

A student with a backpack is walking on a grassy hill at Colgate University. The background features a large stone building with a blue sky and trees with autumn foliage. A red banner is overlaid on the top left of the image.

# *The Road to* **Colgate**

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL





# Welcome to Colgate University

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## AN INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMICS

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Academics at Colgate are appropriately challenging, and as you navigate those challenges, remind yourself that you were admitted here for a reason — you have proven yourself and you can succeed at Colgate. The Liberal Arts Core Curriculum gives every student the opportunity to explore new fields and disciplines, and to take classes across campus in a variety of academic fields. This is your opportunity to explore new ideas, areas, approaches, and fields of study.

### LIBERAL ARTS CORE CURRICULUM

The Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (the Core) ensures a well-rounded liberal arts education by requiring all students to take a wide array of courses beyond, but often complementary to, their majors and minors. The Core comprises:

- I. The First-Year Seminar (FSEM) and Living and Learning Workshop (LLW) are completed during the fall of a student's first year.
- II. The Core Components are completed during the first two years and are composed of three courses, completed in any order:
  - A. Core Communities
  - B. Core Conversations
  - C. Core Sciences
- III. Liberal Arts Practices (one course in each practice):
  - Confronting Collective Challenges
  - The Process of Writing
  - Quantitative and Algorithmic Reasoning
  - Language Study
  - Artistic Practice and Interpretation
- IV. Areas of Inquiry (one course in each area):
  - Human Thought and Expression
  - Natural Science and Mathematics
  - Social Relations, Institutions, and Agents
- V. The Physical Education and Wellness requirement should be completed by the end of your second year. Two units are required and there are a variety of ways to fulfill them. Visit the Department of Physical Education webpage for more info.

More detailed information about the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum will be available on the first-year registration webpage in June.

For more clarity on graduation requirements, visit [catalog.colgate.edu](https://catalog.colgate.edu) and consult your academic adviser.



## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Throughout Orientation, we will be holding pre-professional sessions hosted by Colgate faculty members. You will be able to take advantage of the opportunity to connect with professors and learn more about specific areas of study. More information regarding these sessions will be in the Orientation schedule.

## FALL COURSE SCHEDULES AND ADVISING

The registrar's office will build your fall schedule based on the information you provide on your Colgate Academic Preferences and Experiences (CAPE) form. The CAPE form will ask you to provide information about relevant high school coursework and experiences, indicate your current intentions for studying at Colgate, and give you the opportunity to identify courses that are of interest to you. The CAPE form will guide you through each step of the process and the registrar's office webpages will give you the information you need to make informed decisions for the fall semester and beyond.

Many of your questions will be answered by reading the class-specific information curated on the registrar's office webpage, but there will also be summer advisers available to help you think through your interests and help you navigate Colgate's curriculum. Summer advisers are members of the faculty uniquely positioned to discuss Colgate's curriculum and can also direct you to appropriate resources if you need further guidance. The registrar's office is also available to help answer questions about completing and submitting your CAPE form. Keep an eye on your Colgate email during this process for announcements and information from the registrar's office.

## STUDYING LANGUAGES AT COLGATE

Learning languages is fundamental to the liberal arts tradition. In recognition of the multilingual constitution of the U.S. and global societies, Colgate includes language learning as a key liberal arts practice of the Core Curriculum relevant to life in the 21st century. Studying new languages increases your access to off-campus study programs, fellowships, and scholarships.

Colgate offers beginning and advanced courses in 11 different languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, classical Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. Many first-semester language courses are only offered during the fall, so if you would like to study a new language, you are encouraged to enroll during the first semester. Advising sessions are also offered during the summer at Orientation.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

During the academic year, the Colgate community — led by a committee of students, faculty, and staff — selects a text for all first-year students **to read prior to coming to campus**. Associated with this reading, new students will complete a short writing exercise, which they will share with their FSEM instructor prior to their arrival to campus in August. This assignment is an opportunity to engage with the practice of the liberal arts, to open a dialogue with your FSEM instructor, who will also serve as your academic adviser, and to introduce yourself, your interests, and your educational goals to both your academic adviser and administrative dean. Once on campus, there will be other opportunities to discuss the reading with classmates, professors, and visiting scholars while attending programs related to the main text themes.



## ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS, SUPPORT, AND RESOURCES

The people, places, and things that will assist you in your academic journey.



### PEOPLE

#### YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISER

Every first-year student at Colgate takes a First-Year Seminar (FSEM), and the professor of that course also serves as your academic adviser, normally until you declare a major. There is no rush to declare a major (you will not be required to do so until the spring of sophomore year) and, in the meantime, your FSEM professor can help you find the academic program that will work best for you. Transfer students will be assigned an academic adviser based on their area of interest. You will have your first academic advising meeting during Orientation, so you'll be able to sort out any concerns you may have about your fall course schedule as soon as you get to campus. Remember that your academic adviser is an invaluable resource, so set up a time to meet with them if you have any questions or concerns.

#### YOUR PROFESSORS

Every member of the faculty posts and maintains regular office hours, typically three to four hours each week, as dedicated time for their students to ask questions about concepts, assignments, or other matters related to each professor's courses. You can find your professors' office hours in the course syllabus as well as in their on-campus directory listing. Office hours are set aside specifically to help you, so do not be shy about visiting your professors.

#### YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE DEAN

In addition to your faculty adviser, you are assigned an administrative dean to whom you can turn for advice and assistance. Your administrative dean typically remains with you for your entire four years at Colgate. They provide guidance, connect you with valuable Colgate resources, and assist if challenges arise that affect your academics or life at Colgate. The name of your dean can be found in your student portal. Administrative deans hold weekly open office hours in McGregory Hall; it is highly recommended that you stop by during your first semester and introduce yourself.



### PLACES

#### CASE LIBRARY AND GEYER CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Case-Geyer is the place to go if you need assistance from a librarian or need to access one of its many computers, books, or electronic and physical serials. The library also holds a variety of texts for pleasure reading. Librarians can assist you with navigating the interlibrary loan system for research materials, finding a book, and sorting through online databases. You will get an introduction to all things library-related in your FSEM at the beginning of the fall semester. Information Technology Services (ITS) maintains several public workstations of both Mac and Windows computers, printing, (including 3D printing), and three computer lab spaces, including the Digital Learning and Media Center on the fifth floor. The ITS Service Desk offers tech assistance, consultation, and equipment lending. Case-Geyer also hosts a professional audio recording studio and video production facility. You can book time and assistance through the ITS Service Desk.

#### COOLEY SCIENCE LIBRARY

Located on the ground level of McGregory Hall, Cooley houses natural science and mathematics collections. Cooley is great for quick printing or finding a less inhabited and nearly silent study space, and is especially convenient for anyone who lives on the hill and doesn't want to trek through the snow to Case-Geyer.

#### W.M. KECK CENTER FOR LANGUAGE STUDY (KECK CENTER, LAWRENCE HALL)

The Keck Center located in Lawrence Hall is the hub of language study on campus, offering access to language learning technology and language tutoring. It also houses office space for eight international language interns. You can use the language center for group study in the lounge or reserve individual rooms for private study. The Keck Center also administers Colgate's Less Commonly Taught Languages Program for students studying languages that are not already offered on campus.



### PLACES (CONT'D)

#### THE CENTER FOR LEARNING, TEACHING, AND RESEARCH (CLTR) (LATHROP HALL)

The CLTR is dedicated to enhancing and supporting both faculty development and student learning. Services include tutoring and learning support, coordination of summer research opportunities with faculty members, and student-athlete support. At any stage of your progress through Colgate, you can make an appointment to discuss time management, test-taking strategies, or general academic support. The CLTR arranges and refers students to free peer tutoring for a variety of courses and publishes a guide to tutoring resources available across campus. Student-athletes can also meet with the director of student-athlete academic services to help plan and maintain balance between academics and athletics.

#### WRITING AND SPEAKING CENTER (LATHROP HALL)

The Writing and Speaking Center is committed to helping all Colgate students succeed as clear, effective communicators, regardless of skill level. The center's staff includes students who work as peer consultants. Peer writing consultants can help you at any stage of your writing process, from brainstorming ideas to improving focus, argument development, organization, style, or citations. Writing consultants work through dialogue, asking you questions about the assignment and your goals, and then suggesting approaches for revision and development. Peer speaking consultants can help you organize content for an effective speech, presentation, or class facilitation. They can also serve as a test audience, offering feedback and tips for improving delivery to an audience. The Writing and Speaking Center also has a Multilingual Specialist, who works with multilingual students as they adapt to US Academic English and its conventions across disciplines. All meetings in the center are private, and you may self-schedule appointments at any time using the online scheduling system.



### THINGS

#### SYLLABI

In each course at Colgate, you will receive a syllabus from your professor that outlines the goals of the class, as well as assignments, mandatory events, grading, and attendance policies. The syllabi often include office hours and other academic support service information. Syllabi are typically distributed on the first day of class.

#### DEGREE WORKS

To help students and advisers monitor progress toward degree completion, Colgate uses Degree Works, a web-based tool that uses degree requirements from the University Catalog and reorganizes the student's transcript categorically to produce an easy-to-read audit. You will find the Degree Works tool in your student portal. The audit is divided into blocks to show requirements and how courses taken or in progress count toward those requirements. Degree Works can be used as part of advising sessions to determine course selections (in conjunction with the course offerings for the term) and to review graduation requirements.

#### MOODLE

Moodle is Colgate's enterprise learning management system (LMS), which supports teaching and learning activities across all courses. You can use Moodle to access course materials, facilitate communication, distribute and collect assignments, conduct online assessments, and maintain Gradebook records. You can access Moodle through your student portal. You can receive support for using Moodle by contacting the ITS Service Desk (itshelp@colgate.edu).

## YOUR HOME ON THE HILL

The residential experience is an integral part of your education, not separate from it. You learn in the classroom *and* where you live. This summer you'll receive a move-in guide with additional details about the residential experience and what to bring.

## ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

Most incoming students will arrive on campus the morning of the first day of Orientation, which starts on August 25. Other students, such as varsity athletes, those who participate in a Pre-Orientation program, and students in certain populations like international students or those in specific scholars programs, may arrive on campus earlier to take part in specific Pre-Orientation programs. The organizing departments will send information during the summer for these specific programs.

## LIVING AT COLGATE

### RESIDENTIAL COMMONS

Colgate's four Residential Commons are the foundation of your living and learning experience, offering you opportunities for connecting with other students, as an Otter (Brown Commons), Owl (Cicccone Commons), Fox (Dart Colegrove Commons), or Bear (Hancock Commons). Supported by commons co-directors, professional staff members in the Office of Residential Life, Residential Fellows, Community Leaders, and faculty and staff affiliates, your commons will facilitate your academic and social transition in a welcoming, enriching, and supportive community. You'll be able to engage with professors and your fellow commons members in activities throughout the year. The leadership team of your commons will also invite you to help shape the activities and events of your commons. The members of your commons leadership team are another resource for you, outside of the classroom, to provide counsel, and welcome you into your commons community.

### COMMUNITY LEADER (CL)

Community Leaders serve as a fantastic resource for students and are housed in your same residence hall. They, too, want to celebrate your accomplishments and help you when you make the inevitable mistakes. CLs are well trained and ready for your questions and concerns about living in a residential community. They have taken on a position of leadership because they want to help create the best experience possible for you.



BROWN COMMONS



HANCOCK COMMONS



CICCONO COMMONS



DART COLEGROVE COMMONS

### HOUSING PREFERENCE FORM

Housing placement for new students begins with the completion of a housing preference form, found on the student housing portal. Once you have completed your housing preference form, we begin working to assign roommates who have compatible preferences. First-year students will be housed in a commons with the students from their assigned First-Year Seminar (FSEM). Once FSEMs are assigned to one of the four commons, the University will use the information you shared about yourself in the housing preference form to place you with a roommate(s) and in a room within your commons. You will learn about your housing assignment no later than the first week of August.

### SHIPPING YOUR BELONGINGS

If you need to ship belongings, please plan for them to arrive near your arrival date. You will find your CU box number in your student portal, and please be sure to include this on all mail and packages. At right is how you should write your new address:

Your Name '28  
Colgate University  
CU Box Number  
13 Oak Drive  
Hamilton, NY 13346

### PARKING

All students may apply for a parking permit, all vehicles must be registered with the Campus Safety Department within 24 hours, and vehicles must display a properly placed parking decal. Parking regulations are in effect 24 hours a day, year-round. The designated student parking area is the General Use lot located near the athletics facilities. You can register your vehicle online to obtain a parking permit. Visit the campus safety website for more information on vehicle registration, parking, and permits.

You can also register bicycles, scooters, and e-bikes with campus safety. Bring your bicycle or scooter to the Campus Safety Department office, and you will be issued a numbered sticker to affix to your bicycle or scooter — free of charge. The process takes just a few minutes. In the unfortunate event of loss or theft, this identification sticker significantly increases the chances of recovery.

## THE 'GATE CARD

Your student ID card is your facility access card, meal swipe card, and quasi-debit card. Your 'Gate Card is one of those items you don't want to leave at home. You can add money to your 'Gate Card through the student portal to use for laundry, snacks, or at many of the local restaurants and stores in Hamilton. Take care of your 'Gate Card, both because you'll lack access to food and many buildings without it, and because it's expensive to replace — \$40. Immediately report lost/stolen ID cards to campus safety at [315-228-7333](tel:315-228-7333).

## CAMPUS SAFETY

The Campus Safety Department is operational 24/7 year-round, including evenings, weekends, holidays, and occasions when the University is closed. Campus safety is located at 88 Hamilton Street and can be reached at [315-228-7333](tel:315-228-7333) or [cusafety@colgate.edu](mailto:cusafety@colgate.edu) (for non-emergencies). Please program this number into your phone. Off campus, dial 911.

Campus safety is responsible for regular patrols of all campus facilities and grounds, coordinated emergency readiness and response, incident investigation, and community education and outreach. Other services provided by campus safety include parking management, ID cards and card access, special event management, personal safety escorts, repository for lost and found, motor vehicle assistance, and (on-campus) vehicular and traffic control. If you are not sure who to call, campus safety will help you get connected to whatever you need.

## COLGATE DINING

First- and second-year students are automatically enrolled in the Premier Plan, allowing them unlimited access to Frank Dining Hall and the Coop during operating hours and one swipe per meal period at the library café (more formally known as Chobani at the Hieber Café), Donovan's Pub, and & a Pickle, the deli and smoothie station at the Coop. The chefs are friendly, knowledgeable, and accommodating to dietary restrictions and special needs. Colgate's full-time dietitian is an additional resource for students with nutrition-related needs, including dietary restrictions and allergies, and can help you navigate the dining halls. We offer mobile ordering through the Boost mobile app, and if you add your 'Gate Card to the app, you can use your meal plan or 'Gate cash when you place orders. To promote sustainability on campus and to give you flexibility with meals, you may also use a complimentary reusable container for take-out meals. To consult with dining services, visit [colgate.edu/campus-life/campus-dining/contact-us](http://colgate.edu/campus-life/campus-dining/contact-us).

## FRANK DINING HALL

Colgate's primary dining hall is conveniently situated on top of the hill near first- and second-year residence halls and the academic quad. Frank has it all, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner with different stations featuring a new menu every day. Frank has the classics like pizza, cereal, a salad bar, pasta, and fresh fruits. Frank Dining Hall is open from early morning until late into the evening. For students with dietary restrictions, Frank features Rooted, a station specializing in vegetarian and vegan meals, and Pure Eats, an allergen-friendly station that avoids the nine major allergens.

## THE COOP

The O'Connor Campus Center (really only referred to as the Coop) is the center for student life up the hill. The Coop is known for its grab-and-go food, but you'll also find lots of different spaces to meet friends and share a meal together. Additionally, the Coop is home to & a Pickle, a mobile ordering-only deli and smoothie station, where you can pick up orders at your convenience.

## CHOBANI AT THE HIEBER CAFÉ

Located on the fifth floor of Case Library, the café is popular throughout the day, serving yogurt creations, sandwiches, smoothies, coffee, and more. As part of your premier meal plan, you get unlimited coffee and tea refills, plus meal swipes four times per day.

## DONOVAN'S PUB

Donovan's Pub serves classic pub food and has a fun atmosphere complete with a pool table and TVs to watch the big games. You can catch open mic nights and other performances at the pub, or swing by for weekly trivia contests. Located on the first floor of the James C. Colgate Student Union, this is also a late-night dining option.



## GET YOUR TECH CONNECTED AND SET UP

All University information will be sent to your Colgate email, including course registration, financial aid, billing, and student life information. Information Technology Services (ITS) can provide you with support on a wide range of software and connection questions.

Website: [colgate.edu/its](http://colgate.edu/its)

Email: [itshelp@colgate.edu](mailto:itshelp@colgate.edu)

Phone: 315-228-7111

In Person: ITS Service Desk, Third Floor Case Library and Geyer Center for Information Technology

### SET UP COLGATE EMAIL AND NETWORK/ SINGLE SIGN-ON (SSO) ACCOUNT

Check your Colgate email weekly for updates and deadline reminders. Your Colgate email address and network account username and instructions for setting up these accounts were sent to your admission application email when you completed your admission deposit.

### MOBILE CARRIERS

The carriers in the Hamilton area that have the best coverage include Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile. Check with each carrier for specific coverage, terms, and agreements before committing to any purchase.

### ENROLL IN MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Multifactor authentication is required for your Colgate email and network account. Your Colgate email and your network account are different accounts and you will need to enroll in two multifactor systems. You will have two weeks after the first login of email to set up Google's Two-Step Authentication. During the initial setup of your network account, setup of Duo will be required. Set up Google's Two Step by visiting Get Started at [google.com/landing/2step/](http://google.com/landing/2step/). If you miss the two-week deadline and get locked out, contact ITS for support. To modify any Duo settings, visit [myaccount.colgate.edu/duo](http://myaccount.colgate.edu/duo).

### SOFTWARE

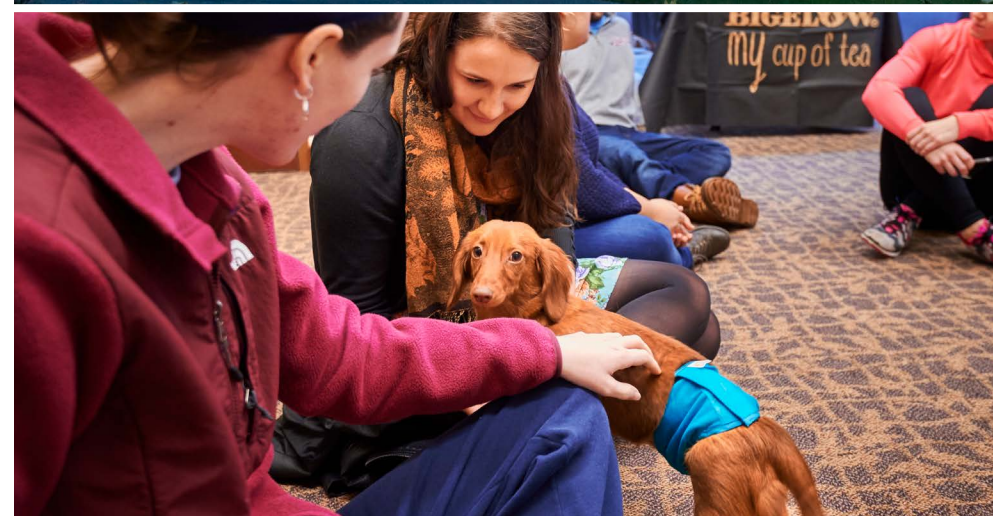
Before making any software purchases, check out our selection of software you can download and install at [colgate.edu/software](http://colgate.edu/software). Microsoft Office is available to all students with an active Colgate network account.

### CONNECTING TO CAMPUS WI-FI

Once you arrive on campus, connect your phone and laptop to the eduroam wireless network. For more information on connecting to our network, visit [colgate.edu/getconnected](http://colgate.edu/getconnected).

### CAMPUS TELEVISION

Colgate University provides an app-based, no cost, TV package called SpectrumU. Colgate no longer supports a physical cable connection. Use your laptop, tablet, phone, FireTV, Roku, or Apple TV to launch the SpectrumU app to watch over 160 channels.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Colgate wants to see you thrive and believes that access to resources that promote well-being can help promote a healthy mind, body, and spirit. These are all needed to find success at Colgate.

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

The medical professionals at Student Health Services offer a wide range of treatments and services, including general health, examinations for illness and injury, sexual and reproductive health, gender-affirming care, psychiatry support through a telehealth program, limited laboratory services, New York State driver's license vision testing, routine vaccines and immunizations, and travel consultations regarding immunizations and medications. Visits are free of charge; there may be minimal charges for tests and medications. You can call Student Health Services at [315-228-7750](tel:315-228-7750) with additional questions.

### IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH RECORDS

As a student, you must complete and submit proof of immunization, a meningitis response form, a tuberculosis (TB) questionnaire and possible screening test, and a completed health history form. These forms will be submitted via a third party site, Med+Proctor, which you can access from your New Student Checklist.

You will find these requirements and instructions on how to submit the required health information on the [colgate.edu/new-student-checklist](https://colgate.edu/new-student-checklist). You will receive a Colgate email in late June with instructions on how to activate your Patient Portal account with Student Health Services.

Students who lack adequate immunizations and/or do not submit immunization information will be unable to check in and receive their room key upon arrival. We strongly recommend you receive all required vaccines before you arrive at Colgate. If that is not possible, you will be able to receive your immunizations (at cost) through Student Health Services after your arrival on campus.



### STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Colgate requires that all full-time students have health insurance that provides adequate medical coverage in the Hamilton, N.Y., area. This requirement is fulfilled in partnership with collegiate specialist insurance broker Haylor, Freyer & Coon (Haylor) and can be met by one of the following options:

#### 1. Enrolling in Colgate's Student Health Insurance Plan

Note: All students whose permanent address is outside the United States are automatically enrolled in the Colgate plan. Students with a non-New York State Medicaid plan must enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan.

#### 2. Waiving enrollment by providing evidence of adequate coverage.

Note: Each academic year, even if your insurance coverage remains unchanged, Colgate requires all U.S.-residing students to complete the insurance decision process by choosing one of two options (confirm or waive enrollment). Haylor administers this process. The 2024–2025 academic year deadline for choosing is August 1, 2024.

### COLGATE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FEE ASSESSMENT

You will be automatically charged the Student Health Insurance Plan premium fee during July billing. If the waiver is completed and approved, the charge will subsequently be removed.

If no action is taken by August 1, 2024, you will be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan.

### ENROLLMENT/WAIVER INSTRUCTIONS

The deadline to enroll in or waive the Colgate University Student Health Insurance Plan is August 1, 2024. Go to [haylor.com/college/colgate-university](https://haylor.com/college/colgate-university) (beginning June 3, 2024).

- Click on "Enroll/Waive Health Insurance."
- Input the student's last name and Colgate ID number.
- Log in and submit an acknowledgment form.
- Complete the enroll/waive process.

#### If enrolling:

Please complete the requested information. You will receive an email from the Student Health Insurance Plan on obtaining your ID card (please allow seven to 10 business days).

#### If waiving coverage (U.S.-residing students only):

Have your current health insurance ID card ready; you will need this information to complete the waiver portion of the decision form (including uploading an image of your card, front and back).

For questions or assistance with the health insurance process, please contact Haylor, Freyer & Coon at 866-535-0456 or [student@haylor.com](mailto:student@haylor.com).



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS (cont'd)

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### SHAW WELLNESS INSTITUTE (113 BROAD STREET)

The Shaw Wellness Institute's professional and student staff focuses on all areas of wellness and health promotion, including physical, emotional, intellectual, financial, and social, through evidence-based practices. You can schedule a confidential appointment with a registered dietitian or alcohol and other drug counselor at the Shaw Wellness Institute. Wellness initiatives include pet therapy, free health supply delivery, bystander intervention, and a peer support program. For more information, visit [colgate.edu/shawwellness](http://colgate.edu/shawwellness).

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### COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CONANT HOUSE)

Our professional counselors are committed to helping students find success at Colgate through small group counseling, individual therapy, or other referrals to resources related to nutrition, recreation, sleep, or organizational skills. All students are welcome, with nearly half of the student body seeking the center's clinical services at some point during their four years at Colgate. Walk-in hours are available for you. Counseling services provides a counselor on-call available for any after-hours urgent mental health needs. For more information on the counseling center, visit [colgate.edu/counseling](http://colgate.edu/counseling).

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### HAVEN (CURTIS HALL)

Colgate's sexual violence resource center provides confidential care, support, advocacy, and trauma-informed clinical services to survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, child/family abuse, stalking, and/or harassment. Haven is survivor-centric and provides individual and group therapy and offers awareness and prevention programming through outreach and education initiatives. Visit [colgate.edu/haven](http://colgate.edu/haven).

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### ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

The University seeks to educate students about the implications of drug and alcohol misuse and abuse as well as the importance of healthy and responsible choices. You are required to complete a course on alcohol and other drugs meant to provide helpful strategies for the use of alcohol or other drugs for students who choose not to abstain from substance use. The misuse of alcohol or other drugs can result in physical and psychological impacts, poor judgments, and conduct in violation of the University's policies. Alcohol and other drugs misuse can also lead to sexual violence. Repeated involvement with, or excessive use of, alcohol and/or other drugs will be viewed as a health concern as well as a disciplinary matter.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT, DISCRIMINATION, AND HARASSMENT

Colgate aims to create and maintain a community whose members can study, live, and work together in an environment characterized by equal opportunity, inclusiveness, safety, and mutual respect. To that end, Colgate has policies that explicitly prohibit discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and related retaliation (collectively "Prohibited Conduct").

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### CHAPEL HOUSE

Chapel House encourages personal, religious, spiritual, and humanistic quests separated from the main campus. The house provides a quiet setting for meditation, prayer, and study, as well as a venue for the appreciation of religious art and music. All visitors are welcome to explore its extensive library, numerous artifacts from many religious traditions, and a large collection of sacred music.

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### RECREATION, OUTDOOR EDUCATION, AND ATHLETICS

Recreation, club sports, intramurals, fitness, outdoor education, and Division I athletics offer students a variety of ways to remain physically active. With nearly 40 club sports, a variety of activities are available. Intramural sports offer you a chance to team up with your friends to compete against other members of the Colgate community. The fitness program includes free drop-in group fitness classes and a 15,000-square-foot fitness facility. Outdoor education offers a wide range of trips and outings; you can get off campus for a chance to disconnect, meet a dynamic group of adventurous people, and learn a new skill. Colgate has 23 Division I athletic teams competing in the Patriot League and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC).



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Understanding diversity and building a diverse campus community through respect and inclusion are fundamental to Colgate's mission. The University ensures compliance with policies relating to affirmative action, nondiscrimination, and anti-harassment. A variety of cultures and perspectives enriches the quality of campus life, and the opportunity to share different views and experiences is at the core of Colgate's educational enterprise. Colgate is committed to a healthy and safe learning and living environment that promotes well-being and encourages growth.

### ALANA CULTURAL CENTER

Colgate's Africana, Latin, Asian, and Native American (ALANA) Cultural Center provides multicultural exploration, social justice education, and campus community building. The ALANA Cultural Center strengthens bonds and builds connections between faculty, students, and staff. The center supports students' social identity and leadership development through various programs that foster a sense of community, cultural identity, and self-efficacy.

### DISABILITY SERVICES (LATHROP HALL)

The Office of Student Disability Services provides academic, residential, transportation, and dining accommodations/adjustments to ensure every student can access the opportunities available at Colgate University. Students with documented disabilities who wish to seek an accommodation/adjustment should complete the online Diverse Ability Identification Form and submit current, appropriate, and comprehensive documentation of their disability. For details, including documentation guidelines, visit [colgate.edu/making-needs-known](https://colgate.edu/making-needs-known).

### LGBTQ+ INITIATIVES (EAST HALL)

The Office of LGBTQ+ Initiatives is committed to ensuring that everyone, inclusive of sexuality, gender identity, and gender expression, feels supported. The office is proud to be a campus resource for students and works to provide a safe and affirming campus community. Through various educational and social programs and community-building opportunities, the office is focused on advocacy and enhancing inclusion. Gender-inclusive restrooms are available throughout campus. To locate Colgate's public online gender-neutral restroom campus map, visit [colgate.edu/map](https://colgate.edu/map). Additionally, students who seek housing arrangements based upon gender identity may request to be considered for housing accommodations through the Office of LGBTQ+ Initiatives. Requests will be considered by the Office of LGBTQ+ Initiatives and the Office of Residential Life on a case-by-case basis with the goal of supporting students with specific housing needs based upon their gender identity. Please keep in mind that a reasonable arrangement in housing may not be one's preferred housing assignment. The University's ability to meet students' housing needs will vary based on a variety of factors, including available housing as well as the needs of other students.

### THE OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAINS (MEMORIAL CHAPEL)

The Office of the Chaplains, Colgate's religious hub, nurtures engaged, thoughtful communities of spiritual practice. Most of the major religious traditions, and several smaller ones, have active student groups that provide a vibrant and diverse community with regular opportunities for worship, prayer, discussion, learning, and meals. The chaplaincy staff also routinely supports opportunities to worship with local congregations. Students with a specific need for housing accommodations to meet religious requirements or doctrine should contact the Office of the Chaplains at 315-228-7682. To support a request for a religious housing consideration, the student must include a description of the consideration requested, the reason the consideration is needed, and a statement of support from the student's religious leader, which should be included on the religious leader's letterhead. The letter should also include the religious leader's contact information for purposes of any follow-up. Requests will be considered by the offices of the chaplains and residential life on a case-by-case basis with the goal of supporting students with their religious practices and beliefs. Please keep in mind that a reasonable arrangement in housing may not be one's preferred housing assignment. The University's ability to meet students' housing needs will vary based on a variety of factors, including available housing as well as the needs of other students.

### OFFICE OF EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (102 LATHROP HALL)

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive and diverse community, the Office of Equity and Diversity helps to promote understanding, respect, and inclusion at Colgate University. The office addresses concerns about equity, offers diversity education, and promotes inclusivity through various initiatives. The office is a key resource for navigating personal biases and instances of discrimination, and ensuring every student feels valued and respected. For questions or concerns about acts of bias, discrimination, and Title IX violations, students may contact the office at 315-228-6161.

### THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES (101 MCGREGORY HALL)

The Office of International Student Services provides F-1 immigration services and support to international students. The office also enhances the Colgate student experience by promoting understanding and awareness of cultural issues with the goal of cultivating global citizenship. The office also coordinates events for international students to engage with one another, share cultural meals, and connect during breaks.



## MONEY MATTERS

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### BILLING AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS (JAMES B. COLGATE HALL)

Below are several important items related to your student account for this upcoming academic year. Additional information on all of these items is available on the Student Accounts' website: [colgate.edu/student-accounts](http://colgate.edu/student-accounts). Please contact us at 315-228-4817 or [stuaccounts@colgate.edu](mailto:stuaccounts@colgate.edu) if you have questions.

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### TERM BILLING

Student account balance, current account activity, monthly statements, and electronic payments are accessible by students and authorized users via TouchNet. Visit [colgate.edu/student-accounts](http://colgate.edu/student-accounts) and click the red "Touchnet: Colgate's Student Account System" button. Billing statements are generated the first week of each month, along with a corresponding email notification to students and their authorized users. Colgate does not issue paper bills.

The main academic term charges (tuition, student activity fee, housing, meal plan, and health insurance) are assessed prior to the start of each semester. Fall term bills will be available in early July, with a payment due date of August 1. If you are a financial aid recipient and have completed all requirements, your account balance will reflect your financial aid credits.

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### ESTABLISHING A TOUCHNET AUTHORIZED USER

Please be aware that the Office of Student Accounts can only share and discuss details of your account with those individuals you have established as authorized users via TouchNet. TouchNet authorized users receive e-billing notifications; can view your account information; and can make e-payments on your behalf. We strongly recommend establishing any individuals assisting with your account as authorized users. Log in to TouchNet and select "Authorized Users" under My Profile Setup.

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FORM

A Financial Responsibility Form must be completed by you prior to your first term of enrollment. This electronic form serves as acknowledgment and understanding of financial responsibility to Colgate University. It is accessed and completed by the student on the New Student Checklist and is due August 1.

Office of Student Accounts: [315-228-4817](tel:315-228-4817) or [stuaccounts@colgate.edu](mailto:stuaccounts@colgate.edu)

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### TOUCHNET TERM PAYMENT PLAN

Rather than pay the full term balance by the initial deadline (August 1 for fall, January 10 for spring), you may choose to use a term-based payment plan available in TouchNet. A four-payment plan is available during the month of July, after fall bills are shared. Similarly, the plan exists for the spring term in December (after spring bills are shared). Details are available at [colgate.edu/student-accounts#payment](http://colgate.edu/student-accounts#payment).

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### TUITION INSURANCE PROGRAM

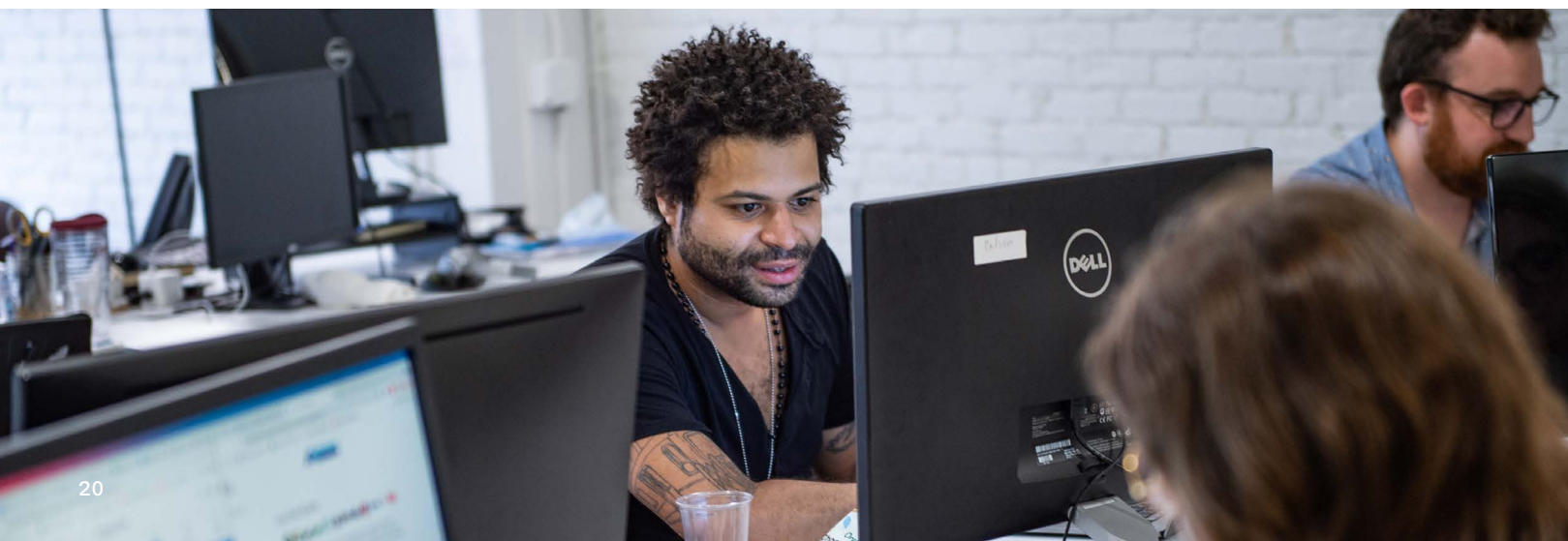
Tuition insurance is available through A.W.G. Dewar, Inc. Information about the tuition insurance program is available on our website, [colgate.edu/student-accounts](http://colgate.edu/student-accounts), and will be provided in a separate mailing.

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### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Enrolled students interested in obtaining on-campus employment should watch their Colgate email for information from Student Employment about applying for positions on campus and required paperwork. If you have questions about employment opportunities on campus and how to apply for a job, you should contact Student Employment at [studentemployment@colgate.edu](mailto:studentemployment@colgate.edu). Those with questions or concerns about meeting their earnings targets should contact the Office of Financial Aid at [fnaid@colgate.edu](mailto:fnaid@colgate.edu), supplying their name, Colgate ID#, and the nature of their question/concern.

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**COLGATE SPIRIT  
AND PRIDE**

Colgate was founded by 13 men with 13 dollars, 13 prayers, and 13 articles; the number 13 has become historically symbolic for the University. In 2022, as Colgate celebrated its 50th anniversary of co-education, 13 women gave \$13 million to Colgate in support of University initiatives. The tradition of 13 remains even as Colgate changes and evolves.

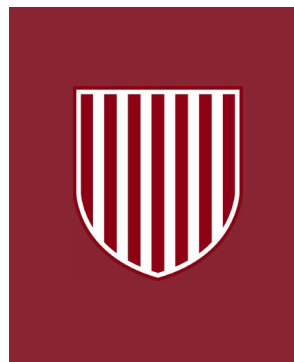
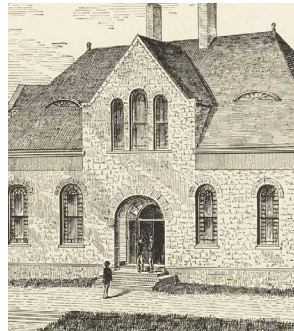


**Our Logo C**  
is inspired by the cover of the 1904 *Salmagundi* school yearbook. Track and field athletes brandished that C and Colgate had its first athletics logo more than 100 years ago.

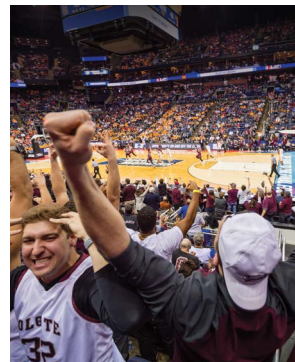
**Our Motto**  
“Deo ac Veritati,” meaning “For God and Truth.” The goal and motivation for all Colgate students — past, present, and future — is the pursuit of truth.



**Our Number**  
Thirteen. Learn to love the number 13 because it will be ever present throughout your Colgate career. The University’s address is 13 Oak Drive. Our ZIP code is 13346. The first two numbers, standing alone, are the number 13, and the sum of the remaining three totals 13. Even the University’s motto has a connection with 13. There are — no surprise here — 13 letters in “Deo ac Veritati.”



**Colgate Athletes**  
wear 13 stripes in an iconic C-branded shield. The 13 stripes represent Colgate’s 13 and pay homage to those Colgate student-athletes who have come before and who “earned their stripes” competing for championships.



**Colgate Day**  
So this superstitious number has a very special meaning on our campus. And in honor of the tradition, every Friday the 13th is “Colgate Day,” where students, staff, faculty, and alumni from all around the world celebrate by wearing maroon.

**Colgate “Hello”**  
A simple “hello” on campus has the potential to lead to involvement, lifelong friendships, internships and jobs, intellectual engagement, and more.



*What’s next?*

We hope this welcome brochure provided you with valuable information that you can refer to in the years to come. Your own, unique Colgate story will begin; we can’t wait to share it with you!

Go to [colgate.edu/new-student-checklist](https://colgate.edu/new-student-checklist) to view the complete New Student Checklist and to discover, prepare for, and start experience life as a Colgate student. Contact [newstudents@colgate.edu](mailto:newstudents@colgate.edu) for any questions.

*Join the  
community*

Stay current by following Colgate University’s social media accounts. Follow:

- Colgate University
- @colgateuniversity
- @colgateuniv

The student Link Staff Instagram account is a great way to connect with current students who can show you the ropes.

Follow Orientation Link Staff:  
[@colgate\\_linkstaff](https://www.instagram.com/colgate_linkstaff)

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