments can either be submitted in person, placed in the drop box, or mailed to the Office of the Bursar: 525 West 120th Street, Box 305, New York, NY 10027. The drop off payment box is located at the door of the Office of the Bursar, Thompson Hall Room # 133. Do not place cash in this box. Please write your student identification number and a valid daytime telephone number on the face of the check or money order. Returned checks are assessed a return-check fee and subject to collection fees, if necessary.

Cash Payments

Must be made in-person at the Office of the Bursar, 133 Thompson Hall. During the academic year, the Office of the Bursar staff is available Monday through Thursday 9:00am until 6:00pm and Friday 9:00am until 5:00pm. (Please note, during the Summer, the Office of Bursar will close at 5:00pm Monday through Thursday and 3pm on Friday). For payments that include more than \$10,000 in cash, IRS Form 8300 must be completed at the cashier's window.

Online Deferred Payment Plan

Students may choose to participate in the Online Deferred Payment Plan during the fall and spring semesters only (plan is not available for summer sessions). The Online Deferred Payment Plan allows students to spread the term tuition, fees, and housing charges less any aid disbursed, over three equal installments during the semester. An online agreement between the student and Teachers College must be electronically completed on the MyTC Student Information System Portal. A \$50 fee is required to participate in the plan and the first installment plus the \$50 fee is due at the time the student electronically signs the agreement. Installment dates are listed below:

Fall 2023	
Term / Installment Number	Due Date
Tuition and Related Charges	September 22, 2023
Deferment Plan	
First Installment Due	September 22, 2023

Fall 2023	
Second Installment Due	October 6, 2023
Third Installment Due	November 6, 2023
Fourth (Final) Installment Due	December 6, 2023

Spring 2024	
Term / Installment Number	Due Date
Tuition and Related Charges	February 02, 2024
Deferment Plan	
First Installment Due	February 02, 2024
Second Installment Due	March 02, 2024
Third Installment Due	April 02, 2024
Fourth (Final) Installment Due	May 02, 2024

Failure to remit payment, as scheduled, in the Deferred Payment Plan will result in the assessment of a late payment penalty of 1 1/3 percent on any unpaid balance.

Tuition Exemption—Students employed at the University may be eligible for tuition exemption. Human Resources must authorize tuition exemption forms with a valid HR personnel signature. Authorized Tuition Exemption forms must be submitted in person no later than the last day to add/drop courses for each term. If a student registers late, payments including tuition exemption forms are due at the time of the late registration. Various fees including, but not limited to, course fees, college fees, health service fees, medical insurance, and late registration fees are not covered by tuition exemption. The student should be prepared to remit payment for these fees on the official tuition due date.

Third Party Agreements—Students enrolling under a third party agreement must submit an authorization form to the College for approval each term/semester. A third party is usually an outside agency (not an individual) that agrees to pay all or part of the charges incurred by a particular student. The authorization form must include the student's name, relevant semester(s), and the total amount of

tuition and fee charges that the third party is willing to pay. The form must be signed by an official of the third party agency. A third party agreement between the College and the agency must be completed each term/semester before the start of the term/semester.

Financial Aid—If all required applications and documentation have been filed with the Office of Financial Aid by the required deadline, financial aid awards should be available at the time of registration. Since tuition and all fees are due at the time of in-person registration, late payment penalties will be assessed on any outstanding balance as described under the Late Payment Penalties section of this bulletin. For further information about financial aid, review the section entitled Financial Aid.

Withdrawal from Classes

By registering for classes, a student has entered a legal and binding contract to pay all tuition, fees, and penalties charged by Teachers College.

When a student withdraws from Teachers College or from individual classes, the tuition charges originally assessed may be reduced, based on the date of withdrawal. Failure to attend classes does not constitute an automatic withdrawal; students must withdraw through the Student Information System on myTC Portal or request withdrawal by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Fees are not subject to rebate. The percentage of tuition reduction will be determined according to the withdrawal schedule.

Note: Students must withdraw by 11:59 P.M. U.S. Eastern Standard Time on the last day of each date range in order to receive the corresponding tuition credit.

Fall 2023

Withdraw on...	Receive tuition credit of...
Before Sept. 19	100%
Sept. 19-25	80%
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	75%
Oct. 3- 9	70%
Oct. 10 - 16	60%
Oct. 17 - 23	50%
Oct. 24 - Oct. 30	40%
After Oct. 31	0%

Spring 2024

Withdraw on...	Receive tuition credit of...
Before Jan. 30	100%
Jan. 30-Feb. 5	80%
Feb. 6-12	75%
Feb. 13-19	70%
Feb. 20-26	60%
Feb. 27- Mar. 5	50%
Mar. 6-12	40%
After Mar. 12	0%

Student Refunds

Proceeds originating from student aid programs in excess of all student account charges (tuition, fees, monthly housing, and other related expenses) will be mailed to the student or electronically deposited (students must enroll for eRefund through the myTC Portal).

NOTE: Title IV aid can only be credited towards institutional charges. Non-institutional charges such as finance charges, late penalty fees, etc. cannot be paid from your Title IV aid. This may result in a refund being generated leaving an outstanding balance on your account for which you are responsible.

Other Fees

Description Of Fee	Amount
Teachers College Tuition, Per Point (Credit)	\$1970
Teachers College Fee, Per Term	\$508
Teachers College Research Fee	\$508
Columbia Health Fee (Full Time) - (Fall/Spring)	\$682 / \$682
Columbia Health Fee (Part Time) - (Fall/Spring)	\$205 / \$205
Columbia Health Insurance Fee - (Fall/Spring)	\$2,145 / \$3,502
One-time Transcript Fee (charged in first term enrolled)	\$35
Application Fee (non-refundable and payable at time of application)	\$75
Tuition deposit (non-refundable but applicable against tuition assessment)	\$300
Library Research Fee (for non-college users) per month	\$100
Doctoral Dissertation Advisement fee	\$5,304
Ph.D. Dissertation Defense fee	\$7,140
Late registration fee	\$100
Late application fee for conferring of degrees	\$25
Special examination fee (each course)	\$25
Student identification card replacement fee	\$20
Late payment fee (flat fee)	\$50
Late payment (monthly fee)	1- 1/3% (16% annually)
Returned check fee	\$20
Deferred payment plan fee	\$50

Fees listed here and elsewhere throughout this catalog are reviewed periodically and are subject to change without prior notice. Additional fees may be added.

Degree Requirements

Teachers College, Columbia University offers courses of study leading to the following degrees: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Education (Ed.M.), Master of Science (M.S.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Doctor of Education in the College Teaching of an Academic Subject (Ed.D.C.T.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). This policy presents an overview of degree requirements, as well as how the College determines that students have met requirements.

1. Definitions
2. General Degree Requirements and Graduation
3. Department- and Program-Specific Requirements
4. Degree Audit System

1. Definitions

Advisor: Member of the instructional staff or faculty who provides academic guidance to students and has authority to recommend students to the Faculty for award of a degree.

Breadth Requirement: The requirement for most master's programs that students take course work outside of their major programs. Also known as the Foundations Requirement. All M.A., M.S., and Ed.M. students must complete a minimum of 6 points out of program at TC. The advisor and student will determine how the points can be reached.

Degree application: The process by which students request that advisors and the Registrar review their academic progress and consider them for the award of a degree on a particular graduation date.

Degree audit: A report that compares individual students' progress against degree requirements.

Degree audit system: A computerized system that serves as the primary repository of academic requirements for degrees and that generates degree audit reports.

Degree requirement: Any condition that students must meet in order for the Faculty to recommend them for the award of a particular degree. Degree requirements refer to successful completion of any of the following: graduate-credit courses, master's theses or integrative projects, dissertation proposals, and dissertations. Degree requirements may also include the stipulation that students complete degrees within particular time frames (e.g., the five-year period of candidacy for masters degrees).

Graduate Courses in other University Divisions: Most Columbia University courses numbered 4000 and above are considered graduate-level courses. However, 4000-level History courses are not considered graduate-level. Barnard College courses are not graduate courses.

Graduation: The conferral of degrees upon successful completion of all degree requirements. Degrees and certificates are awarded only in October, February, and May. Degrees are formally conferred by the President of the University at the annual Commencement in May.

2. General Degree Requirements and Graduation

The minimum requirements for degrees established by the College and University are given below. Students may not be enrolled concurrently in degree programs in two different institutions; students may not be in two different degree programs or areas of specialization or schools at Teachers College or Columbia University.

2.1. General Residence

For each degree, a candidate must register for and earn a minimum of thirty semester hours of acceptable graduate credits. The candidate must register for course work through Teachers College and remain matriculated in each degree program for at least two academic terms. Living on campus is not required.

The chart below shows minimum residency and point requirements for multiple degrees. It is possible that students will need to take more than the minimum point requirements to earn multiple degrees. In addition to satisfying residency requirements, a student must meet all general degree requirements for each degree as outlined in this policy and by the academic department. Consult with the Office of the Registrar for more specific information.

	Minimum Points	Minimum TC Credit	Maximum Transfer Credit
Two Degrees at Teachers College			
M.A./M.S. and M.A./M.S.	60*	60*	0
M.A./M.S. and Ed.M.	60	45	15
Ed.M. and Ed.M.	90	60	30
M.A./M.S. and Ph.D.	75	45	30
M.A./M.S. and Ed.D.	90	45	45
Ed.M. and Ph.D.	75	45	30
Ed.M. and Ed.D.	90	45	45
Three Degrees at Teachers College			
M.A./M.S., M.A./M.S., and Ed.M.	90	75	15
M.A./M.S., Ed.M., and Ed.M.	90	90	0
M.A./M.S., M.A./M.S., and Ed.D.	90	75	15

M.A./M.S., M.A./M.S., and Ph.D.	75	75	0
M.A./M.S., Ed.M. and Ph.D.	75	60	15
M.A./M.S., Ed.M. and Ed.D.	90	60	30
Ed.M., Ed.M., and Ed.D.	90	90	0
Four Degrees at Teachers College			
M.A./M.S., M.A./M.S., Ed.M., and Ed.D./ Ph.D.	120	120	0
M.A./M.S., Ed.M., Ed.M., and Ed.D./or Ph.D.	120	120	0

* Plus an essay or 32 points without an essay for each degree.

Note: If you received a Professional Diploma from Teachers College, please check with the Registrar for minimum requirements.

2.2. Academic Performance

The Faculty of the College requires that all students maintain acceptable grades as well as satisfactory progress in the completion of degree requirements. Some departments specify an overall minimum grade average (see specific department statements). If satisfactory progress as defined by the department is not maintained, a student may be dismissed from the program. Any department judging a student to be performing below expectations is authorized by the Faculty to require additional coursework as a means to evaluate the student's continued participation in the degree program or enrollment at the College. A student whose academic performance in coursework or in other requirements is seriously below the level required for successful completion of a degree may be denied permission for continued enrollment at the College on the initiative of the Department in which the student is enrolled. There is no formal appeal from such a decision, but the student may consult with the Ombuds officer.

Any student receiving eight or more points in grades of C- or lower is not permitted to continue registration at the College in any capacity and may not receive a degree or diploma. Petitions for exception to this policy may be submitted, in writing, to the Registrar with a written recommendation from the department in which the student was last enrolled. Such petitions will be submitted to a faculty committee for review and decision.

2.3. Statement on Academic Conduct

Teachers College expects members of the College community to observe traditional norms of scholarly discourse, academic integrity, and fairness. All members of the College community are expected to exhibit the high level of personal integrity which society must demand of professionals.

Decisions regarding academic evaluation in all aspects of students' work at the College, including coursework, certification examinations, clinical or field experiences, and preparation of dissertations, are within sole jurisdiction of faculty members concerned, including, as appropriate, the department or program staff members. Disciplinary actions (e.g., reprimand, suspension, or dismissal) in cases of academic misconduct can be imposed by the academic program or department as described in the Student Conduct Code, www.tc.edu/policylibrary/student-conduct-code.

2.4. General Candidacy Requirements

Students who have not met the requirements of the continuous enrollment policy and who wish to pursue the completion of a degree must re-apply for admission and be accepted into a degree program. This applies even if they wish to resume a course of study leading to the degree program to which they had originally received admission. Applications for re-admission may be obtained from the Office of Admission. Applications for re-admission follow the same processes and standards as those for initial admission. Students subsequently readmitted to a degree program must meet degree requirements current at the time of re-admission.

All Teachers College programs that offer academic credit are graduate-level programs, and all require completion of a baccalaureate degree prior to attendance at Teachers College. Students may not enroll in a Teachers College program that offers academic credits until the Office of Admission has received official transcripts indicating a conferred baccalaureate degree or its equivalent. In addition, the Office of Admission must receive official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions where a student has earned academic credit prior to the first semester of enrollment. Questions regarding which transcripts are required should be addressed to the Office of Admission.

2.5. Requirements for Master's Degrees (Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Master of Education)

In order to pursue requirements for a master's degree at Teachers College, candidates first must be formally admitted to a master's degree program by the Office of Admission.

The period of candidacy for the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Master of Education is limited to five years. Every candidate for the Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Master of Education must complete at least 16 points through Teachers College during the final five-year period prior to the award of the degree so as to meet recency requirements.

A candidate may petition the Registrar for an extension of time for adequate reasons if the student has been in attendance in the degree program within the last five years. In such cases, an extension must be recommended by the major advisor and approved by the Registrar. Upon approval, all current degree requirements including the departmental integrative project must be completed. Candidates may obtain petition forms from the Registrar's web site: www.tc.edu/registrar.

2.5.1. Master of Arts (M.A.)

The M.A. is granted upon the satisfactory completion of no less than 30 points and a formal essay; 32 points and a departmental integrative project; or 32 points and completion of a departmental comprehensive examination. At least 20 points must be earned in Teachers College courses. The remaining credits must be completed through Teachers College registration, in Teachers College courses or in graduate courses in other University Divisions

The program of study for the M.A. must include a minimum of 12 points in major field courses, the exact requirement to be determined by the program and in consultation with the major advisor. Transfer credit may not be used to meet this minimum. Students must also meet the breadth requirement: They must complete a minimum of 6 points out of program at TC. Students and their advisors will determine how to meet the 6-credit minimum. In addition, students must complete a formal essay, comprehensive examination, or integrative project. Electives are chosen in consultation with the major advisor.

Students opting to prepare a formal essay should obtain instructions from the Office of the Registrar. The formal essay must demonstrate the student's ability to select, organize, and present the results of professional investigation in the major field. The essay may consist of a body of work in a studio or performance area, demonstrating the design, preparation, and presentation of professional works appropriate to the major field. Documentation of such works may include photographs, color slides, TV tapes, film, recordings, or an approved computer software program. An original copy of the formal essay must be submitted to the Registrar no later than the deadline indicated in the Academic Calendar. Approved essays are retained by library; integrative projects are maintained in the major department.

A candidate for an M.A. degree who has already earned an M.A. or M.S. degree at an earlier time must be admitted to the degree by the Office of Admission. Courses and the integrative project, comprehensive examination, or essay completed for the earlier M.A. or M.S. degree may not be applied toward the second. The same minimum point and breadth requirements apply. Consult departmental advisory statements for additional requirements.

2.5.2. Master of Science (M.S.)

The M.S. degree is granted upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 30 points and a formal essay; 32 points and a departmental integrative special project; or 32 points and a departmental comprehensive examination. At least 20 points must be earned in Teachers College courses. The remaining coursework must be completed, through Teachers College registration, in Teachers College courses or graduate courses in other University Division.

The program for the M.S. degree must include at least 20 points in science courses and related technical fields. Transfer credit may not be used to meet this minimum. Students must also meet the breadth requirement: They must complete a minimum of 6 points out of program at TC. Students and their advisors will determine how to meet the 6-credit minimum. In addition, students must complete a formal essay, comprehensive examination, or an integrative project. Electives are chosen in consultation with the major advisor. Consult departmental advisory statements for additional requirements.

A candidate for an M.S. degree who has already earned an M.A. or M.S. degree at an earlier time must be admitted to the degree by the Office of Admission. Courses and the integrative project, comprehensive examination, or essay completed for the earlier M.A. or M.S. degree may not be applied toward the second. The same minimum point and breadth requirements apply. Consult departmental advisory statements for additional requirements.

2.5.3. Master of Education (Ed.M.)

The Ed.M. degree is awarded upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 points of graduate work. Thirty points must be completed under the auspices of Teachers College, including 18 points in Teachers College courses. A maximum of 30 points of graduate credit may be transferred from other recognized institutions. Candidates who have completed an M.A. or M.S. degree through Teachers College must register for a minimum of 45 points of the required 60 through Teachers College.

Candidates admitted to Ed.M. degree programs are required to complete the breadth requirement: They must complete a minimum of 6 points out of program at TC. Students and their advisors will determine how to meet the 6-credit minimum. Equivalent out-of-program courses for which transfer credit has been granted may be substituted for Teachers College courses with the Registrar's approval of a written petition. A formal essay, departmental comprehensive examination, or special departmental integrative project is also required. Consult departmental advisory statements for additional requirements.

2.5.4. Application for Master's Degree or Certificate Award

Candidates for the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Education, or certificates must file an application to graduate using the College's degree audit system.

All courses, except those in which students are currently enrolled at the time of graduation application, must be completed before application. Degree applications are specific to particular degree dates, as shown on the Academic Calendar. Students who do not then earn the degree or certificate by the applicable degree date must file a Renewal of Application and pay a renewal fee for reconsideration of the award by a future degree date. See Academic Calendar for due dates.

2.6. Requirements for Doctoral Degrees (Doctor of Education and Doctor of Philosophy)

Teachers College offers programs of study leading to the Doctor of Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The Office of the Registrar provides general information, administrative advice, and service to doctoral students and assists the doctoral committees in their supervision of candidates' work. Requirements outlined below are described in further detail in the doctoral bulletins prepared for each degree type. Each student should obtain the appropriate bulletin through the Registrar's Office [website](#). Each student is responsible for fulfilling the stated requirements. Prospective doctoral students should consult a faculty advisor concerning programs offered, the degree most appropriate for specific goals, any departmental requirements for admission and programs of study, and application deadlines.

2.6.1. Doctor of Education (Ed.D./Ed.D.C.T.)

The Ed.D. degree emphasizes broad preparation for advanced professional responsibilities through a program of extensive study in a specialized branch of the field of education or area of instruction. The minimum requirements include satisfactory completion of a planned program of 90 points of graduate coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree (at least 45 points of which must be taken through Teachers College registration); satisfactory performance on a departmental certification examination; and the preparation and defense of a dissertation. Some fields of study have additional requirements; consult departmental statements or faculty advisors.

Special programs for persons preparing for college teaching of an academic subject (Ed.D.C.T.) are offered in several departments. The programs emphasize broad preparation in the candidate's major field, specialized competence in a limited area within that field, and an understanding of the broader problems of education, especially at the college level. The minimum requirements are the same as those for the Ed.D., but some fields of specialization have additional requirements such as an examination in a foreign language or in mathematical statistics. Consult departmental statements or faculty advisors.

Ed.D. candidates must be in continuous enrollment for a minimum of 3 Teachers College points or the dissertation advisement course in each fall and spring term following departmental recommendation for certification or approval of the dissertation proposal in a departmental hearing, whichever comes first. The obligation to register continuously ends after the dissertation has received final approval.

2.6.2. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The Ph.D. degree emphasizes research and intensive specialization in a field of scholarship. Under an agreement with Columbia University, Teachers College offers programs leading to the Ph.D. degree in designated fields in which the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences does not offer programs, namely in education, including education in the substantive disciplines and certain applied areas of psychology.

The minimum requirements for the Ph.D. include submission of a program plan of study and satisfactory completion of a planned program of 75 graduate points beyond the baccalaureate; satisfactory performance on foreign language examinations (for certain programs) and on a departmental certification examination; and preparation and defense of a research dissertation. Some fields of specialization have additional requirements; consult departmental statements or faculty advisors. A maximum of 30 points of relevant courses at other recognized graduate schools or 45 points in another Faculty of Columbia University may be accepted toward the minimum point requirement. Each degree candidate must satisfy departmental requirements for the award of the M.Phil. degree prior to continuing in the Ph.D. program. A Ph.D. candidate must complete all requirements for the degree in not more than seven years or six years for those who have received an applicable master's degree or 30 points of advanced standing. Degree requirements are specified in the Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy Bulletin, available on the Office of the Registrar [website](#).

Continuous Registration Requirement for Ph.D. Programs: Ph.D. candidates must register continuously each fall and spring term until all degree requirements are met unless granted a leave of absence. In addition, following enrollment in the department's designated dissertation seminar course(s) or following the term in which the dissertation proposal was approved, whichever comes

first, candidates must fulfill the continuous registration requirement by registering for doctoral dissertation advisement each fall and spring term. Finally, registration for TI 8900, Dissertation Defense: Ph.D., is required for the term in which the oral defense is held. The obligation to register for dissertation advisement ends after the dissertation has received final approval.

A candidate who expects to interrupt study for any reason should consult the Office of the Registrar so as to avoid the risk of severing connection with the program.

3. Department- and Program-Specific Degree Requirements

In addition to College-wide requirements, TC academic departments and programs have specific requirements for students at each degree level. These requirements can include certain courses, examinations, essays, or projects that apply only to students in particular major fields. These requirements may exceed but may not fall short of the minimum College-wide requirements described in this policy. Students must meet all relevant department and program requirements.

4. Degree Audit System

The College's degree audit system serves as the official repository of degree requirements. The Registrar's Office will maintain this system based on information in the online academic catalog and departmental program guides. Proposed changes to program- or department-specific requirements must be initiated by members of the faculty and approved by the respective academic department before the Registrar updates the system. Depending on the proposed change, faculty sponsors may need FEC-APS and/or New York State Department of Education approval before the College can make the change.

Advisors and the Registrar's Office will use the degree audit system to certify completion of degree requirements. Requests for exceptions to these requirements must be initiated by members of program faculty.

Responsible Office: Enrollment Services

Graduate Student Life & Development

Teachers College is located in New York City, one of the most important and dynamic cultural and educational centers in the world. Our student population is very diverse and includes international students, scholars and faculty from over 75 countries. TC combines a large number of part-time and full-time students who are very active in professional education circles and either commute or live on campus. There are a variety of student services and organizations at TC designed to support students' programs of study, provide professional development opportunities, foster community and celebrate diversity.

Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs strives to enhance the graduate school experience by creating student pathways designed for success in the College and University communities.

For more information, please contact studentaffairs@tc.edu.

Office of Graduate Student Life & Development

Graduate Student Life & Development (GSLD)

Members of the GSLD team encourage the TC student body to become familiar with programs and services designed to enhance the graduate student experience at Teachers College. Alongside academic studies in the classroom, Teachers College students have many out-of-class opportunities to engage with peers to make meaningful connections, explore NYC, navigate cross-cultural dialogues, and obtain skills and resources through TC and CU resources. GSLD is the office that hosts New Student Orientation, advises the 40+ thriving student organizations, and serves as a place for Student-Parents to find support. The office sends out a weekly newsletter during the Fall and Spring semesters for students to learn about events and opportunities hosted on both Teachers College and Columbia's campuses.

[Graduate Student Life & Development Website](#)

Graduate Writing Center (GWC)

The [Graduate Writing Center](#), a branch of the Office of Graduate Student Life & Development, offers a variety of writing services to the Teachers College community. During one-on-one [consultations](#) with peer advisors, writers have the opportunity to focus on different aspects of the academic writing process. The types of assistance often sought include support with brainstorming, organizing, drafting, and revising. The Graduate Writing Center also offers [workshops](#) throughout the year on topics such as concept mapping, outlining, and researching and writing literature reviews. The mission of the Graduate Writing Center is to support students' development as writers, rather than serve as a proofreading or editing service.

[Graduate Writing Center Website](#)

Teachers College Student Senate

The [Teachers College Student Senate](#) is composed of elected student body representatives from academic departments and positions at large. The Senate advocates for student voice on campus and participates in College-wide committees which impact the decision-making process and enhances communication amongst students, administration and faculty.

[Student Senate Website](#)

Student Support & Advocacy

Student Support & Advocacy (SSA)

Members of the Student Support & Advocacy team work closely with Teachers College students navigating both personal and academic difficulties. We connect students to support and resources available at TC, Columbia University, and local resources available in NYC through individual meetings, programming, and initiatives. The SSA team is here to support students throughout their graduate school journey so that all students reach their goal of graduation. Some issues and concerns that students may face include mental health support, financial

difficulties, academic challenges, and returning to TC after a medical leave or hospitalization. SSA sends out monthly newsletters during the fall and spring semesters so that students are aware of SSA initiatives and resources throughout the academic year.

[Student Support & Advocacy Website](#)

TC CARES

The TC CARES (Connect, Assess, Respond, Educate, and Support) initiative is a collaboration between the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Public Safety that helps to address student concerns that may interfere with students being able to meet their aspirations and goals during their time at Teachers College. When students face challenges where resources are needed, or if a TC community member identifies a student in need of support, they can request support or make a referral through the [TC CARES referral process](#). Once a referral is made, members of the [Student Support & Advocacy Office](#) or the [TC CARES team](#) will reach out to the student to offer a TC CARES support meeting to determine appropriate resources to help the student succeed.

[TC CARES Referral Form and Information](#)

TC NEXT - Navigating & Exploring for Tomorrow

(TC NEXT) Navigating & Exploring for Tomorrow

TC NEXT empowers students and alumni by providing the skills, resources, and opportunities to plan and navigate your chosen career pathways...from Day One at TC and beyond!

Our staff works with TC students in all programs and fields of interest. Students can meet one-on-one with a career coach for a 30-minute appointment, or they can drop by the office during walk-in hours for quick questions.

Make an Appointment

Please log into the Career Resources Portal via [myTC Portal](#) to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Career Coach.

Need to cancel your appointment? Please cancel within 24 hours, so that the appointment is available for another student.

[TC NEXT Website](#)

Coaching appointment categories:

Career Exploration

Learn more about yourself, possible career paths aligned with your degree, career transitions, industry trends, and how to build connections within your field of interest.

Career Document Reviews

Get organized and start your job search campaign! Partner with a career coach to develop a resume/CV that highlights your skills and achievements, and cover letters specific to positions you're interested in. Including support with digital portfolios, personal websites, LinkedIn, and more.

You can even have your resumes reviewed with our AI partner, Quinnia, [by clicking here](#). You can log in with your UNI.

Mock Interviews

Build confidence with practice and receive feedback about how to improve your communication and negotiation skills during interviews.

Applying for Doctoral Programs

Are you a master's student looking to apply for a doctoral program? Look no further, we can support you from choosing programs, preparing career documents, to choosing the right school and program for you.

Searching for Opportunities

Master the skills to effectively search for opportunities. Whether it is a full-time position, internship, fellowship, postdoc opportunity, or more, we got you covered! We can also explore how networking fits into searching for opportunities, best practices for networking, and informational interviews with professionals in your field.

On-Campus Student Employment

Are you a TC student looking for on-campus job opportunities? We're here to help! You can schedule an inquiry appointment through the [Career Resources Portal](#), or simply e-mail us at the following address: Studentemployment@tc.columbia.edu

Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs

The Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs leads the President's and College's initiatives concerning community, diversity, civility, equity, harassment prevention, and anti-discrimination. By encouraging the College community to listen, learn, educate, and work together in positive ways. We endeavor to unify the diverse constituencies, serving the students and alumni, full-time and adjunct faculty, and professional and union staff that comprise the TC community. The Office continues to lead and implement the diversity and community vision by engaging the entire College community academically, administratively and culturally.

As Title IX Coordinator, Janice Robinson has primary responsibility for compliance to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination and gender-based misconduct in education and the New York State Sexual Assault Enough is Enough Law.

Simultaneously, the Office focuses on systemic issues by addressing policy and procedural concerns. The Vice President serves as a member of the President's Senior Staff. She chairs the College's Discrimination Laws Compliance Working Group and the President's Committee for Community and Diversity, the only cross-college multi-constituent committee. The Associate Director and Executive Director are also members of the Committee, and their responsibilities coincide with all of the initiatives of the Office as it continues to lead and implement the diversity, community and equity vision at Teachers College.

Important Websites

tc.edu/diversity & tc.edu/titleix

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Office of the Ombuds

The Teachers College Office of the Ombuds is a resource available to students, faculty and staff for resolving problems and conflicts when they need advice or after other efforts have not been successful.

The Ombuds:

1. Listens to concerns, clarifies the issues in a problem and evaluates a range of solutions and options.
2. Offers coaching in how to deal with a problem.
3. Creates ways for those involved in a problem to communicate, including setting up meetings when necessary; and helps mediate a solution.
4. Provides information about other resources and makes referrals.
5. Identifies issues and trends in common issues and concerns.

Discussions with the Ombuds are confidential, as permitted by law, except in matters of imminent or actual physical or mental harm. In such matters the Ombuds considers the interests and safety of all involved parties in maintaining confidentiality.

The Ombuds is an advocate for the solution of a problem, not for any particular party, and gives equal attention to the rights and responsibilities of all concerned. Individuals seeking a confidential resource with whom to discuss Gender-Based Misconduct may contact either the Ombuds, or the Ombuds for Gender-Based Misconduct Concerns, Dr. Sandil. Individuals with concerns about faculty, staff or students in the Department of Clinical and Counseling Psychology should contact Dr. Peverly. Individuals with concerns about faculty, staff or students in the Department of Health and Behavior Studies should contact Dr. Sandil.

The use of the services of the Office of the Ombuds does not substitute for a formal grievance procedure.

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Columbia Health & Related Services Fee (CHRSF) & Health Insurance

All Teachers College (TC) students are assessed the Columbia Health & Related Services Fee (CHRSF) at either the full-time or part-time (reduced fee) rate. Students living in TC residence halls (regardless of credit status) and/or students registered for 9 or more billable credits for the term and/or international students (regardless of credit status) are assessed the full-time CHRSF. See below for additional information on what the CHRSF offers students:

Part-Time Fee grants access to:

- [Alice! Health Promotion](#) | One-on-one conversations and workshops on stress, sleep, time management, alcohol and drug education, wellness coaching, pet therapy, Gay Health Advocacy Project, HIV testing and treatment counseling, birth control education and counseling, PrEP and PEP consultation, sexual health peer counseling, and gender affirming care coordination
- [Sexual Violence Response \(SVR\)](#) | Crisis counseling, intervention, advocacy, connection to resources, online orders of protection, accompaniment for survivors and co-survivors of violence, as well as violence prevention trainings and workshops
- Other | Support for immunization compliance, student health insurance, opioid education & naloxone training, and much more

Full-Time Fee grants access to:

- All mentioned services, plus
- [Medical Services](#) | Routine and urgent medical care, nutrition, travel medicine, immunizations (most at no-cost), sexual health services, reproductive and gynecological services, LGBTQ+ health care, acupuncture, sports medicine
- [Counseling & Psychological Services \(CPS\)](#) | In-person and virtual short-term individual counseling, referrals for longer term therapy, virtual support spaces, in-person support groups, urgent mental health concerns drop-ins, and problem-solving/coping skills drop-ins, medication consultation, and emergency consultation

Certain services ordered by Medical Services and Counseling and Psychological Services providers that are accessed off-campus (e.g. prescriptions, radiology, off-campus counseling) are not covered by this fee. Additional coverage for prescriptions, off-site laboratory costs, visits to medical specialists (referral-required), and hospitalizations are covered by the [Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan](#) offered through Columbia University and Aetna.

Students living in Teachers College residence halls and/or taking 9 or more billable credits and all international students (regardless of credit status) are required to enroll in the Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan, or provide proof of comparable insurance coverage in order to request a waiver*. Information is available at [Columbia University Insurance Office](#), 212-854-3286, or email studentinsurance@columbia.edu. Students should contact the Insurance Office using their TC email account with their TC ID in the subject line.

**Domestic Students only. International students with a comparable US-based healthcare plan may be considered.*

Immunization Records

New York State and University policy require that all students born on or after January 1, 1957 provide proof of immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) before course registration in the first term of entry. Documentation should include full name and date of birth and be uploaded to the Patient Portal (Medical Clearances section). In addition, all students must make an informed decision to:

1. be immunized against Meningitis ACYW within 30 days;
2. opt not to be immunized;
3. or provide documentation that they have received the Men ACWY vaccination within the past 10 years

The meningitis vaccination is not required for attendance; however, completion of the Meningitis Response Form in the Patient Portal (Medical Clearances section) is mandatory before course registration.

International Students & Scholars

Teachers College has a long history of welcoming international students, scholars and faculty to our academic and social community. Currently, over 1300 students and scholars from over 80 countries are enrolled at all degree levels and in every department. International Students & Scholars provides services and programs that support the growth, development, and welfare of international students and scholars on multiple levels, including immigration regulatory advising and processing, cultural adjustment, social enrichment, and assistance with practical matters related to living in the U.S. International Students & Scholars also acts as a center for cultural and educational programming that advances cross-cultural understanding and interaction between the U.S. and international students and scholars, and promotes cultural competency across the College. In addition, International Students & Scholars provides support to hiring officials and department managers in regard to the employment of international students and scholars, and promotes intercultural competency through collaborative programs across campus. The office is located in L5 Whittier Hall; (212) 678-3939. Interested individuals can contact the staff by email at tcintl@tc.columbia.edu. In addition, prospective, admitted and current students are encouraged to visit the OIS website at tc.edu/international for up-to-date information.

Individuals with Disabilities

Access & Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Teachers College strives to be responsive to both the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other legislation. The College has developed a professionally-staffed office to achieve this goal. Programs and services for individuals with disabilities have been developed to ensure that Teachers College is physically, programmatically, and attitudinally accessible. The aim of the Office of Access and Services for Individuals with Disabilities (OASID) is to ensure equal access through the provision of a wide range of individualized services for persons with varying disabilities.

Registering with OASID

The registration process includes the completion of a registration form, presentation of medical/clinical documentation, and a one-on-one meeting with an OASID representative. Services are available only to individuals who have completed this process. Although an individual accommodation plan is developed during the initial meeting, the plan can be modified as needed throughout the semester. While students can register with the office at any time, they are encouraged to do so at the beginning of or prior to each semester.

Resources/Accommodations

OASID offers a variety of accommodations, services, and resources for those registered with the office. Accommodations are developed on an individualized basis, however, some of the most frequently requested accommodations include:

Readers, notetaking, sign language interpreters, Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART), alternative format reading materials, testing accommodations, and adaptive technology.

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(646) 755-3144 Video Phone

Recreation and Fitness

Directly across the street from Teachers College is the Columbia University Marcellus Hartley Dodge Physical Fitness Center, an indoor sports and exercise facility open to our students. The center features two full-size gymnasiums, a swimming pool, 16 squash and handball courts, fully equipped exercise and weight rooms, a judo-karate room, fencing room, wrestling room, indoor track, and saunas.

Public Safety and Environmental Health & Safety

Teachers College maintains a full service proprietary Office of Public Safety, comprised of a Public Safety Team and an Environmental Health & Safety Team, charged with providing a safe and secure environment in which College community members can enjoy the Teachers College experience. Public Safety staff members work 24 hours a day, seven days a week providing security for both the academic and residential buildings on campus. Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) staff members work extended business hours and are on-call for special projects and events.

The administrative office for the Public Safety Team is located in Whittier Hall, Suite 1A. The office is open during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The phone number for the administrative office is (212) 678-8164.

The Public Safety Central Information Center (CIC) is located in the Whittier Hall lobby and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phone number for the CIC is (212) 678-3220. The phone number to report campus emergencies is 212.678.3333, or 3333 from any on-campus phone line.

The administrative office for the Environmental Health & Safety Team is located in the Zankel Building, Room 31. The office is open extended business hours Monday through Friday, from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The phone number for the administrative office is (212) 678-3111.

The Public Safety Team enforces laws, rules and regulations on campus; controls access to the campus; deters and investigates crime (in cooperation with the New York City Police Department); leads the *College Crisis Management Plan*; leads the *College Campus Safety Advisory Committee*; coordinates key provisions of the *College Business Continuity Plan*; leads the *College Policies and Guidelines for the Supervision of Minors on Campus*; supervises special events; leads the *College Behavioral Threat Assessment Team*; and provides general information for visitors and members of the College community. The Team provides community education in crime prevention, personal safety, and fire safety. The Team manages a technically advanced system of electronic access control, closed circuit television cameras, and emergency alarm systems. Members of the Public Safety Team provide emergency medical assistance, and emergency response to conditions of fire, or to any other critical incident on campus.

Uniformed Public Safety Officers are licensed by the State of New York; certified as New York City Fire Safety Directors; certified in First Aid, CPR, in the operation of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), and in administering naloxone for opiate overdose. The Public Safety Team works in partnership with the Environmental Health & Safety Team, and the two teams share resources and responsibilities to promote a safe and healthful environment for all members of the College community.

The Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Team assists the Teachers College Community in promoting a safe and healthful environment. The EH&S Team provides critical expertise, technical assistance, education, and hazard assessments for the community.

The EH&S Team offers a broad range of services and actively partners with faculty, staff, and students to ensure a safe work and study environment, and compliance with College policy and with applicable regulations of local, State, and federal regulatory agencies covering a wide range of environmental and workplace safety best practices. Teachers College is proud of its excellent safety record and is committed to continuing to provide a safe and healthful environment for its students, staff, faculty, and guests.

The Teachers College Office of Public Safety, prepares an Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report. This report contains important information for the Teachers College Community and is prepared in accordance with the federal Campus Security Act, and the New York State Education Law Articles 129A and 129B. The most current version of the Teachers College Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report may be found at: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/>

policylibrary/public-safety/campus-security-report/. Paper copies of the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report are available from the administrative office of the Public Safety Team, in Suite 1A, of Whittier Hall.

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Public Safety Team Website

<https://www.tc.columbia.edu/publicsafety/>

EH&S Team Website

<https://www.tc.columbia.edu/environmentalhealth/>

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Veterans Benefits

For more than 120 years, Teachers College has educated nearly 100,000 people from around the world. With a tradition of innovation and insight, Teachers College embraces three fields of study: education, psychology, and health. But Teachers College is more than a school for teachers. Students prepare for careers in all aspects of understanding, managing, and enhancing human potential and performance.

Learn More at tc.edu/veterans

Other Services

Additional services available to students include the Teachers College Cafeteria, Security Information Desk, Psychological Counseling Services, the Rita Gold Early Childhood Center, and ATM.

Residential Services At Teachers College

The Office of Residential Services extends a warm welcome to you as you consider joining our residential community.

The Office of Residential Services at Teachers College, Columbia University, complements the institutional mission of the College by striving to provide housing that is convenient, clean, and safe for campus residents, their families and guests. The department is committed to creating a stimulating, inclusive, and caring environment that supports the out-of-classroom experience and enhances intellectual, personal, and professional development. We collaborate with other campus departments to meet the unique needs of our graduate student population and provide uncompromising quality, innovation, and continuous improvement in a multicultural community.

Teachers College has approximately 650 spaces available for single students and 75 apartments for students with families. Bancroft, Grant, Sarasota and Whittier Halls are historic buildings similar to other early 1900's New York City apartment-style buildings. New Residence Hall opened in the fall 2004 semester.

Location:

1230 Amsterdam Avenue, Whittier 1B (between 120th and 121st Streets)

Mailing Address:

Office of Residential Services, 525 West 120th Street, Box 312, New York, NY 10027

Phone:

(212) 678-3235

Email:

housing@tc.columbia.edu

Website:

www.tc.edu/housing

Eligibility for Housing

In order to be eligible to live in student housing, students must be enrolled in a degree program at Teachers College and registered for 1 credit or full-time equivalent during the fall and spring semesters. To maintain eligibility to renew the housing contract past mid-May, residents must be enrolled and registered for a minimum of 12 credits or equivalent during the term of their contract (6 credits if contract starts in the Spring).

Housing Contracts extend for one calendar year, beginning with the summer term. Any resident who renews their contract is not required to register for summer sessions and may remain in the residence hall, but must re-enroll for the upcoming fall semester and live in Teachers College housing for the upcoming fall semester.

Full-time employees of Teachers College are not eligible for on-campus housing. Residents who become Teachers College full-time employees are not eligible for Teachers College housing, and will be required to vacate Teachers College housing at end of the current contract period.

A Resident may remain in housing for a maximum of 6 years (72 months) during their entire enrollment at Teachers College

When to Apply for Housing

Housing offers are based on availability of units, geographic priority, and date of receipt of application. Applicants outside a 30-aerial-mile radius of the Teachers College campus have the highest priority for housing. To complete an application you should visit our website at www.tc.edu/housing and complete our online housing application.

An application for housing can be submitted as soon as a Teachers College applicant is admitted. It is recommended to apply as early as possible. Housing applications will only be considered active once the enrollment deposit has been paid. Unfortunately, given the limited number of spaces available, we may be unable to accommodate all requests for housing.

Housing Assignments

Students will be notified by the Office of Residential Services of their housing status at the beginning of each round for that application period. Notification that a housing space is available will be accompanied by instructions about how to select an available room and sign the housing contract, which is done through the myTC portal. A non-refundable \$750 reservation fee is required to hold the space. This fee will be credited to a student's account upon move-in, and may be used to pay for the semester housing charges.

There is a transfer period twice per year in which students may request a change of assignment. Students may choose to exercise the transfer option if they are unsatisfied with their original assignment.

Applications will be processed beginning (dates approximate):

- *May 15th: Fall Term*
- *November 15th: Spring Term*
- *April 15th: Summer A & B Terms*

Once offered an assignment in Teachers College housing, the housing application may not be deferred to another semester. Hence, the applicant would need to submit a new housing application and fee for the desired semester. The Office of Residential Services must be notified via e-mail if a student decides to defer an application. A housing application may be deferred for a maximum of one year, provided an assignment was never offered.

Important Information

- Students may submit an application for housing once they are admitted, even if they have not yet paid their enrollment deposit. No offer for housing, however, will be made until students have paid the enrollment deposit, as established by the Office of Admission.
- Individuals interested in summer-only housing should visit our website at www.tc.edu/housing for a Summer Conference Housing application.
- Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Admission (if an incoming student) or the Office of Registrar (if a continuing student) of any changes in mailing address, telephone number, and/or email address.

Single Student Housing

Three buildings are available for single-student housing. They are Bancroft Hall, Whittier Hall and New Residence Hall.

Bancroft Hall is located at 509 West 121st Street. It was constructed in 1910. There are three types of housing options for single students in this residence hall, including one-bedroom apartments and shared apartments (two and three bedrooms). All assignments include a private bedroom. Room sizes vary in all accommodation types.

Whittier Hall is located at 1230 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of 120th Street) and was constructed in 1901. There are several different types of housing accommodations offered in this residence hall. All assignments include a private bedroom. Room sizes vary in all accommodation types.

In the single rooms, kitchen and bathroom facilities are shared by approximately 20 students. Suites are self-contained units with three to six private bedrooms. Residents of suites share a kitchen, bathroom, and common area. Studios, one- and shared-two-bedroom apartments all have a private bathroom and kitchen. Microwaves are provided for students in suites, studios, and one- and shared-two-bedroom apartments. A microfridge (a microwave attached to a refrigerator unit) is provided in the single rooms.

New Residence Hall is located at 517 West 121st St. The building contains 252 units. Some have private kitchenettes, while most units share community kitchens which are distributed throughout the building. The efficiency units are approximately 200 square feet in size, and each one contains a private bathroom.

All single student housing units are fully furnished. Residents must, however, provide their own linen, cooking utensils, and other household items. All units come with cable TV service, and wired and wireless internet.

Single Student Housing Average Semester Rates

(2023-2024 Academic Year)

Bancroft Hall

- One Bedroom: \$12,009-\$12,701
- Two Bedroom Share: \$7,296 - \$8,300
- Three Bedroom Share: \$7,079 - \$7,660

New Residence Hall

- Efficiency: \$9,449 - \$9,804

- Studio*: \$10,975 - \$11,468

Grant/Sarasota Halls

- One Bedroom: \$10,437 - \$12,595 (electric is paid separately)

Whittier Hall

- Single Room: \$5,357 - \$7,100
- Suite Room: \$6,005 - \$7,238
- Single Room with private bathroom*: \$7,094 - \$7,575
- Studio*: \$8,825 - \$11,664
- Two Bedroom Share*: \$7,520
- One Bedroom*: \$11,579

*Limited availability

Please note: Rates are subject to change and typically increase 3-5% each year.

Family Housing

Family housing is available for both traditional and non-traditional families. To be eligible for family housing, students must demonstrate that the applicant and the individual(s) with whom the applicant is applying to reside share a qualifying family relationship. Qualifying family relationships under current policy include the following: (a) marriage, (b) presence of minor or dependent child(ren), or (c) domestic partnership (a long-term relationship between the two adults). Relationships that do not qualify for family housing status include: parents, grandparents or siblings of applicants, other than a minor sibling for whom the resident is the legal guardian. (Please note all forms must be in English or professionally translated into English):

Documentation of Family Status

All persons applying for family housing must submit proper documentation along with their application. The following are acceptable forms of documentation:

1. Copy of a current marriage certificate.
2. In the case of a single parent, birth certificate(s), adoption papers, or other appropriate documentation of legal guardianship.
3. Notarized Affidavit of Domestic Partnership declaring that the applicants share a domestic partnership.

The Affidavit of Domestic Partnership form is included in the application.

Those who apply as Domestic Partners must include one of the following along with the signed and notarized affidavit:

1. Copy of a joint lease naming and signed by both applicants and their landlord;
2. Joint tax returns for one calendar year immediately preceding the application;
3. Notarized letter on bank letterhead signed by a bank officer indicating a joint saving and/or checking account for at least one calendar year;
4. Certificate of Domestic Partnership from New York City or any city, which registers unmarried couples who are in a committed, ongoing family relationship.

Family Housing Options

Teachers College maintains three family housing apartment buildings: Bancroft, Grant, and Sarasota Halls.

Bancroft Hall, located at 509 West 121st Street, is an eight-story residence hall with approximately 100 apartments. Each apartment has a bathroom, living room/dining room area, kitchen, and bedroom(s). The front apartments face 121st Street. The rear apartments face a courtyard, which connects Bancroft to Grant and Sarasota Halls. Housing rates vary according to the size and location of the apartment. Electricity, heat and hot water are provided at no additional cost. Wireless internet and cable TV service are included in the housing rates. All apartments come fully furnished.

Grant and Sarasota Halls, located at 514 and 512 West 122nd Street, respectively, are six-story buildings with four one-bedroom apartments on each floor. The two front apartments have an entry foyer, living room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. The two rear apartments have a long hallway with the bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, and living room opening into the hallway. Housing rates vary according to the size and location of the apartment. Residents must pay monthly electric charges separately. Heat and hot water are provided at no additional cost. Internet and cable TV service are included in the housing rates. All apartments come fully furnished.

Family Housing Average Semester Rates

(2023-2024 Academic Year)

Bancroft Hall

- One Bedroom: \$12,009 - \$13,254
- Two Bedroom: \$14,643

*Grant and Sarasota Halls**

- One Bedroom: \$10,437 - \$12,595

*Electricity paid separately to ConEd

Please note: Rates are subject to change and typically increase 3-5% each year.

Residence Halls at a Glance

	Bancroft Hall	Sarasota Hall	Grant Hall	Whittier Hall	New Residence Hall
Population	Family housing and single-student housing	Family housing and single-student housing	Family housing	Single-student housing	Single-student housing
Location	509 West 120th Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)	512 West 122nd Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)	514 West 122nd Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)	1230 Amsterdam Avenue (between 120th and 121st Streets)	517 West 121st Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam)
Capacity and Layout	35 one-bedroom apartments, 50 two-bedroom apartments, and 8 three-bedroom shares for single students; two-bedroom apartments may be used as single student shares or family units.	24 one-bedroom apartments; 4 apartments total per floor	24 one-bedroom apartments; 4 apartments total per floor	350 residents; approximately 35 residents per floor; single, suite, one-bedroom apartment, two-bedroom shared apartment, and small and large studio options	237 residents; approximately 10 units per floor; efficiency and studio options

Furnishings - All units are furnished	<p>All units: desk with hutch, desk chair, sofa/loveseat, easy chair, dining table and chairs, extra-long full bed in one-bedroom apartments and in the A bedroom of larger apartments and extra-long twin bed in additional bedrooms, 2 dressers, refrigerator, electric stove/oven</p>	<p>All units: desk, desk chair, lamp, sofa/loveseat, easy chair, dining table and chairs, full extra-long bed, 2 dressers, refrigerator, electric stove/oven</p>	<p>All units: desk, desk chair, lamp, sofa/loveseat, easy chair, dining table and chairs, full extra-long bed, 2 dressers, refrigerator, electric stove/oven</p>	<p>All units: desk, desk chair, wardrobe/closet, 2 dressers, lamp; Single rooms: twin extra-long bed, microwave, small refrigerator; Suites: twin extra-long bed; Studios, one-bedroom apartment, and two-bedroom shares: full extra-long bed, kitchenettes, microwave, small refrigerator</p>	<p>All units: desk, desk chair, 2 dressers, bookshelf, microwave, refrigerator. Efficiencies: extra-long twin bed and Studios: stove/oven and extra-long full bed</p>
Kitchen Facilities	<p>Private kitchen in each apartment</p>	<p>Private kitchens</p>	<p>Private kitchens</p>	<p>Single units: community kitchens; small and large studios, and one-bedroom apartments: private kitchenettes; two-bedroom and suites: shared kitchen</p>	<p>Studios: private; Efficiencies: community kitchens (every other floor)</p>

Bathroom Facilities	Private bathroom in each apartment	Private bathrooms	Private bathrooms	Single units: community bathrooms; small and large studios, and one-bedroom apartments: private bathrooms; two-bedroom: and suites: shared bathroom	Private bathrooms
Study and Community Spaces	Lounge on the first floor, fitness room in basement	Residents may use any community space in any residence hall	Residents may use any community space in any residence hall	Computer room with internet connection; study & TV lounges and a fitness room	Computer room/study lounge with internet connection, TV lounge, and courtyard area
Laundry	Credit/Debit Card and coin-operated washers and dryers	Credit/Debit Card and coin-operated washers and dryers	Credit/Debit Card and coin-operated washers and dryers	Credit/Debit Card and coin-operated washers and dryers	Credit/Debit Card and coin-operated washers and dryers
Air Conditioning	Each apartment will be provided one air conditioner for the common area. Residents desiring additional units will rent from a TC approved vendor.	Non-air conditioned. Residents can bring their own AC unit and have installed from a TC approved vendor.	Non-air conditioned. Residents can bring their own AC unit and have installed from a TC approved vendor.	Non-air conditioned. Residents can bring their own AC unit and have installed from a TC approved vendor.	Central; individually regulated thermostats. electricity surcharge included in housing charge
Telephone	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included
Cable TV	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Internet	High-speed data connectivity and wireless (Wi-fi)	High-speed data connectivity and wireless (Wi-fi)	High-speed data connectivity and wireless (Wi-fi)	High-speed data connectivity and wireless (Wi-fi)	High-speed data connectivity and wireless (Wi-fi)

Mail and Packages	Mail delivery by USPS; package pick-up at Residential Mailroom (Whittier Hall)	Mail delivery by USPS; package pick-up at Residential Mailroom (Whittier Hall)	Mail delivery by USPS; package pick-up at Residential Mailroom (Whittier Hall)	Mail sorted by staff; package pick-up at Residential Mailroom (Whittier Hall)	Mail sorted by staff; package pick-up at Residential Mailroom (Whittier Hall)
Security	Swipe card access to building with 24 hour monitored cameras	Swipe card access to building with 24 hour monitored cameras	Swipe card access to building with 24 hour monitored cameras	24-hour security desk; swipe card access to building	24-hour security desk; swipe card access to building

Centers & Institutes

Teachers College leads the way in scholarship for all the fields of learning that impact the well-being of students, families, schools and communities.

Our centers, institutes, and laboratories further advance our research and work to transform our findings into actionable practice for use in the classroom and other settings.

- [Advancing Literacy](#)
- [Arnhold Institute for Dance Education Research, Policy & Leadership](#)
- [Center for the Analysis of Postsecondary Readiness \(CAPR\)](#)
- [Center for Arts Education Research](#)
- [Center for Cerebral Palsy Research](#)
- [Center for Educational Equity](#)
- [Center for International Foreign Language Teacher Education](#)
- [Center for Multiple Languages and Literacies](#)
- [Center for the Professional Education of Teachers](#)
- [Center for Technology and School Change](#)
- [Center on Chinese Education](#)
- [Center on History and Education](#)
- [Center for Sustainable Futures](#)
- [Community College Research Center](#)
- [Consortium for Policy Research in Education](#)
- [Dean Hope Center for Educational and Psychological Services](#)
- [Digital Futures Institute](#)
- [Edmund W. Gordon Institute for Advanced Study](#)
- [Education for Persistence and Innovation Center \(EPIC\)](#)
- [Edward D. Mysak Clinic for Communication Disorders](#)
- [Elbenwood Center for the Study of the Family as Educator](#)
- [George Clement Bond Center for African Education](#)
- [Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media](#)

- [Hollingworth Center](#)
- [Institute for Learning Technologies](#)
- [Institute on Education and the Economy](#)
- [Klingenstein Center for Independent School Leadership](#)
- [Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy](#)
- [The Morton Deutsch International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution](#)
- [National Center for Children and Families](#)
- [National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, and Teaching](#)
- [National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education](#)
- [Resilience Center for Veterans & Families](#)
- [Rita Gold Early Childhood Center](#)
- [Visual Research Center for Education, Art & Social Change](#)

The Gottesman Libraries

The Gottesman Libraries at Teachers College offers an extensive set of resources and services to meet the needs of faculty and students in all programs of the College. The library staff is dedicated to helping patrons find and use the information that they need for all aspects of their academic work, including remote learning through resources of the library and beyond. Online and on-site services and facilities are provided to encourage the discovery and development of new resources for teaching, learning, and research.

Contact Information

The Gottesman Libraries

Teachers College, Columbia University

525 West 120th Street, Box 1302 New York, NY 10027

Telephone: (212) 678-3494

The Library Collections

The Gottesman Libraries is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive research libraries in education. The scope of its collections reflects the historic commitment to advanced study in education, psychology, and the health professions in their local, national, and international dimensions. Strengths include American elementary and secondary education, and such subject areas as psychology, particularly applied psychology; educational administration; the history and philosophy of education; guidance; special education; higher and adult education; speech and language pathology and audiology; health and nursing education; nutrition; home and family life; curriculum and teaching; communications and computing technology; recreation; and international and comparative education. Research resources in printed, non-printed, and electronic formats include all important reference works; a wide selection of monographs; extensive journals; and major indexing and abstracting services.

The Special Collections provides a broad range of unique resources through its archives, manuscripts, and rare books that are integrated into areas of collecting strength: research, curriculum, juvenile, and Teachers Collegiana. The Teachers College Digital Collections represent institutional history and scholarship in education, psychology, and the applied health sciences, organized into several broad groups, subgroups, and related groups. They include the papers of presidents, faculty, programs, and departments; records of centers, institutes; and projects; historical dissertations; children's art collections and historical photographs; and much more.

Online Services

The library's [online site](#), accessible from the Teachers College homepage, is the focal point for a growing array of library services that support instruction and research at the College. The website combines access to local and remote databases, news and information, and exhibits that showcase the accomplishments and contributions of notable Teachers College persons and programs, particularly as they relate to or are reflected in library collections and archives. Through advances in electronic information resources and global networks, library users have access to an expansive virtual library, providing the means to search and retrieve a growing percentage of the universe of documents and files.

Available from the top page, [Educat+](#), the definitive record of holdings, allows you to search seamlessly for everything in our collection and more: books, media, journals, articles, curriculum, children's literature, institutional materials, open access resources, and more.

Russell Hall Services

In addition to print and electronic collections in Russell Hall, the library provides reference materials; research guides; online support and real-time text messaging; FAQ, individual research consultation; course-specific library information sessions; workshops on popular topics; and a blog. The library facilitates access to reserve readings; special purchases, interlibrary loans, and scans for personal use.

The library building, Russell Hall, includes bookable individual and group study rooms, wireless internet access, and a full program of free events throughout the year. The Library regularly hosts talks, live musical performances by members of the Teachers College community, art exhibits, and other events. The Everett Café at the library entrance offers beverage and snack services during library hours, in addition to popular reading and ongoing news and book displays.

The Columbia Connection

Students at Teachers College have complete access to the collections of the Columbia University library system, one of the nation's top academic libraries, comprising thirteen million volumes and over 160,000 journals and serials, as well as extensive electronic resources, manuscripts, rare books, microforms, maps, and other materials. These resources are available online at the library website and at libraries located throughout the Columbia campus.

Teachers College Press

Established in 1904 as the Bureau of Publications, Teachers College Press is one of the oldest and most distinguished publishers of educational materials in the United States. Since 1965, when the Bureau of Publications became Teachers College Press, its primary purpose has been to publish works that respond to, examine, and confront issues pertaining to education and the educational process. Over the years the publication program has included scholarly and professional works in all areas of education – from early childhood and curriculum to philosophy, teacher education, and critical theory; from assessment and school leadership to parenting, citizenship, and social issues. Among the Press's authors are many of the most distinguished educators from throughout the world, including members of the Teachers College faculty.

Director: Jennifer Feldman

Teacher Education

Programs

Teachers College offers a wide variety of educational experiences for teacher education students at the preservice and in-service levels. Programs are field-based, offering practica, internships, and student teaching. Academic departments offer programs that lead simultaneously to a master's degree and to eligibility for New York State certification for teaching in elementary or secondary schools, as well as for specific subjects and to special populations (see sections below on additional New York State Department of Education (NYSED) requirements for initial teacher certification). Some of these programs also offer New York State teacher certification with a bilingual extension. The programs typically require a minimum of an academic year and a summer term to complete degree requirements. Applicants need not have included courses in education in their undergraduate programs, but inadequate preparation in the proposed teaching field may necessitate additional coursework to meet admission, certification or graduation requirements.

For a complete list of teacher preparation programs, please go to: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/admissions/areas-of-study/teacher-education-and-teacher-certification/>

Office of Teacher Education

The Office of Teacher Education (OTE) offers many services to teacher education students and programs at Teachers College. For example, OTE including conducts professional development workshops, provides information regarding certification requirements, offers information sessions on New York State Teacher Certification Exams, and supports students with student teaching requirements. Most importantly, OTE oversees and manages the certification process, recommending candidates for certification once all institutional and NYS requirements are met.

Student Teaching and Observation

Candidates for initial certification must complete a student teaching experience. This experience may take place in one, two, or even three settings, based on requirements set by NYSED and the student's TC teacher education program. The student teaching experiences are structured to enable each student teacher to gradually develop pedagogical competence and skill, and typically begin with observation of an experienced cooperating teacher followed by incremental assumption of responsibility as the term progresses. The College provides on-site supervision to ensure that students are well-supported during this component of their teacher preparation program.

Student teachers are required to obtain clearance to commence student teaching and to carefully review the “Student Teaching Handbook.” A general orientation to student teaching is offered by OTE in the beginning of each semester. Please go to the “Student Teaching” tab of our website at www.tc.edu/ote for a full list of workshops, packets, and handbooks.

New York State Certification

Teachers College has an array of programs which, upon successful completion, lead to an institutional recommendation for New York State Certification at the initial or professional level. Students enrolled in programs that lead to New York State Certification are responsible for becoming knowledgeable about New York State Certification requirements and regulations. ***The New York State Education Department (NYSED) mandates the teacher certification requirements that are needed for program completion and graduation. These requirements are listed below.***

Content Core. NYSED specifies general Content Core requirements according to the certification area. For example, students in the MA program in Mathematics that leads to initial certification (7-12) are required to be Mathematics majors at the undergraduate level or hold 30 credits in pure mathematics. For more information about these content core requirements, please refer to the NYSED website <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>, the Office of Teacher Education Website at www.tc.edu/ote or call the OTE Office at 212.678.3502.

Child Abuse Identification Workshop. Students may fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking a workshop offered through Continuing Professional Studies (CPS) in collaboration with the Office of Teacher Education. For a list of dates and times, please go to the CPS Website at www.tc.edu/cps. Students may also fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking HBSS4116, Health Education for Teachers, which is offered by the Department of Health and Behavior Studies. Alternatively, students may opt to take an on-line or in-person workshop offered by approved NYSED vendors. This requirement must be met prior to degree conferral. For information about these workshops, please go to <http://www.op.nysed.gov/training/caproviders.htm>.

School Violence Intervention and Prevention Workshop. Students may fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking a workshop offered through Continuing Professional Studies (CPS) in collaboration with the Office of Teacher Education. For a list of dates and times, please go to the CPS Website at www.tc.edu/cps. Students may also fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking HBSS4116, Health Education for Teachers, which is offered by the Department of Health and Behavior Studies. Alternatively, students may opt to take an on-line or in-person workshop offered by approved NYSED vendors. This requirement must be met prior to degree conferral. For information about these workshops, please go to http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/schoolsafety/save/SVPIWP_location.html.

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Workshop. Students may fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking a workshop offered through Continuing Professional Studies (CPS) in collaboration with the Office of Teacher Education. For a list of dates and times, please go to the CPS Website at www.tc.edu/cps. Students may also fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking HBSS4116, Health Education for Teachers, which is offered by the Department of Health and Behavior Studies. **This course may be offered on-line; however, to fulfill the DASA requirement, students must**

complete 3 hours of in-person preparation. In addition, a list of NYSED approved providers is available at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html>. This requirement must be met prior to degree conferral.

Autism Workshop (only for students seeking certification in special education/teaching students with disabilities). Students fulfill this requirement at Teachers College by taking a course specified by their programs.

New York State Teacher Certification Exams (NYSTCE): Please see the chart below for exams required by certificate type.

Initial Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) • Educating All Students Test (EAS) • Content Specialty Tests (CST)
Initial School Building Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Building Leader Assessment (SBL) Part I & Part II • Educating All Students Test (EAS)
Professional School Building Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District Leader Assessment (SDL) Part I & Part II • Educating All Students Test (EAS) • research and inquiry methods and the relationship between research and practice; • the continuum of lifelong learning and issues of professional concern; • subject-matter/disciplinary content; • learners and learning; • curriculum and teaching; • processes and strategies of effective communication and collaboration; and • foundations of democracy, equity, and schooling.

For more information regarding NYSTCE exam registration and schedules please see the NYSTCE website at: <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>.

For more information regarding NYSED exam requirements by certificate title and grade level, please see the NYSED website at: <http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do>.

Please note that Teachers College programs lead to New York State certification. If you would like to seek certification in another state, please contact that state's Department of Education regarding requirements.

Applying for Certification

Students who are in programs leading to teacher certification must complete a two-step process.

Step 1: Create a NYSED TEACH account, and apply and pay for the teaching certificate(s) via the NYSED TEACH online system at: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert.

Step 2: Submit a completed Institutional Recommendation Data Form (IRDF) to the OTE. The IRDF can be found on the OTE website at: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/office-of-teacher-education/office-of-teacher-education/certification/institutional-recommendation/>.

Once all requirements have been met, and the Office of the Registrar has notified the Office of Teacher Education that candidates have been cleared for graduation, TC's Certification Officers will electronically submit the institutional recommendation for certification via the NYSED-TEACH online system.

Students who are in the Literacy Specialist, Reading Specialist programs must provide proof of either completion of an approved teacher preparation program or of a valid teaching certificate. Students who are in the Summer Principals Academy program must provide proof of teacher certification and hold a minimum of three (3) years of full-time classroom teaching/PPS experience. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Office of Teacher Education at 212.678.3502 or ote@tc.columbia.edu.

Teacher Education Standards at Teachers College

Consistent with the College's long tradition of serving the needs of urban and suburban schools in the United States and around the world, the vision and purpose of professional education at Teachers College is to establish and maintain programs of study, service, and research that prepare competent, caring, and qualified professional educators (teachers, counselors, psychologists, administrators and others). This vision is based on three shared philosophical stances that underlie and infuse the work we do:

Inquiry stance: We are an inquiry-based and practice-oriented community. We and our students and graduates challenge assumptions and complacency, and embrace a stance of inquiry toward the interrelated roles of learner, teacher, and leader in P-12 schools.

Curricular stance: Negotiating among multiple perspectives on culture, content, and context, our graduates strive to meet the needs of diverse learners, both students and other adults, in their school communities.

Social justice stance: Our graduates choose to collaborate across differences in and beyond their school communities. They demonstrate a commitment to social justice and to serving the world while imagining its possibilities.

Expectations of Teacher Education Candidates at Teachers College

Our candidates are inquirers/researchers who have breadth of knowledge and a variety of tools to ask questions about educational environments. They reflect on and continually evaluate the effects of their choices on others (children, families, and other professionals in the learning community).

Lifelong Learners: Our candidates are continually engaged in learning and research. They take responsibility for their professional growth and seek/create learning opportunities for themselves and others.

Learner-Centered Educators: Our candidates understand their subject matter/disciplines, learners and learning, and curriculum and teaching. They create learning experiences that foster development and achievement in all students.

Effective Collaborators: Our candidates actively participate in the community or communities of which they are a part to support students' learning and well being.

Advocates of Social Justice and Diversity: Our candidates are familiar with legal, ethical and policy issues. They provide leadership in advocating for children, families, and themselves in a variety of professional, political, and policy-making contexts.

Expectations of Teacher Preparation Programs at Teachers College

Teachers College programs preparing teachers and other professional school personnel ensure that candidates have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for effective teaching. By the conclusion of the program, candidates demonstrate:

Knowledge and Understanding of:

Skills in:

- self-critique and reflection;
- use of research and inquiry methods and application of research to practice;
- planning, implementation, and evaluation of professional growth;
- planning, implementation, and evaluation of curriculum/services;
- communication and collaboration; and
- addressing inequalities in the classroom, school and society.

Dispositions/Commitments to:

- inquiry and reflection;
- the profession, ethics, and lifelong learning leadership;
- the fullest possible growth and development of all students;

- cooperation and collaboration; and
- social justice and diversity.

Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows Program

The Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows Program recruits outstanding Returned Peace Corps Volunteer educators who are passionate about making long-term commitments to teach in New York City's public schools. Since 1985, the program has recruited and prepared more than 750 urban educators. As the Paul D. Coverdell Fellows (formerly Fellows/USA) flagship teacher preparation program, we provide full scholarships covering all tuition expenses. Upon completion of our 13-week Intensive Summer Institute, new Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows teach full-time as salaried teachers of record in NYC public schools for a minimum of four years. All related Master's degree requirements are completed at Teachers College within two to three years. We prepare teachers for a variety of grade levels and subject areas. For more information, please review the Program website www.tc.edu/pcfellows or call 212-678-6622.

Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOCII)

The Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOCII) program is a New York State Education Department grant funded program designed to increase the number of New York State teachers from underrepresented backgrounds. To be eligible for TOC II at TC, candidates must be New York State residents who are enrolled in a TC teacher education program that leads to certification. Participants are provided with tuition assistance for coursework at Teachers College. All participants engage in a 10 month internship from September-June at one of our local partnership schools, seminars with renowned TC faculty who are committed to culturally sustaining pedagogies, and professional development opportunities that suit the needs and inquiries of the TOC cohort.

Teaching Residents at Teachers College (TR@TC)

This 18 month intensive, full-time program prepares those who wish to teach in high-need New York City public schools. With support from the U.S. Department of Education, the Teaching Residents at Teachers College (TR@TC) program was developed to ensure that Teaching Residents receive exceptional preparation and multiple supports, while enrolled in a Master's degree program leading to initial NYS teaching certification. Teaching Residents receive generous stipends. Upon graduation, alumni benefit from induction support for at least two years, while they fulfill their commitment to teach in a high-need urban school in New York City for a minimum of three years. For more information please visit: www.tc.edu/teachingresidents.

Teachers College Information Technology

Teachers College Information Technology (TCIT) is a consultative information technology organization responsible for academic and college technology. These services include:

1. Application development and operations
2. Classroom technology and event audiovisual services
3. Network infrastructure including data, voice, video, wired, and wireless networks.
4. Service Desk for students, faculty, and staff
5. Computer labs

The Policy on Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources at TC is listed on the Policies and Procedures Section of this catalog and can be found online in the [Teachers College Policy Library](#).

Email Accounts

Teachers College has established email as the official means of communication with students. Students are required to activate their Columbia University Network ID (UNI) and should follow the [New Student Quick Start Guide](#).

The UNI is also required to log into the [myTC portal](#). The [myTC portal](#) also includes access to Columbia libraries and databases, course management systems, and TC Apps. TC Gmail accounts are kept for life after graduation. If a student does not register again but does not graduate, the TC Gmail account stays active for 3 more semesters. More information on the Columbia University Network Identifier can be found on the Columbia University Information Technology page: www.columbia.edu/cuit.

If you are also an employee, please note that any access to employment-related email or other resources is discontinued on the last day of employment for the particular office.

Teachers College expects every student to receive email at their Teachers College email address and to read email frequently and consistently. A student's failure to receive and read College communications in a timely manner does not absolve that student from knowing and complying with the content of such communications. Students may redirect (auto-forward) an email sent to their Teachers College email address to another email address unless they are also employees of the College and have access to confidential College information. *However, students who redirect email from their official College email address to another address do so at their own risk.* If email is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from the responsibilities associated with communications sent to their official College email address.

The complete policy can be viewed at [Email Use Policy](#).

Campus Network

Data, voice, and video outlets as well as wireless access are found in every classroom and office on campus. Student residences are served by wired access mostly through a third-party provider.

Teachers College Computing Access

Wireless access is available throughout the academic buildings and in common areas of the student residence halls. Those connecting personal computers to the College network are required to maintain current virus protection and device certificates, which can be done by downloading software from the [myTC portal](#) at no cost. They are also required to maintain current security by configuring Windows, Mac OS, IOS, and Android systems for automatic updates.

The Student Computing Support Center in 242 Horace Mann has 70 workstations and consulting support. It provides students with PCs and Macs, software, printers, and other peripherals. This laboratory is open daily. The Center's software library includes PC and Mac programs such as MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite (Design Premium), statistical analysis, e.g. SPSS, R (and R Studio) SAS, STATA, EQS, HLM, MPlus, Latent Gold, Matlab, WinSteps/FACETS, NVivo, ArcGIS, Inspiration, Kidspiration, InspireData, Mathematica, Comic Life, Smart Notebook, and Food Processor SQL. CrowdStrike malware protection is licensed by the College for all students to download for their home computers. CrowdStrike is installed on all college purchased computers. Several software applications including MS Office, SPSS, R, Endnote, a bibliographic database program, Matlab, a quantitative analysis program, and NVIVO, a qualitative analysis program are also available through site licenses for home use. Downloads are accessed via the web at [myTC portal](#). Computer classrooms with workstations at each seat in 345 Macy (see below) are available for open use when not scheduled for instruction.

Email and local websites can also be accessed from the kiosks located in corridors, Everett Lounge, and ground floors of campus buildings.

Teachers College Printing Access

Printers are available for students using the TC printing system in the Student Computing Support Center in 242HM, the computer classrooms in 345 Macy, the commuter lounge, and the Whittier resident Hall 10th-floor computer lab. Students can print 20 double-sided pages per week across the semester at no cost and can purchase additional pages at 5 cents per page black & white and 50 cents per page for color. For volume printing, we recommend using TC Business Services (*located in Zankel 34*).

There are also two Columbia printers located in the Gottesman libraries which provide students with 20 double-sided pages per week at no cost (in addition to the Teachers College printing system) with the option to purchase additional pages also at 5 cents per page black & white. For volume printing, we recommend using TC Business Services (*located in Zankel 34*).

TC Apps

TC Apps is a collection of integrated applications available through a sign-on to myTC. These include Google Apps for Education, Learning management systems Moodle, Canvas and BlackBoard, Mahara for ePortfolios, and Alfresco for managing files.

Other online resources include Qualtrics, an online survey platform that is available to students and faculty for use in creating, administering, and reporting on surveys. CIS provides both video-conferencing and a web-based conferencing application called WebEx, which provides desktop audio and video conferencing along with application sharing for those who can't meet in the same physical space. All members of the community have access to *Lynda.com* for learning a wide range of technology programs

TC Course/Learning Management Systems

Canvas is TC's main course management system, and it is integrated with TC Apps. Systems include features such as syllabi, course materials, announcements, online discussions video and chat sessions. These systems are used by TC onsite and online courses.

Multi-media Classrooms

All of our 65 classrooms have dedicated equipment such as PCs, Macs, projectors, and document cameras. Many of the rooms are set up with cameras and software for asynchronous, synchronous, and collaboration. Mobile multimedia, laptop carts are available for use in rooms that do not have dedicated equipment. Several new classrooms were built to provide experimentation spaces with state of the art active learning technologies. The lessons learned through the use of these spaces resulted in the design that is being used for ongoing classroom renovations. The rooms are equipped for video conferencing and lecture capture, with touch LCD panels, and the ability to easily share content among room participants including the use of personal mobile devices. There is flexible seating to easily move from lecture to group work, and plenty of whiteboard surfaces including the tables.

Training

Training workshops are scheduled throughout the year on the use of Google apps and word processing, spreadsheets, social networking media, web publishing, statistical analysis surveys with Qualtrics, and video creation. New workshops focusing on design for online teaching and learning provide a resource for both faculty and students. In addition to workshops, individual and online training using *LinkedIn Learning* is also available. The workshop schedule may be found on the [Technology homepage](#).

Enrollment Systems

Students are able to register, drop and add classes, check financial aid, academic history, and current grades or pay by ACH via the web portal at [myTC portal](#).

TC Mobile

The new [mobile app](#) gives you a single interactive portal for Teachers College services, from the telephone directory to e-mail and course scheduling. Your one mobile place for all things Teachers College. The app is available for IOS and Android devices.

Policies and Procedures

Acceptable Use of Information Technology *Policy governing use of technology resources at the College.*

Purpose

The purposes of this policy are to promote and improve the effectiveness of Teachers College computing and communications resources and to support the College community's norms of scholarly discourse, academic integrity, and fairness. As an academic community, the College places a special value on free expression of ideas. However, unlawful or inappropriate use of these information technologies (IT) resources can infringe upon the rights of others. Accordingly, all members of the College community are expected to use these resources responsibly. Prevention of abuse of the College's IT resources is important to:

- promote the appropriate and productive use of the College's information technology resources, which are a finite, shared resource of the College community;
- protect individuals from harassment and undue annoyance;
- prevent waste of the IT resources and obstruction of College activities; and
- protect the College and its resources.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, faculty members, officers, employees, and affiliates of Teachers College, Columbia University, including extended learning sites, guests, tenants, visitors, contractors, consultants, vendors, individuals authorized by affiliated institutions and organizations, and all others granted use of and/or access to Teachers College, Columbia University technology resources and data.

Policy

The information technology resources of the College are part of the Columbia University network; all College users must be familiar with and adhere to the University IT policies found at www.columbia.edu/cu/policy and particularly the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy, policylibrary.columbia.edu/acceptable-use-it-resources-network-and-computing-policy.

Use of College information technology resources must also conform with College policies, regardless of whether they make explicit reference to electronic or other media. Relevant policies, including those related to professional conduct and protection from harassment, are available in the College's Policy Library, tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/.

Students, faculty, staff and others using College and University electronic resources and services assume personal responsibility for their appropriate use and agree to comply with all relevant policies, as well as applicable laws. College IT resources may not be used for any purpose that violates College or University policies or for any illegal or criminal purposes, including violation of copyright law. Copying, storing, displaying, or distributing copyrighted material using College or University computers or networks without the express permission of the copyright owner, except as otherwise allowed under the copyright law, is prohibited. Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, repeat copyright infringements by a user of the College's IT resources can result in termination of the user's access to those resources.

It is illegal and a violation of College and University policies to attempt to gain access to or use another person's ID, password, or account, or to send an email impersonating another individual, regardless of where the email originates. Sharing of passwords is prohibited and each user is responsible for the proper use of his or her account and any activity conducted with it.

Communication at the College, whether spoken, written, or electronic, should be conducted courteously, and with respect for other people's ideas, privacy, intellectual property, and right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and unwarranted annoyance, including, but not limited to, obscene and other unwelcome messages and postings.

All email and postings should have the name of a person from or for whom it is sent, even if replies are not permitted. Broadcast messages to large lists should have an educational or work-related significance to many members of the group.

Messages or files that interfere with or impair the computers or activities of other people, including but not limited to viruses, worms and Trojan horses, are forbidden. They violate College and University policies and applicable law.

Failure to abide by these policies will have consequences that may range from warnings to suspension of email and other computing privileges to dismissal or termination of employment. Conduct that violates College and University policies may also violate federal, state, or local law

and subject individuals to civil or criminal liability. Violations of Teachers College IT policies, including copyright policies, are also violations of the Student Conduct Code. Individuals who believe that there has been a violation may contact The Office of the CIO or the Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

Responsible Office: Teachers College Information Technology

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

Last Updated: July 13, 2020

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Access to Services

Access to Services

During the academic year, many of the services provided by the College are only available to credit students who are registered during the given semester. This includes, but is not limited to, library privileges and email accounts. Degree students who are not taking courses in the fall or spring semester may register for IND 4000, Master's Candidate or IND 6000, Doctoral Candidate in order to maintain registration. The fee for either IND 4000 or IND 6000 is the current college fee. Registration in IND 4000 is limited to four semesters total, and registration in IND 6000 is limited to six semesters total. During the summer term, email accounts and library access will be granted for students who were registered during the preceding spring term. Access to other services during the summer may vary. Individuals should check with the department providing the service.

Effective Date: September 2017

Last Updated: September 2017

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Accreditation

Policy regarding Accreditation.

Accreditaion

Licensure/Certification of Programs

The following is a link to the College's public disclosure indicating whether the College's programs meet state licensure/certification requirements: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/office-of-teacher-education/certification-disclosure/>

All Teachers College programs are registered with the New York State Education Department.

Teachers College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Teacher preparation, school leadership, and school counseling programs are accredited with the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation.

A number of academic programs are accredited by specialized accrediting bodies, including:

- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (Nutrition Education)
- American Psychological Association (Counseling Psychology, Clinical Psychology and School Psychology Ph.D. programs)
- American Speech-Hearing-Language Association (Communication Sciences and Disorders)
- Applied Behavior Analysis International (Applied Behavior Analysis)
- Council on Education for Public Health (Community Health Education)
- Council on the Education of the Deaf (Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- Masters in Counseling Accreditation Council (Psychological Counseling)
- National Association of School Psychologists (School Psychology)

Contact information for each of the accrediting agencies listed above is available at the Office of Accreditation and Assessment: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/oaa/accreditation/specialty-professional-associations/>

Responsible Office: Office of the Provost

Effective Date: May 2021

Last Updated: July 2023

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Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered and are responsible for absences resulting from late enrollment. Attendance in online courses is defined as regular and substantive participation in the learning activities prescribed by the course instructor. For courses that have face-to-face meetings and online components, both attendance at face-to-face meetings and regular and substantive participation in the online learning activities prescribed by the course instructor are required. Students who never attend a course for which they are registered will receive a grade of WN for that course, assigned by their instructor by the end of the change-of-program period. The WN grade is non-punitive but will remain on a student's transcript. A course with this grade assigned will not count towards a student's time status of Financial Aid Cost of Attendance.

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Auditing

Policy regarding auditing courses.

Teachers College students currently enrolled for 15 or more points may audit one or two Teachers College courses during the term. Also, fully certified doctoral candidates may audit Teachers College courses which enhance their professional interests.

Applications for auditing privileges are obtainable from the Office of the Registrar during the change-of-program period. Students must secure the written approval of the course instructor and return the approval form to the Office of the Registrar during the change-of-program period.

Audited courses will not appear on the transcript or fulfill any academic requirement and may not later be applied for credit. Courses with limited enrollment, laboratory courses, seminars, continuing professional studies courses, and non-credit courses are not open to auditors.

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College Communication

Official policy regarding College Communication.

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Owner: Associate Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

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Teachers College, recognizing the increasing need for electronic communication with students, has established email as an official means of communication with students. In order to ensure effective communication with students, students are required to activate and use the email address provided by the College.

Teachers College expects that every student will receive email at his or her Teachers College email address and will read email on a frequent and consistent basis. A student's failure to receive Teachers College and read College communications in a timely manner does not absolve that student from knowing and complying with the content of such communications. Students may elect to redirect (auto-forward) email sent to their Teachers College email address. Students who (auto-forward) redirect email from their official College email address to another address do so at their own risk. If email is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from the responsibilities associated with communications sent to their official University email address. All use of email will be consistent with other Teachers College and Columbia University policies including the Acceptable Use Policy at <https://my.tc.columbia.edu>.

While most of College communications is handled through the official College email, on occasion the College will need to contact students using postal services. In addition, to be in compliance with various state and federal regulations, the College must have accurate information on the permanent residence and current location of all students. It is the responsibility of students to verify and update their addresses, as necessary, each semester. Students may view and update their addresses through myTC under the TC Services tab – Update Addresses and Phones. Teachers College defines the location and residence of the student as the campus address, if applicable, or the mailing address that is active on the Student Information System. If a student does not have an active campus or mailing address, the permanent address will be considered the official location and residence of a student.

Information concerning emergencies or school closing is published in several ways:

- WINS at 1010 on AM radio;
- WCBS at 880 on AM radio;

- the TC Web homepage at www.tc.edu; and
- the main telephone number, (212) 678-3000.

In addition to the communication methods above, emergency notifications are made through public address systems in most campus buildings and through TCAAlert. All members of the TC community are strongly encouraged to sign up for TCAAlert via the portal at my.tc.edu to receive text or voice messages on their cellphones. Use of this system is limited to urgent messages. The College does not charge for it, although some wireless phone carriers may charge a fee for receiving SMS text messages.

Responsible Office: Associate Vice President & Chief Student Affairs Officer

Last Update: November 30, 2023

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Continuous Enrollment

Continuous Enrollment Policy

Beginning in the Fall 2018 term, all students who enroll in a degree program must register for courses beginning with their initial term of entry and continuing each fall/spring term until their degree requirements have been met. To meet the continuous enrollment requirement students must:

- A. Register for course work, or
- B. Register as a master's candidate or doctoral candidate (each of which requires the College fee), or
- C. Request and receive a leave of absence (medical, military, or personal) according to TC's leave policy, or
- D. Doctoral candidates who have reached a stage at which they are obligated for continuous registration will meet the requirements of the continuous enrollment policy by registering for their department's dissertation advisement course, registering for at least 3 points of TC course work, or requesting and receiving a personal exemption or waiver according to the guidelines set forth in the appropriate doctoral student guide book.

Summer registration is not required unless it is part of the program's curriculum. Students who are in summer-only programs are not required to maintain continuous enrollment in fall and spring terms, but they must maintain summer enrollment each term.

Students must maintain an active enrollment status by selecting from option A, B, C, or D as outlined above. Students who are unable to register in a fall or spring term must inform the College of their enrollment plan by the end of the term drop/add period or else they will be placed on an administrative leave of absence. After being placed on administrative leave, students who do not communicate with the Office of the Registrar by the end of the term will be withdrawn from the College and will need to reapply for admission if they wish to resume their studies. Students who communicate with the Office of the Registrar before the end of the term may be eligible to request a change from administrative leave to personal leave, when applicable.

Students are permitted a total of two (2) terms of personal leave while matriculated at Teachers College. An administrative leave will not convert to a personal leave if the student has already reached the personal leave limit of two (2) terms.

Students should refer to the leave of absence policy for detailed information about the following areas while on leave: academic policies, financial aid, housing, health insurance, and re-enrollment.

This continuous enrollment policy does not apply to students who have been suspended under the Student Conduct Code during the term of their suspension.

Original Effective Date: February 21, 2018

Modified December 18, 2020

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Credit and Noncredit Courses

Policy regarding credit and noncredit courses.

Some credit-bearing courses are offered also on a noncredit basis, as indicated in the course description.

Students registering for noncredit offerings do not earn academic credit.

A student who registers for a course on a noncredit basis may not change enrollment to credit once the course begins. A student who registers for a course for credit may not change enrollment to noncredit once the course begins.

No Teachers College fee is charged if the noncredit course registration is the only course registration for the term; however, any laboratory fees or special fees for the course are additional.

Fees for noncredit offerings such as non-credit courses, workshops, institutes, and conferences vary. See the official announcement for these offerings for the tuition and fees charges.

Teachers College reserves the right to cancel or modify the courses listed in this catalog and other official publications and to change the instructors.

Effective Date: March 16, 2016

Last Updated: March 16, 2016

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Credit Hour

Credit Hour

A "point" (equivalent to a semester hour) is the College's unit of credit. The New York State Education Department¹ and the U.S. Department of Education² regulate the minimum standards for a credit hour. To meet these regulations, the following standards apply to all Teachers College courses offered for credit. These are minimum requirements; individual courses may have greater requirements as determined by the course instructor. The indicated times spent out-of-class represent averages, and some students might find it necessary to devote more time than these stated expectations. For this policy, a contact hour is defined as 50 minutes.

Lecture, Seminar and Other In-Person Courses

The course modality "in-person" is defined and described here: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/policies/course-naming-guide-11284145/>

1. A one-point course meets for 15 contact hours plus a minimum of 30 hours in student preparation and out-of-class assignments.
2. A two-point course meets for 30 contact hours plus a minimum of 60 hours of student preparation and out-of-class assignments.
3. A three-point course normally meets for 30 contact hours plus a minimum of 60 hours of student preparation and out-of-class assignments and an additional 45 hours spent on a supervised out-of-class project.

4. For classes of more credit hours, the class contact hours and student preparation and out-of-class assignments are increased proportionately. A minimum of 45 hours for each additional point of credit is required in additional meeting times and/or other academic activities.
5. For a course with a variable point option, the course syllabus must clearly differentiate the additional out-of-class work required for the additional point(s) of credit. Each additional point must involve a minimum of 45 additional hours of out-of-class work and may take the form of additional reading, preparing a term paper, engaging in a project related to the course or out-of-class group activities.

Externship, Fieldwork, Internship, Laboratory, Practicum, and Student Teaching Courses

1. Hours for field-based courses must follow the same time standards as defined for in-person courses. For each credit point, a student must complete a minimum of 45 hours including actual time spent in the field experience, class meetings, and student preparation and out-of-class assignments.
2. Hours listed for Certificates of Equivalency must be over and above the minimum number of hours required for the point value of the student's course registration.

Hybrid Courses

The course modality “hybrid” is defined and described here: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/policies/course-naming-guide-11284145/>

1. Hybrid courses must be comparable in level, scope, academic rigor and student study as for in-person lecture courses.
2. The same credit hour requirements as described for in-person courses are required and may be achieved through meeting in-person or online following the meeting time standards established for online courses.
3. The course instructor must document on the course syllabus the expectations for completing the minimum credit hour requirements for the credit awarded.

Independent Study Courses

1. Independent study is a self-directed course of study under the guidance of an instructor.
2. Academic credit awarded for independent study must be comparable in level, scope, academic rigor and student study as for the lecture courses.
3. 45 hours of supervised independent research work for each credit earned.

Online Courses (or Distance Learning)

The course modality “online” is defined and described here: <https://www.tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/policies/course-naming-guide-11284145/>

1. Online courses must be comparable in level, scope, academic rigor and student study as for in-person lecture courses.
2. The same credit hour requirements as described for in-person courses are required for online courses. Meeting time is satisfied through several means which can include but is not limited to regular instruction or interaction with the course instructor; academic engagement through interactive tutorials and training; group discussions moderated by the course instructor; virtual study/group projects; engagement with class peers; and other activities graded and reviewed by the course instructor.
3. The course instructor must document on the course syllabus the expectations for completing the minimum credit hour requirements for the credit awarded.

Short Courses

For a course lasting one or two weeks, credit value may not exceed the number of weeks of the course.

1. For a course of three weeks but less than six weeks, the credit value may not exceed the number of weeks of the course plus one.
2. The same credit hour requirements must be met as outlined in the preceding sections. There must be sufficient time within the timeframe of the courses offering to satisfy the credit hour requirements.

[1] NYSED: “Semester hour means a credit, point or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of course which requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credit granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year.”

[2] Title IV: “one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class work each work for approximately 15 weeks for one semester hour of credit, or at least an equivalent amount of work as required in this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

Approvals: Approved by FEC-APS, March 23, 2016; update approved by FEC-APS, February, 2024

Policy Owner: Academic Affairs Compliance

Effective Date: March 2016

Last Updated: April 2024

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Discrimination and Harassment - Policy and Procedures
Teachers College Policy and Procedures on Discrimination and Harassment

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Grading
Policy regarding grades.

Course instructors are responsible for setting the requirements for courses and evaluating students' work. The grading symbols approved by the Faculty, appear below:

- A+** Rare performance. Reserved for highly exceptional, rare achievement.
- A** Excellent. Outstanding achievement.
- A-** Excellent work but not quite outstanding.
- B+** Very good. Solid achievement expected of most graduate students.
- B** Good. Acceptable achievement.
- B-** Acceptable achievement but below what is generally expected of graduate students.
- C+** Fair achievement, above minimally acceptable level.
- C** Fair achievement but only minimally acceptable.

C- Very low performance. The records of students receiving such grades are subject to review. This review may result in the denial of permission to register for further study at Teachers College. No more than 3 points of C- may be credited toward any degree, certificate or diploma. Students completing requirements for more than one degree or diploma may count 3 points of C- toward only one such award. Students who accumulate 8 points or more with grades of C- or lower may not continue study at the College and will not receive a degree or diploma.

F Failure. The records of students receiving such grades are subject to review. This review may result in the denial of permission to register for further study at Teachers College. Students who accumulate 8 points or more with grades of C- or lower may not continue study at the College and will not receive a degree or diploma. Students usually may not repeat a failed course unless it is required. When the course is required, the students may re-register and obtain a satisfactory grade. The previous F grade remains on the transcript.

P Passed. The “P” grade indicates passing performance in certain courses that only provide for dichotomous evaluation. Alternatively, by arrangement with the instructor as outlined in the Grading Options section below, students can request pass/fail grading in courses that normally lead to letter grades. Once an instructor submits a final pass/fail grade for a course, the transcripts of students in that course will not carry any other type of grade. The College does not issue supplementary statements on student performance in the course.

DP Doctoral pass credit. The grade of DP may be assigned only to certified doctoral candidates who have successfully completed all requirements prescribed by the instructor. Students may receive DP credit only for courses taken in the semesters after they are certified. DP credit may not apply toward M.A. or M.S. degree requirements. A maximum of 6 points of DP credit may apply toward Ed.M. degree requirements. See section below on Grading Options for further information.

WD Withdrawn. The WD grade indicates course withdrawal after the close of the change-of-program period during the term.

WU Unofficially withdrawn -- failure. The WU grade indicates that a student attended a course at least once but stopped attending that course without officially withdrawing.

WN Never attended. A non-punitive grade assigned by faculty at the end of the change-of-program period to indicate non-attendance. This will be equivalent to a course dropped during the change-of-program period for the purposes of Financial Aid Cost of Attendance and student time status. This course and grade will remain on a student’s transcript.

YC Year Course. The symbol “YC” is assigned for the first half of a year course (courses that appear with a “z” suffix on the transcript). At the end of the second half of the course, the final grade, denoting the instructor’s evaluation, will appear on the transcript.

R Attendance Credit. R grades indicate that students attended a course. Instructors who agree to grant R credit may stipulate requirements in addition to regular attendance. Courses taken through the Interuniversity Doctoral Consortium may not be taken for an R grade. No R

credit may apply toward M.A. or M.S. degrees. A maximum of 6 R credits may apply toward Ed.M. programs but not to satisfy the three-course out-of-program requirement. Finally, a maximum of 9 R credits may apply toward doctoral programs but not toward minimum distribution requirements. See section below on Grading Options for further information.

T Transfer credit awarded. The T grade is applied to transfer courses that meet minimum eligibility requirements for transfer work and that a faculty advisor has approved for credit.

The above grades are final and may not be changed.

IN Incomplete. The grade of Incomplete is to be assigned only when the course attendance requirement has been met but, for reasons satisfactory to the instructor, the granting of a final grade has been postponed because certain course assignments are outstanding. If the outstanding assignments are completed within one calendar year from the date of the close of term in which the grade of Incomplete was received and a final grade submitted, the final grade will be recorded on the permanent transcript, replacing the grade of Incomplete, with a transcript notation indicating the date that the grade of Incomplete was replaced by a final grade. If the outstanding work is not completed within one calendar year from the date of the close of term in which the grade of Incomplete was received, the grade will convert to a grade of F on the transcript. As with any grades earned by a student, these become a part of the student's record and are evaluated for the purposes of determining potential academic probation and/or dismissal. In such instances, if the course is a required course or part of an approved program of study, students will be required to re-enroll in the course including payment of all tuition and fee charges for the new registration and satisfactorily complete all course requirements. If the required course is not offered in subsequent terms, the student should speak with the faculty advisor or program coordinator about their options for fulfilling the degree requirement. Doctoral students with six or more credits with grades of Incomplete included on their program of study (currently the Program Plan) will not be allowed to sit for the certification exam.

Grading Options

Teachers College categorizes grade options as evaluative (letter-graded on an A+ through F scale), pass/fail (P/F), doctoral pass (DP), or attendance (R). Within the academic term of the course, students may request grade options that differ from the standard grade options that their course instructors use, but instructors have discretion to approve or deny such requests. Students may obtain applications for alternative grading options from the Office of the Registrar. Once an alternative grade application has received approval from the course instructor and Registrar, students may not request a subsequent change of grade option. Deadlines and specific procedures for completing the applications appear below:

Pass/Fail and Evaluative Letter Grades

Students in courses that normally award pass/fail grades may request letter grades, and students in letter-graded courses may request a pass/fail option. If the instructor approves the request, the student must submit the completed application for alternative grading to the Registrar before the third class session.

Doctoral Pass

Certified doctoral candidates may request a doctoral pass (DP) grade option. If the instructor approves the request, the candidate must submit the completed application to the Registrar before two-thirds of the class sessions have met.

Attendance Credit

Students desiring attendance (R) credit must request the R option from the course instructor. If the instructor approves the request, the student must submit the completed application to the Registrar before two-thirds of the class sessions have met. Mathematics majors in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology must have their applications cosigned by the program coordinator.

Changes in Grades

All grades other than Incomplete are final once submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Once final grades have been given, instructors may not change them unless errors occurred in the original transmission of grades. A student who believes that an instructor has made a grading error should follow the procedures outlined in the Grade Correction policy: [http://www.tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/Grade Correction](http://www.tc.columbia.edu/policylibrary/Grade%20Correction)

Courses at Schools Other than Teachers College

Different schools and affiliates of Columbia University, as well as members of the Inter-University Doctoral Consortium, may have different policies, procedures, and deadlines on course grading and incomplete grades. Teachers College students who cross-register at other schools should note that their course work at the host school may be subject to the policies and procedures of that school and not those of Teachers College. Grades of "D" earned at these other institutions will not count toward a Teachers College degree or certificate.

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Graduate Credit in Advanced Undergraduate Courses

Policy regarding Graduate Credit in Advanced Columbia University Undergraduate Courses.

Students in degree programs may petition the Registrar to have an advanced undergraduate course offered at Columbia University counted as graduate credit toward the degree. To be considered for graduate credit, the courses must be beyond the general introductory level, relevant to the student's specialty, and must not be available on the graduate level within the University. In addition, a student must obtain a written statement from the instructor of the course clarifying the additional work required in order to differentiate between undergraduate and graduate participation in the course. For basic language courses, courses must be beyond the first two years. No more than 6 points in advanced undergraduate courses may be approved for graduate credit. The advisor's written recommendation is also required and final approval is granted by the Registrar. Petition forms may be obtained in the Office of the Registrar. Tuition charges for undergraduate courses that the Registrar approves for graduate credit or undergraduate language courses taken to fulfill the language requirement for the Ph.D. may be used to calculate students' federal financial aid awards. Undergraduate courses that fall outside of these parameters will not be factored into federal aid awards.

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HEGIS Codes

Curriculum and Teaching: Elementary Education- Professional Certification	0802	M.A.
Curriculum and Teaching: Secondary Education- Professional Certification	0803	M.A.
Elementary Inclusive Education-Initial Certification	0802	M.A.

Elementary Inclusive Education- Initial Certification With Gifted Extension	0802	Ed.D./ M.B.A.
Higher and Postsecondary Education	0805	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Adult Education Guided Intensive Study (AEGIS)	0807	Ed.D.
Adult Learning and Leadership	0807	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
†*Applied Behavior Analysis	0808	Ph.D., Ed.D.
Applied Behavior Analysis-Initial Dual Certification	0808	M.A.
*Deaf and Hard of Hearing	0808	Ed.D.
Early Childhood Education: Special Education-Initial Certification	0808	M.A.
Early Childhood Education: Special Education-Initial Dual Certification	0808	M.A.
Guidance and Rehabilitation	0808	M.A.
Elementary Inclusive Education-Initial Dual Certification	0808	M.A.
†*Intellectual Disability/Autism	0808	Ed.D., Ph.D.
Intellectual Disability/Autism-Initial Dual Certification	0808	M.A.
Intellectual Disability/Autism: Early Childhood- Dual Certification	0808	Ed.M.
Intellectual Disability/Autism:Childhood/Elementary- Dual Certification	0808	Ed.M.
Instructional Practice in Special Education	0808	Ed.M.
†*Physical Disabilities	0808	Ed.D., Ph.D.
Secondary Inclusive Education	0808	M.A.

Severe and Multiple Disabilities: Annotation	0808	M.A.
Special Inclusive Elementary Education	0808	M.A.
Gifted Education	0811	M.A.
Gifted Education- Initial Certification	0811	M.A.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	0812	M.A.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing- Initial Certification	0812	M.A.
Deaf and Hearing Impaired: Adolescence Education-Dual Certification	0812	Ed.M.
Deaf and Hearing Impaired: Early Childhood Education-Initial Dual Certification	0812	Ed.M.
Deaf and Hearing Impaired: Elementary Education-Initial Dual Certification	0812	Ed.M.
Deaf Education: Reading Specialist- Initial Dual Certification	0812	Ed.M.
Communication Sciences and Disorders-Initial Certification	0815	M.S.
Communication Sciences and Disorders-Professional Certification	0815	M.S.
Communication Sciences and Disorders: Bilingual Option-Initial Certification	0815	M.S.
Speech and Language Pathology-Bilingual Extension Institute	0815	Adv. Cert.
History and Education	0821	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.,Ph.D.

Philosophy and Education	0821	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Applied Educational Psychology: Cognitive, Behavioral, and Developmental Analysis	0822	Ed.M.
Cognitive Studies in Education	0822	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Psychology in Education	0822	M.A.
Early Childhood Education	0823	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Early Childhood Education- Initial Certification	0823	M.A.
Early Childhood Education- Special Education	0823	Ed.M.
Applied Statistics	0824	M.S.
School Counselor	0826.01	Ed.M.
Applied Developmental and Learning Psychology- School Psychology	0826.02	Ed.M.
Applied Educational Psychology- School Psychology	0826.02	Ph.D.
Education Policy	0827	M.A., Ed.M., Ph.D.
Educational Leadership	0827	PH.D.
Educational Leadership Studies	0827	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Urban Education Leaders Program	0827	Ed.D.
Leadership, Policy and Politics	0827	Ed.D.
††Education Leadership Management (M.B.A. through Columbia University Graduate School of Business)	0827	Ed.D.
Private School Leadership	0827	M.A., Ed.M.
††Private School Leadership (M.B.A. through Columbia University Graduate School of Business)	0827	M.A.

Public School Building Leadership	0828	M.A., Ed.M.
Curriculum and Teaching	0829	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Designing Interactive Multimedia Instruction	0829	Adv. Cert.
Literacy Specialist- Initial Certification	0830	M.A.
Reading Specialist- Initial Certification	0830	M.A.
Art and Art Education	0831	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ed.D.C.T.
Art and Art Education- Initial Certification	0831	M.A.
Creative Technologies	0831	M.A.
	0831	Adv. Cert.
Music and Music Education	0832	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ed.D.C.T.
Music and Music Education- Initial Certification	0832	M.A.
Music and Music Education- Professional Certification	0832	M.A.
Mathematics Education	0833	M.A., M.S., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ed.D.C.T., Ph.D.
Science Education	0834	Ed.D., Ph.D.
Science and Dental Education	0834	M.A.
Supervisor/Teacher of Science Education	0834	M.A.
Teacher Education in Science	0834	M.S., Ed.M.
Applied Physiology	0835	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Kinesiology	0835	Ph.D.
Motor Learning	0835	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Movement Sciences and Education	0835	Ed.D.

Physical Education	0835	M.A.
Physical Education- Initial Certification	0835	M.A.
Physical Education- Professional Certification	0835	M.A.
Physical Education, Curriculum and Teaching in	0835	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Nutrition and Exercise Physiology	0837	M.S.
Community Health Education	0837	M.S.
Diabetes Education and Management	0837	M.S.
Advanced Diabetes Topics	0837	Adv. Cert.
Health Education	0837	M.A., Ed.D
Bilingual/Bicultural Education	0899	M.A.
Bilingual/Bicultural Education Extension	0899	Adv. Cert.
Communication and Educatin	0899	Ed.D.
Comparative and International Education	0899	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Instructional Technology and Media	0899	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
International Educational Development	0899	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Learning Analytics	0899	M.S.
Neuroscience and Education	0899	M.S.
Teaching and Learning with Technology	0899	Adv. Cert.
Technology Specialist: K-12- Initial Certification	0899.03	M.A.
Technology Specialist for Teachers - Initial Certification	0899.03	M.A.
Bilingual/Bicultural Education- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Biology 7-12- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.

Chemistry 7-12- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Early Childhood Education: Special Education-Dual Certification- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Earth Science 7-12- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
English, Teaching of- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Intellectual Disabilities/Autism-Childhood - Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Intellectual Disabilities/Autism-Generalist 5-9 - Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Mathematics Education- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Physics 7-12- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
TESOL- Transitional B	0899.50	M.A.
Art and Art Education-Professional Certification	1002	M.A.
Arts Administration	1099	M.A.
Nurse Executive Role (Accelerated Program)	1203.10	M.A.
Nurse Executive Role (Accelerated Program)	1203.10	Ed.D.
Nursing Education: Professorial Role (Accelerated Program)	1203.10	M.A.
Nursing Educaiton (Distance Learning)	1203.10	Ed.D., Adv. Cert.
Communication Sciences and Disorders	1220	M.S., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Community Nutrition Education	1306	Ed.M.
Nutrition and Public Health	1306	M.S., Ed.D
Nutrition Education	1306	M.S., Ed.D
English, Teaching of	1501	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.C.T., Ed.D.

English Education	1501	Ph.D.
English, Teaching of- Initial Certification	1501.01	M.A.
English, Teaching of- Professional Certification	1501.01	M.A.
Applied Linguistics	1505	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Communication and Education	1506	M.A., Ed.M.
TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages)	1508	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
TESOL- Initial Certification	1508	M.A.
Mathematics Education- Initial Certification	1701.01	M.A.
Mathematics Education- Professional Certification	1701.01	M.A., M.S., Ed.M.
Arts Administration	1899	M.A.
Physics 7-12- Initial Certification	1902.01	M.A.
Chemistry 7-12- Initial Certification	1905.01	M.A.
Earth Science 7-12- Initial Certification	1917.01	M.A.
Clinical Psychology	2003	Ph.D.
Counseling Psychology	2004	Ph.D.
Psychological Counseling	2004	Ed.M.
Mental Health Counseling	2004	Ed.M.
Social-Organizational Psychology	2005	Ph.D.
Cooperation and Conflict Resolution	2005	Adv. Cert.
Measurement and Evaluation	2007	Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Psychology-Organizational	2008	M.A.

Developmental Psychology	2009	Ph.D.
Psychology:Developmental	2009	M.A.
Sexuality, Women and Gender	2099	Adv. Cert.
Teaching of Social Studies	2201	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Global Competence	2201	Adv. Cert.
Social Studies, Teaching of- Initial Certification	2201.01	M.A.
Social Studies, Teaching of- Professional Certification	2201.01	M.A.
Applied Anthropology (In Cooperation with GSAS)	2202	Ph.D.
Anthropology and Education	2202	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Economics and Education	2204	M.A., Ed.M., Ph.D.
Politics and Education	2207	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Sociology and Education	2208	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D., Ph.D.
Interdisciplinary Studies in Education	4999	M.A., Ed.M., Ed.D.
Design and Development of Digital Games	5503	M.A.

* Ed.D. in Special Education is acquired through these programs.

† Ph.D. in Special Education is acquired through these programs.

‡ Joint M.B.A. offered by Columbia School of Business.

** HEGIS: Higher Education General Information Survey, New York State Education

Department, Office of Higher Education and the Professions, Cultural Education Center, Room 5B28, Albany, NY 12230; telephone (518) 475-5851.

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Inter-University Doctoral Consortium

Teachers College participates in the Inter-University Doctoral Consortium which provides for cross-registration among member institutions. Fully admitted doctoral students after the first year of study in Teachers College may register for courses at the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, Fordham University, Princeton University, the New School for Social Research, New York University, Rutgers University, and Stony Brook University. Ordinarily, such courses must not be available within Columbia University. Applications are available in the Office of the Registrar. Students cross-registered for courses at another university are subject to the academic regulations of the host university, including the grading system, calendar, and academic honor system. It is the responsibility of the students to familiarize themselves with the pertinent regulations of the host university. Teachers College students pay tuition at the standard Teachers College rate to Teachers College for any such courses they take.

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Key to Teachers College Course Numbers

The prefix indicates the department:

- A&H Arts & Humanities
- BBS Biobehavioral Sciences
- CCP Counseling & Clinical Psychology
- C&T Curriculum & Teaching
- EDP Education Policy and Social Analysis
- HBS Health & Behavior Studies
- HUD Human Development
- IND Interdepartmental
- ITS International & Transcultural Studies
- MST Mathematics, Science & Technology
- ORL Organization & Leadership

The first digit of the course number indicates course level:

- 4 initial graduate
- 5 intermediate graduate
- 6 advanced graduate
- 7 dissertation seminar
- 8 dissertation advisement
- 9 postdoctoral

The second digit of the course numbers indicates the type of offering:

- 0 lecture
- 1 lecture
- 2 field work
- 3 practicum
- 4 internship
- 5 seminar
- 6 colloquium
- 7 student teaching
- 8 workshop, work conference, or institute
- 9 independent study and research

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Non Discrimination ***General Non-Discrimination policy.***

Notice of Non-Discrimination.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin (including language).

Teachers College (“TC” or the “College”) is committed to providing a working, learning, and living environment free from discrimination and harassment and to fostering a vibrant, nurturing community founded upon the fundamental dignity and worth of all of its members.

Consistent with this commitment, Teachers College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, height, weight, marital or partnership status, citizenship or immigration status, caste, military status, disability, pregnancy, genetic predisposition or carrier status, status as a victim of domestic violence, or any other legally protected status in the administration of its admissions policies, educational policies, employment, scholarship, loan, and other College-administered programs; treatment, or in access to College programs or activities.

Students with concerns about possible discrimination may wish to speak with Associate Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer for Student Affairs Tom Rock, 528 West 121st St., Room 163, (212) 678-3083, Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs Janice S. Robinson, 128 Zankel, (212) 678-3391, or confidentially to the Ombuds Officer Stephen Peverly, 280 Grace Dodge, (212) 678-4169.

Faculty and staff with concerns about possible discrimination may wish to speak with Vice President for Administration Lisa Seales, 120 Whittier Hall, (212) 678-3740, Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs Janice S. Robinson, 128 Zankel, (212) 678-3391, or confidentially to the Ombuds Officer Stephen Peverly, 280 Grace Dodge, (212) 678-4169.

Individuals may also seek assistance outside the TC community:

US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (New York Office)

(646) 428-3900

(800) 877-8339 voice/TDD

OCR.NewYork@eg.gov

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

(800) 669-4000

(800) 669-6820 (TTY for Deaf/Hard of Hearing callers only)

(844) 234-5122 (ASL Video Phone for Deaf/Hard of Hearing callers only)

info@eeoc.gov

NYS Division of Human Rights

complaints@dhr.ny.gov

<https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint>

NYC Commission on Human Rights

(718) 722-3131

Online form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/contact-us.page>

Sex Discrimination

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) protects individuals from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities at institutions that receive federal financial assistance.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding Title IX:

Janice S. Robinson

jrobinson@tc.columbia.edu

TC Title IX Coordinator

128 Zankel

(212) 678-3391

Age Discrimination

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.

Religion

U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on religion in social service programs.

Disability Discrimination

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) protect students and employees from disability discrimination.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding Section 504/ADA:

Allison N. Antwi

ana2172@tc.columbia.edu

Assistant Vice President for Equity and Compliance;

TC Section 504 Compliance Officer

128 Zankel

(212) 678-7508

Juan Carlos Reyes

jcr2101@tc.columbia.edu

Executive Director, Office of the VP for Diversity and Community Affairs

Deputy Section 504 Compliance Officer

128 Zankel

(212) 678-8410

Pay Transparency. Teachers College will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against employees or applicants because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their own pay or the pay of another employee or applicant. However, employees who have access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of their essential job functions cannot disclose the pay of other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to compensation information, unless the disclosure is (a) in response to a formal complaint or charge, (b) in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the College or (c) consistent with the College's legal duty to furnish information.

Responsible Office: Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community Affairs

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Public Disclosure Notification

The following programs meet the educational requirements for teacher certification or professional licensure in New York State. If you plan to work in a state other than New York, Teachers College has not made a determination if our programs meet the educational requirements for certification or professional licensure in any other state, Washington DC or Puerto Rico. We recommend that you review the state's licensing board or teacher certification website for that state's qualifications. The Office of Teacher Education will complete any necessary forms and/or letters for out-of-state certification on the completion of your approved teacher preparation program.

CERT-ABAL	Certificate-Applied Behavior Analysis	Professional Licensure
CERT-BILG-EX	Certificate-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Extension	Teacher Certification
CERT-BLGD-EX	Certificate-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Extension Distance Learning	Teacher Certification
CERT-SPTB-IN	Certificate-Bilingual Extension Institute	Teacher Certification
CERT-SPTD-IN	Certificate-Bilingual Extension Institute DL	Teachert Certification
EDD-ELUE	Doctor of Education-Urban Education Leaders Program	Teacher Certification
MA-ABAS-DU	Master of Arts-Applied Behavior Analysis-Dual	Teacher Certification
MA-ARTE-IN	Master of Arts -Art and Art Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ARTE-PF	Master of Arts-Art and Art Education Professional Certification	Teacher Certification

MA-BILC-DU	Master of Arts-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Dual	Teacher Certification
MA-BILC-TR	Master of Arts-Bilingual/Bicultural Childhood Education Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-BILG-EX	Master of Arts-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Extension	Teacher Certification
MA-BILS-DU	Master of Arts-Bilingual/Bicultural Education Special Education Dual	Teacher Certification
MA-CUED-PF	Master of Arts-Elementary Education Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-CUSD-PF	Master of Arts-C&T Secondary Education Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-CUSE-IN	Master of Arts-Secondary Inclusive Education	Teacher Certification
MA-DHEA-IN	Master of Arts-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ECED-IN	Master of Arts-Early Childhood Educaiton Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ECED-IX	Master of Arts-Early Childhood Education Education Initial Cert Bilingual	Teacher Certification
MA-ECSE-DU	Master of Arts-Early Childhood Education-Special Education Dual Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ECSE-DX	Master of Arts Early Childhood Education Special Ed Dual Cert Bilingual	Teacher Certification
MA-ECSE-IN	Master of Arts-Early Childhood Education-Special Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ECSE-IX	Master of Arts-Early Childhood Education Special Ed Initial Cert Bilingual	Teacher Certification
MA-ELBL-IN	Master of Arts-Public School Building Leadership	Teacher Certification

MA-ELEM-DU	Master of Arts-Elementary Inclusive Education-Dual Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ELEM-IN	Master of Arts-Elementary Inclusive Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ELGF-DU	Master of Arts-Elementary Inclusive Education Initial/Gifted Extension	Teacher Certification
MA-ENGL-IN	Master of Arts -Teaching of English Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ENGL-PF	Master of Arts - Teaching of English Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-ENGL-TR	Master of Arts-Teaching of English Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-GIFT-EX	Master of Arts-Gifted Education-Extension	Teacher Certification
MA-ITDA-IN	Master of Arts-Intellectual Disabilities/Autism-Adolescence-Initial	Teacher Certification
MA-ITDC-TR	Master of Arts-Intellectual Disabilities/Autism Childhood Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-ITDG-TR	Master of Arts-Intellect Disabilities/Autism Midd Generalist Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-ITDS-DU	Master of Arts-Intellectual Disabilities/Autism-Dual	Teacher Certification
MA-LITI-IN	Master of Arts-Literacy Specialist Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-MATH-IN	Master of Arts-Mathematical Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-MATH-PF	Master of Arts-Mathematical Education Professional Certificationq	Teacher Certification
MA-MATH-TR	Master of Arts-Mathematical Education Transitional B	Teacher Certification

MA-MULT-AN	Master of Arts-Severe and Multiple Disabilities - Annotation	Teacher Certification
MA-MUSC-IN	Master of Arts-Music and Music Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-MUSC-PF	Master of Arts-Music and Music Education Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-PHED-IN	Master of Arts-Physical Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-PHED-PF	Master of Arts-Physical Education Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-READ-IN	Master of Arts-Reading Specialist Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIB-IN	Master of Arts -Biology 7-12 Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIB-TR	Master of Arts-Biology 7-12 Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIC-IN	Master of Arts-Chemistry 7-12 Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIC-TR	Master of Arts-Chemistry 7-12 Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIE-IN	Master of Arts-Earth Science 7-12 Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIE-TR	Master of Arts-Earth Science 7-12 Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIP-IN	Master of Arts-Physics 7-12 Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SCIP-TR	Master of Arts-Physics 7-12 Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-SIEE-IN	Master of Arts-Special Inclusive Elementary Education-Initial	Teacher Certification

MA-SSTE- IN	Master of Arts-Teaching of Social Studies Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SSTE- PF	Master of Arts-Teaching of Social Studies Professional Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-SSTE- TR	Master of Arts-Teaching of Social Studies Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-TESL- IN	Master of Arts -TESOL Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-TESL- TR	Master of Arts-TESOL Transitional B	Teacher Certification
MA-TETS- IN	Master of Arts-Technology Specialist Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
MA-TETT- IN	Master of Arts-Technology for Teacherst Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
ME-COUB	Master of Education-School Counselor (Distance Learning)	Teacher Certification
ME-COUM	Master of Education-Mental Health Counseling	Professional Licensure
ME- COUM-BL	Master of Education-Mental Health Counseling Bilingual Latino/a	Professional Licensure
ME-COUS	Master of Education-School Counselor	Teacher Certification
ME-DHAE- DU	Master of Education: Deaf Hard of Hearing Adolescence Education Dual Certification	Teacher Certification
ME-DHCI- DU	Master of Education: Deaf Hard of Hearing Elementary Education Dual Certification	Teacher Certification
ME-DHEI- DU	Master of Education: Deaf Hard of Hearing Early Childhood Education Dual Cert	Teacher Certification
ME-DHRI- DU	Master of Education: Deaf Hard of Hearing Reading Specialist	Teacher Certification
ME-ITDE- DU	Master of Education-Intellectual Disabilities/ Autism Early Childhood-Dual	Teacher Certification

ME-MUSC- IN	Master of Education-Music and Music Education Initial Certification	Teacher Certification
ME-SPSM	Master of Education-Applied Devel Learning Psychology-School Psychology	Teacher Certification
MS-CSDB- DU	Master of Science-Communication Sciences and Disorders Bilingual Extension Dual	Teacher Certification/ Professional Licensure
MS-CSDR	Master of Science- Communication Sciences and Disorders	Professional Licensure
MS-CSDR- IN	Master of Science- Communication Sciences and Disorders Initial Certification	Teacher Certification/ Professional Licensure
MS-CSDR- PF	Master of Science-Communication Sciences and Disorders Professional Certification	Teacher Certification/ Professional Licensure
PHD-CLIN	Doctor of Philosophy-Clinical Psychology	Professional Licensure
PHD- COUN	Doctor of Philosophy-Counseling Psychology	Professional Licensure
PHD- COUN-BL	Doctor of Philosophy-Counseling Psychology Bilingual Latino/a	Professional Licensure
PHD-SPSD	Doctor of Philosophy-Applied Educational Psychology: School Psychology	Teacher Certification/ Professional Licensure

Release of Transcripts

Policy regarding the release of transcripts.

The College regards the student's transcript as a personal and private document; it is released only upon written authorization of the student. Unpaid financial obligations to the College will result in the withholding of student transcript and/or diploma. Teachers College does not duplicate copies of transcripts from other institutions which were submitted in support of the applicant's application for admission to the College.

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Religious Observance

Policy regarding religious holidays.

It is the policy of Teachers College to respect its members' observance of their major religious holidays. Where academic scheduling conflicts prove unavoidable, students will not be penalized for absences due to religious reasons, and course instructors will work with students on alternative means for satisfying academic requirements. If students and instructors cannot reach a suitable arrangement, they should consult the appropriate Program Director or Department Chair. If necessary, students or instructors may take the matter to the Office of the Provost for additional appeal.

Some of the major holidays occurring during the academic year are: Ramadan, Good Friday, Eid al Fitr, Passover (first two and last two days), Rosh Hashanah, Shemini Atzeret, Shavuoth, Eid al Adha, Yom Kippur, Sukkot (first two days), Simchat Torah, and Diwali.

Jewish and Islamic holy days begin at sundown of the preceding day.

The Office of the Provost and Dean of the College requests that faculty members who will miss classes for religious observances notify their Department Chair in advance. They should also announce missed class sessions on their syllabi. In such cases, faculty members may either make arrangements for another course instructor to cover the missed class or schedule a makeup session at a time convenient to students.

Responsible Office: Provost

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Student Conduct Code: Academic Integrity and General Misconduct

Policy on student misconduct, including statutorily required statement on public order.

Student Psychological Wellness

Policy regarding student psychological wellness.

Introduction

The College seeks to promote both the academic progress and personal well-being of our students. Sometimes balancing the pressures of academics, family, health related concerns and finances can lead to coping difficulties. Teachers College (TC) is committed to support the psychological wellness of its students by promoting the principles of TC CARES (Connect, Assess, Respond, Educate and Support), by identifying, engaging, and by assisting students who may be facing personal and/or academic concerns.

Now, more than ever, academic settings must offer holistic support to students, designed to ensure that they are aware of the resources and support that may allow them to thrive. This Student Psychological Wellness Policy outlines an approach to educate and promote discussion about student well-being, focusing on strategies to keep emotional balance while meeting the demands of graduate school. Further, it aims to provide support and resources to prevent harm to self and to others, threats, disruptions, and violence. It also outlines procedures for crisis intervention and response. All members of the College community are expected to promote a healthy and violence-free environment.

Policy Statement

Teachers College (TC) recognizes that psychological well-being allows students to better cope with the stresses of work and study, maintain healthy relationships, and better contribute to the campus community professionally and personally.

The College takes a sensitive and informed approach to student well-being and is committed to ensuring the student body is aware of and is responsive to the needs of students who have, or who are at risk of developing a wellness concern.

Principles

The College supports the needs of those who are currently well by focusing on three fundamental principles:

- **Education**
- **Prevention**

• Resources

Educational programming helps members of the College community promote students' well-being and self-care. Workshops, educational groups, and publications address issues such as general principles of well-being, stress management, depression, anxiety, and similar topics related to overall student well-being and success.

Programming is provided through many avenues at Teachers College including through the Office of Graduate Student Life & Development (GSLD), Residential Services (ORS), Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS), The Office of Access for Students and Individuals with Disabilities (OASID), The Office of Diversity and Community Affairs (ODCA), The Office of Student Support & Advocacy (SSA) and Columbia University's Offices of Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS). Programming is also offered throughout each academic year to faculty and staff to ensure that those working with students are aware of the resources available to assist students in the best way possible.

The College offers students first-hand resources such as orientation and support, assistance with navigating and accessing resources/providers, well-being programming, workshops, educational and support groups, and publications. The College offers education about student well-being, self-care and ways to prevent self-harm. If a student wants to request support or if a TC community member (faculty/staff/student) would like to refer a student of concern, they can complete a TC CARES REFERRAL FORM and a member of the Office of Student Support & Advocacy and/or a member of the TC CARES Team will connect with the student to schedule a support meeting.

The Office of Student Support & Advocacy (SSA) at TC offers voluntary services to the TC community. The College has a case management process to provide check-ins for students where there is an identified concern. The check-ins may be performed by a member of the Office of Student Support & Advocacy (SSA) or a TC CARES Team member. During support meetings, students will be connected with resources/support that may help them to be successful at TC.

All members of the Teachers College community are invited and encouraged to submit a TC CARES REFERRAL FORM to report a student of concern or utilize resources listed below for advice and assistance to support students.

Additionally, Teachers College is committed to accommodating qualified students who have disabilities, including psychiatric or emotional disabilities. Students seeking accommodations should contact the Office of Access and Services for Individuals with Disabilities (OASID), 301 Zankel Hall-3rd floor, Tel/Voice: (212) 678-3689, oid@tc.edu.

Crisis Response & Intervention

The early identification of persons at risk for self-harm or harm to others is essential. Immediate help should be sought if someone has spoken about experiencing suicidal ideations, or a suicide plan; being a victim of other violence, or if someone has expressed ideations and/or a plan to hurt someone. Student Affairs in collaboration with the Office of Public Safety has created the TC CARES initiative, which has formed key members of the college to be part of the TC CARES Team, in an effort to assist faculty and staff in identifying and supporting students who may be in distress and in need of assistance with issues associated with their well-being. This includes immediate assistance along with referrals and other resources.

IN AN EMERGENCY, contact one of the following immediately. All are available 24/7.

On-Campus	TC Office of Public Safety	(212) 678-3333 or x3333
Off-Campus	NYC Police Department	911
	-or-	113th St & Amsterdam Ave General: (212) 523-4000
	Mount Sinai - Morningside Emergency Room	Emergency: (212) 523-3335 Psychiatric Emergency: (212) 523-3347

Additionally, Columbia Health has a 24/7 Mental Health Support Line that operates under the Counseling and Psychological Services phone number after office hours and on any other day that the offices are closed, such as weekends and holidays. Any Teachers College student can reach out to a counselor on-call directly at **(212) 854-2878**. TC Community members can also reach out to **(212)-854-2878** if they would like to process a situation regarding a student with a counselor.

In less urgent situations, the resources below are available.

Please note that CU/CPS Center staff provides consulting services to Teachers College personnel on issues related to suicide and threats of violence. College faculty or staff who are concerned about issues relating to suicide or threats of violence may call the office at any time at **(212) 854-2878**.

Columbia Counseling & Psychological Services Center	<p>8th Floor, Lerner Hall (115th Street & Broadway)</p> <p>Appointments and After-Hours Support (212) 854-2878</p> <p>http://www.health.columbia.edu/docs/services/cps/index.html</p> <p>Hours M-Th 8 to 6:30; F 8 to 5</p>
Office of Residential Services	<p>1st Floor, Whittier Hall</p> <p>(212) 678-3235 (phone)</p> <p>Or contact any Community Assistant or other Residential Services Administrator</p>
Associate Vice President & Chief Student Affairs Officer	<p>Thomas P. Rock, Associate Vice President & Chief Student Affairs Officer</p> <p>525 West 120th Street, Bldg. 528-Room 163</p> <p>(212) 678-3083</p>
Office of Student Support & Advocacy	<p>525 West 120th St., Bldg. 528-Room 166</p> <p>(212) 678-3619</p> <p>Submit TC CARES REFERRAL FORM to set up a meeting or email studentsupport@tc.columbia.edu</p>

Information Sharing

It will be disclosed and explained to students receiving support from a member of our team that meetings are for the purpose of obtaining information on concrete well-being resources and are not necessarily confidential appointments. We will strive to protect students' privacy. Still, our team may share some information regarding the student with the Student Affairs leadership team, or the TC CARES team for the purpose of assisting in connecting the student to appropriate resources. A student requesting an appointment for student support should keep in mind that this request does not indicate an interest or need for ongoing mental health services.

Information Disclosures

If the College believes that the safety of a student, or of any other person, is at risk, the College may contact family members, individuals a student has identified as emergency contacts, or others as the College deems necessary or appropriate under the circumstances. Consistent with U.S. Department of Education guidelines, pertinent student education records may be disclosed to appropriate officials in a health or safety emergency.

More detailed procedures for follow-up actions will be determined by the TC CARES TEAM or Emergency Response Team (ERT) protocol.

Related Policies

Nothing in this Policy precludes the College from addressing student behavior through the Student Conduct Code, residential contracts, and other policies. For example, if a resident student's behavior interferes with the rights of others, the student may be removed from campus housing or may be required to comply with conditions established by the Office of Residential Services to continue living on campus. Other actions may be taken as outlined in the Housing Contract.

Annual Review

Student Affairs is responsible for the annual review of this policy, in collaboration with the Office of Student Support & Advocacy (SSA).

Responsible office: Associate Vice President + Chief Student Affairs Officer

Last Updated: July 2023

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Student Records and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy

Policy regarding student records and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

A. General Background

1. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") gives "students" a right of access to their "education records." It also limits the disclosure of a student's education records by the College without the student's written permission.
2. Under this policy, "students" are individuals who are or were registered students in attendance at Teachers College. Persons who unsuccessfully applied for admission or who were accepted but never attended the College are not "students." An unsuccessful applicant for admission to the College is not a College "student," even if the applicant is, or was, in attendance at another Columbia University school.
3. Records Covered:
 - a. A student's "education records" include records, files, documents, and other materials regularly maintained by the College that contain information directly related to the student.
 - b. Certain types of records are excluded from the scope of FERPA. For example, a student is not entitled to examine:
 1. Records maintained personally by an individual faculty member that have not been shared with and are not accessible by others.
 2. Records created or maintained by a physician, psychologist, or other recognized health care provider that are created, maintained, or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to the student and are not available to anyone other than persons providing such treatment.
 3. Records that are confidential as a matter of law, such as those that might be maintained by the College's attorneys.
 4. Records containing financial information about a student's parents, such as information submitted with an application for financial aid.
 5. Records made and maintained by the College's law enforcement unit for law enforcement purposes.

B. Maintenance of Education Records

A student's official academic record is maintained by the Registrar, and its use is carefully controlled. Official records include the transcript, certain documents submitted in support

of admission to the College and degree programs, and the doctoral student's record maintained by the Office of Doctoral Studies. Documents may be kept in digital form. In accordance with established records management procedures, some records are purged periodically.

Teachers College students, alumni and former students may inspect their student records in accordance with FERPA. With the exceptions set out below, such records are generally not available to anyone other than College representatives with an institutional reason for reviewing them. Transcripts and other student records are released only in accordance with the College's FERPA policy.

C. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Statement

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access. Students should submit to the Registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. The student must bring valid photo identification to the appointment. Students will not be provided with copies of any part of their records other than the College transcript unless the inability to obtain copies of any part of their record other than the transcript would effectively prevent them from exercising their right to inspect and review their education records.
2. The right to request the amendment of any parts of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the College will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Further information regarding the student's request for an amendment and the hearing procedures can be found in Section D. below.
3. The right to withhold consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information ("PII") contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. It shall be a condition of the College's disclosure of PII to a third party (1) that the party to which the information is released will not permit any other party to have access to such information without the written consent of the student and (2) that the released information may be used only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made. These conditions do not apply to certain subpoenas and court orders.

Under FERPA, records containing PII may be disclosed without a student's consent as follows:

- a. To "School Officials" with legitimate educational interests. A "School Official" includes a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position; public safety officials, members of the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee or admission committee, or assisting another School Official in performing their tasks for the College. In addition, a School Official may be a contractor who performs an institutional service or function for which the College would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the College with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent. A School Official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill their professional responsibilities for the College.
- b. Upon request and in the discretion of the Registrar, to officials of another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.
- c. To authorized representatives of the U.S. Controller General, Attorney General, or Secretary of Education, or to State and local educational authorities. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the FERPA requirements, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf.
- d. In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, the amount of the aid, or the conditions of the aid; or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
- e. To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the College, in order to:
(a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction.
- f. To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.

- g. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena.
 - h. If designated as “directory information.” The College has designated the following categories of information as “directory information” with respect to each student: name, mailing, campus and permanent addresses, photo, email address, Columbia University Network ID (UNI), degree program and major field of study, dates of attendance at the College, full-time, half-time or part-time status, degrees conferred and their dates, dissertation title and dissertation committee members and master’s essay title and sponsor. A student who does not wish to have directory information released to third parties should notify the Office of the Registrar in writing of their wish to withhold such information in the future.
 - i. Under limited circumstances, to a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or sex offense. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding.
 - j. Under limited circumstances, to the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, if the College determines the student has committed a violation of the College’s rules or policies with respect to the allegation against the student.
 - k. To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency subject to the provisions of the Regulations.
 - l. To parents of a student under the age of 21 regarding the student’s violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the College, the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the College determines the student committed a disciplinary violation.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with FERPA. More information about FERPA is available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa. FERPA is administered by:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520

D. Right to Seek Amendment of the Contents of Education Records

Students have the right to seek amendment of the education records that they believe to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights under FERPA. The process includes the right to a hearing if the outcome of the challenge is unsatisfactory and the right to submit an explanatory statement for inclusion in the education record if the outcome of the hearing is unsatisfactory.

Important note: This amendment procedure may be used only to challenge facts that are inaccurately recorded by the College since FERPA was intended to require only that schools conform to fair recordkeeping practices. This amendment procedure may not be used to challenge an academic grade, performance evaluation, disciplinary decision/ruling, opinion, or other substantive decision made by the College about a student.

A student who wishes to challenge the contents of their education records should first discuss the matter with the College official who has control over the records in question.

1. If the matter cannot be resolved within seven (7) days, the student may submit a written request to the Registrar, who will respond within seven (7) days. The written request to the Office of the Registrar must clearly identify the part of the record(s) they want changed and why it is inaccurate.
2. If the outcome is unsatisfactory to the student, the College will advise the student of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. The student then may submit a written request for a hearing to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. A hearing will be conducted, within forty-five (45) days of the request, by the Vice Provost or by another College official who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing. The student will be informed of the date, time, and place of the hearing in advance of the hearing.
3. The student will be entitled to present evidence at the hearing and be assisted by an adviser of their choice, at their own expense. If the student desires to have an adviser present, the student must notify the hearing officer of this fact, in writing, no later than two (2) business days before the hearing. An adviser is to be a member of the Teachers College community. The adviser serves as a support person and is intended to be of direct assistance to the student before and during the hearing. The adviser may not speak for the student or address the hearing officer during the hearing.
4. Within 30 days after the hearing, a written decision based on the evidence presented at the hearing will be issued, which will be the College's final decision. If the amendment to the records that the student requested is denied, the student may place a statement in their records commenting on the accuracy of the information in the record and/or explaining their disagreement with the College. This statement will become part of the education record and will be disclosed whenever the contested

portion of the education record is disclosed.

E. Student Requests for Release of Records

Upon written request by a student, the College may release information in that student's Teachers College education records to third parties. The student should make a request for such release in writing with the student's signature to the Registrar. The third-party designated by the student will ordinarily not be provided with copies of any part of the student's record other than the College transcript. The College may impose a charge for copying a student's records in connection with such a release, generally 20 cents per page. Transcripts are covered by a one-time fee paid by students upon registration. Questions should be referred to the College Registrar, Megan Massaro, at mrm2276@tc.columbia.edu.

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Transcript Notations

The following notations will be placed on transcripts on or after September 1, 2015.

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Permanent - remain in perpetuity

1. "Expelled after a finding of responsibility for a code of conduct violation" – for sexual violence or another crime reportable under the Clery Act.
2. "Dean's Hold" - for disciplinary expulsions that do not require the notation above.
3. "Readmission subject to academic/administrative review: Academic Scholarship" - for academic dismissal when student receives 8 credits or more of C- or lower.

Temporary

1. "Suspended after a finding of responsibility for a code of conduct violation" – student has been temporarily suspended for sexual violence or another crime reportable under the Clery Act.
2. "Disciplinary Suspension" - student has been temporarily suspended for reason(s) that do not require the notation above.

3. "Academic Suspension" - student has been temporarily suspended for lack of progress to degree.
4. "Withdrawal with pending disciplinary action" – student withdrew while disciplinary charge for sexual violence or another crime reportable under the Clery Act are pending.

In the 4 temporary categories, after a two-year period of absence, the student would be withdrawn as "Failed to Graduate," but the temporary category transcript notation would remain. "Failed to Graduate" would not appear on the transcript. If the student is allowed to register again at the College, the temporary notation would be removed.

Removal of Temporary Transcript Notations

Students may request removal of a temporary notation by petitioning the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. This request must be in writing and include the rationale for the request. The Vice Provost for Student Affairs, or his or her designee, will review the request and provide a written response within 30 days from the date the request was received.

Revision Note: Adopted [September 1, 2015] to comply with NYS Education Law 129-B.

Effective Date: September 1, 2015

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Transfer Credit

Policy regarding transfer credit.

Students may apply for transfer credit upon acceptance at Teachers College. Transfer credit is based on graduate coursework completed at another institution *prior to* enrolling at Teachers College that is then applied toward a Teachers College degree.

Eligibility for transfer credit depends on the student's Teachers College program:

Program	Maximum possible transfer credits
Certificate/Advanced Certificate	None
Master of Arts	None

Master of Science program requiring fewer than 60 credits	None
Master of Science program requiring 60 credits or more.	30
Master of Education	30
Doctor of Philosophy	30; 45 for graduate work completed <i>entirely</i> at another Columbia University school.
Doctor of Education	45
Doctor of Education in the College Teaching of an Academic Subject	45

Transfer credit may be awarded only for graduate courses that have been

- (1) completed with grades of B or higher,
- (2) submitted on an official transcript from a regionally accredited institution,
- (3) granted/assigned graduate credit on the transcript of that institution,
- (4) not applied toward a baccalaureate degree, and
- (5) completed prior to enrollment at Teachers College.

For educational institutions outside of the United States or Canada, a course-by course evaluation is required by World Education Services (WES) as per the policy on admission.

Transfer credit is awarded at the discretion of the Transfer Credit Coordinator and the student's faculty advisor.

For more information please refer to the "Degree Requirements" section of the Catalog, visit the transfer credit website , or e-mail the Transfer Credit Coordinator at TCTransfer@tc.edu.

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Visiting Scholars

Policy regarding Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars Program

Teachers College (“the College” or “TC”) benefits from the presence of many visitors who contribute to the intellectual life of the College. Although these individuals do not hold academic appointments at the TC, they are welcomed to visit the College for a period of no less than one month, but no longer than one year to collaborate with a specific TC faculty member or the director of a center/institute on scholarly research, as well as participate in a wide range of College activities. To accommodate the needs of these individuals and recognize their contributions to the College’s intellectual life, the Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Global Affairs confers visiting scholar status in accordance with the policy and process described below.

The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) oversees the Visiting Scholars program, providing administrative and programmatic support to scholars and host departments during the approved visit dates.

Eligibility

Individuals may be designated visiting scholars for no less than one month and for no longer than one year and must be in residence for the approved period of designation. For the purpose of this policy, “in residence” refers to a commuting radius within 150 miles of TC. Visiting scholar status is generally reserved for individuals who hold a doctorate or other terminal degree and fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Scholars from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. or its equivalent in another country who are on leave from said institutions
- Current and former officials of governments or NGOs, such as the United Nations, and their affiliates
- Practicing professionals, creative artists and recognized experts in the field
- Other persons whom the Vice Provost determines will contribute to intellectual life at TC

Ineligibility

Please be aware that the following are ineligible for visiting scholar status:

- F-1 or J-1 degree candidates at the College or any Columbia University (CU) affiliates
- Current doctoral students and candidates at a regionally accredited institution within the U.S., or its equivalent from a non-U.S. country*

- A visitor who is being invited to offer temporary services such as a short term lecture or teaching.
- TC employees

*Doctoral students or candidates interested in visiting the College should consider applying to the Visiting Doctoral Students program.

Status & Privileges

A designation of “visiting scholar” comes with the following privileges, subject to the discretion of the Vice Provost:

- TC ID card and University Network ID (UNI)¹
 - Grants access to TC facilities and electronic resources, including an official College g-mail account
- Access to TC and CU libraries with some restrictions during periods of examination and/or special events
- Ability to audit classes with the instructor’s permission²
- Ability to attend open lectures and programs
- Participation in TC scholarly activities, along with their planned scholarly activities

¹ Visiting scholars can anticipate termination of their UNI and TC g-mail at the end of the academic term that the visit end date falls within.

² Visiting scholars interested in enrolling in TC courses for credit must formally apply to the College as non-degree students and are responsible for all applicable course fees.

“Visiting scholar” is a courtesy designation and does not signify a formal association with the College. Individuals may not claim a College affiliation for the purpose of applying for grants and contracts and should not represent themselves in their publications and correspondence as having a College affiliation. Beyond the application, neither OISS nor the College maintain official records of a scholar’s stay and thus are unable to provide a statement of activities. Scholars in need of such a statement should communicate with the faculty host and/or host department.

Application and Renewal Fee

Approved applicants must submit one of two nonrefundable administrative fees:

AY22 - 23 (September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023)

- Initial application fee: \$400
- Renewal fee: \$100

AY23 - 24 (September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024)

- Initial application fee: \$500
- Renewal fee: \$200

Applicants can submit payment via TC Cashnet, which accepts only credit cards (VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, Masterpass). Note that any fees paid by the College on behalf of the scholar will be treated as income for the scholar and must be in compliance with immigration policies.

Faculty Host

Visiting scholars must be recommended by a faculty host.

Please note that hosts must be:

- A full-time member of the College's instructional staff³; or a management-level academic administrative staff (e.g. lab/institute/center director) with shared academic disciplines.
- In residence at the College (and not away on sabbatical leave) during the approved visit period.

³A full-time faculty on contract can only act as a visiting scholar host provided that the visit dates in question fall within the host's employment contract period at the College.

Host faculty are responsible for acting as their respective scholar's primary point of contact. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Supporting department- or program-level administrators with completing the online visiting scholar application in TC Compass;
- Facilitating meetings between the scholar and members of the College community; and
- Providing adequate workspace, if available, with the understanding that workspace is not guaranteed.

Identifying a Faculty Host

It is the responsibility of prospective applicants to identify and confirm a TC host. We encourage interested parties to visit TC department/center websites or the faculty profile pages to learn more about TC faculty, their academic disciplines and current projects. Prospective applicants are welcome to reach out to those whose research interests best align with their own to discuss a possible visit.

Application Process

After confirming a faculty host, applicants must work with the hosting academic department to complete the application process. A designated staff (DS) from the host department must initiate the official visiting scholar application via TC-Compass. The DS will also act as the scholar's main administrative point of contact during the visit; and along with the faculty host, is responsible for helping the scholar become acclimated to the TC campus.

How to Apply

1. The DS initiates the application process in TC-Compass.

2. The applicant receives an email with TC-Compass login credentials and must complete the:
 - a. Online visiting scholar application
 - b. J-1 DS-2019 Request form (only if applying for visa sponsorship)
3. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification via email with instructions on how to submit relevant fees (administrative or renewal) via credit card via TC-Cashnet.
4. Once the fees are received, the OISS will send a formal letter of invitation to the scholar and the host via email.
5. The applicant submits the Form DS-2019 (only if applying for visa sponsorship).

When completing the application in TC-Compass, applicants should be ready to upload the following additional documents:

- Resume/CV
- Research plan
- Passport
- Financial documents (only if applying for visa sponsorship)
- English Language Proficiency (ELP) documents (only if applying for visa sponsorship)

Processing Times

OISS recommends that departments begin the application process at least 3 months in advance of the visit start date to allow ample time for review. Prospective scholars should allow approximately 14 business days -- provided no additional information is required -- for a complete review of an application submitted in its entirety; and that applications are processed in the order in which they are received. OISS recommends that departments begin the application at least 3 months in advance of the visit start date to allow ample time for review.

Visa Sponsorship

The U.S. Department of State authorizes the College to sponsor foreign nationals for the J-1 Exchange Visitor program for the purpose of engaging in research, scholarly collaboration and to promote global exchange. Upon receipt of all required documents, OISS will issue a form DS-2019 to support the J-1 visa application for an approved visiting scholar.

Financial Arrangements

Scholars are responsible for their own financial accommodations and living arrangements during their stay. The College does not financially compensate visiting scholars, nor are scholars eligible for College or CU benefits (including health insurance). Scholars may not be compensated from a College account, given a fellowship or be reimbursed for expenses without prior approval of the Vice Provost. If granted authorization and provided that it does not violate the scholar's immigration status, a scholar may receive a honoraria for participating in a conference or giving an occasional lecture, in accordance with the College's policy on procurement. Even so, it is the scholar's responsibility to communicate with OISS prior to engaging in an activity in order to verify if they are eligible to be compensated for activities that are related and part of their program.

Responsible Office(s): Office of International Students & Scholars

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Contact Information & Travel Directions

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New York, NY 10027

Telephone: (212) 678-3000

Fax: (212) 678-4048

www.tc.columbia.edu

Access Services

Office of Access and Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Tel/Voice: (212) 678-3689

TTY: (212) 678-3853

Video Phone: (646) 755-3144

Fax: (212) 678-3793

Email: osasid@tc.edu

tc.edu/oasid

Admission

Office of Admission

Tel: (212) 678-3710

Fax: (212) 678-4171

Email: admission@tc.columbia.edu

tc.edu/admission

TC NEXT

Tel: (212) 678-3140

Fax: (212) 678-3107

Email: careereducation@tc.columbia.edu

tc.edu/tcnext

Doctoral Studies

Office of Doctoral Studies

Tel: (212) 678-4058

Fax: (212) 678-3005

Email: ods@tc.edu

tc.edu/doctoral

Employment

Office of Human Resources

Tel: (212) 678-3175

Fax: (212) 678-3178

Email: hr@tc.edu

tc.edu/hr

Housing (On-campus)

Office of Residential Services

Tel: (212) 678-3235

Fax: (212) 678-3222

Email: housing@tc.edu

tc.edu/housing

International Services

Office of International Students and Scholars

Tel: (212) 678-3939

Fax: (212) 678-3990

Email: tcintl@tc.edu

tc.edu/international

Payment of Fees

Office of the Bursar

Tel: (212) 678-3056

Fax: (212) 678-4139

Email: bursar@tc.edu

tc.edu/bursar

Registration

Office of the Registrar

Tel: (212) 678-4050

Fax: (212) 678-3005

Email: registrar@tc.edu

tc.edu/registrar

Safety and Security

Office of Campus Safety & Security

Tel: (212) 678-3098

Fax: (212) 678-3222

Email: tcsecurity@tc.edu

tc.edu/security

Financial Aid

Office of Financial Aid

Tel: (212) 678-3714

Fax: (212) 678-4089

Email: FinancialAid@tc.edu

tc.edu/financial-aid

How to Get to Teachers College

- By Bus: Four bus routes include stops at West 120th Street: M4, M5, M11, M104
- By Subway: Take the 1 local subway to the 116th Street Station; walk north on Broadway to West 120th Street. Teachers College is on the north side of West 120th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.
- By Car: The Henry Hudson Parkway (West Side Highway) is convenient to Teachers College. The highway can be reached from most of the main routes entering New York City. Whether driving north or south, leave the West Side Highway at the 96th Street exit; at the first traffic light turn left (north) onto Riverside Drive; at 120th Street turn right and go two blocks east to the College.
- Parking: The following garages in the area will accept outside cars if you phone in advance.
 - E & B Operating Corp. (137 West 108th Street / (212) 865-8315)
 - Riverside Church Garage (Riverside Drive & 120th St. / (212) 870-6736)
 - Upper Westside Garage (234 West 108th Street / (212) 222-8800)
 - Park Yorkshire Garage (151 West 108th Street / (212) 865-2314)
 - Morningside Garage (3100 Broadway / (212) 864-9877)