

# Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS)

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## APPLICATION MATERIALS AND POLICIES

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences requires all application materials listed in the General Guidelines, including the following materials:

- Three recommendations for Ph.D. and Psy.D. applicants (if you have completed a significant amount of graduate work, at least two references from professors in your major program); two recommendations for M.F.A. applicants; and one for all other master's and certificate applicants unless otherwise indicated in the following chart.
- One official transcript from each institution attended.
- Any additional materials required by your program, as listed in the following chart.

To ensure that your application is complete and processed promptly, all materials (with the exception of official test scores) that cannot be submitted electronically should be mailed in a single envelope. All application materials must be received by the appropriate deadlines. Due to the large volume of applications received, we are not able to notify applicants of missing documents. If you have any questions concerning the status of your application, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at the e-mail address listed above.

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In an essay of 250 to 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application. If you are applying for an assistantship or fellowship, you should also include information on any teaching experience you have had.

## INTERVIEWS

Some programs prefer to interview applicants before making admission decisions. If your department desires an interview, someone from the department will contact you.

## REQUIRED TESTS

Except for the certificate and M.F.A. programs, all programs require that you take the general test of the GRE. The accompanying chart lists any other required standardized tests for each program. Be sure to give the Educational Testing Service (ETS) the appropriate school code.

The ETS code for Arts and Sciences is 5246

*International applicants:* Use the above code to have your TOEFL score sent to the Arts and Sciences graduate admissions office; a code is not required for IELTS scores.

## ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Many departments offer teaching assistantships and fellowships to full-time degree candidates, and a few offer research assistantships. To be considered for one of these awards, answer "Yes" to that question on your admission application. Doctoral candidates receive preference in the awarding of full graduate teaching assistantship/fellowship packages.

Prior to registration, all graduate teaching assistants who have not served at GW in the previous year must satisfactorily complete the Graduate Teaching Assistant Program. *International applicants* applying to be GTAs must also have met the stated minimums for the one of the following English language tests:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based; 250 on computer-based; or 100 on Internet-based

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<b>American Studies</b>		801					M.A. applications encouraged by March 1. Statement of Purpose must be 500-1,000 words. Telephone or in-person interview recommended for Ph.D. applicants.
American Studies	M.A., Ph.D.		801	N/N	A/F		
Folklife	M.A.		802	N/N			
Historic Preservation	M.A.		803	Y/N			
Museums and Material Culture	M.A.		804	N/N			
<b>Anthropology</b>		133					Applications due for fall semester, February 15; for spring, September 15.
Anthropology	M.A.		133	Y/N	A/F		
International Development	M.A.		1000	Y/N	A/F		
Folklife	M.A.		477	Y/N	A/F		
Museum Training	M.A.		137	Y/N	A/F		
<b>Art History</b>		025					Application encouraged by March 1.
Art History	M.A.		025	Y/N	A/F		
Museum Training	M.A.		021	Y/N	A/F		
<b>Art Therapy</b>	M.A.	255		N/N	F	Y	Applications due by January 15. Portfolio and two letters of recommendation required.

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Biochemistry	M.S.	027		Y/N		Y	Applications for fall semester due August 1; spring due December 15. Assistantships possible after enrollment. For Ph.D., see Biomedical Sciences.
Biological Sciences	M.S., Ph.D.	977		Y/Y	A/F	Y	Applications for fall semester due January 2; 1-2 page statement of specific research interests required
<b>Biomedical Sciences</b>							Applications due January 2. Minimum TOEFL score of 600 paper-based, 250 computer-based, or 100 Internet-based, or an overall band score of 7.0 on the academic IELTS with no individual band below 6.0.
Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics	Ph.D.	762		N/N	F	Y	
Microbiology and Immunology	Ph.D.	762		N/N	F	Y	
Molecular Medicine	Ph.D.	762		N/N	F	Y	
Biostatistics	M.S., Ph.D.	508		Y/N	A/F		Jointly offered by the CCAS Statistics Department and the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department of the School of Public Health and Health Services. Ph.D. applications accepted for fall semester only.
Chemistry	M.S., Ph.D.	034		Y/N	A/F	Y	GRE subject test in chemistry recommended.
Counseling	Ph.D.	129		N/N	A/F	Y	Offered in cooperation with the Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Applications due December 15. A master's degree is required. Call the GSEHD (202-994-1447) for fellowship application.
Criminal Justice	M.A.	278	278	Y/N	A		Jointly offered by the Sociology and Forensic Sciences Departments. Applications for fall semester due May 1; spring due November 1. Three academic letters of recommendation required; recent writing sample recommended. Review department website prior to applying: <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~soc">www.gwu.edu/~soc</a> .
Economics	M.A., Ph.D.	042		N/N	A/F		Fellowship awards typically limited to Ph.D. applicants.
English	M.A., Ph.D.	489		Y/N	A/F		GRE subject test, recent writing sample required; early application encouraged; three letters of recommendation. Ph.D. applications accepted for fall semester only.
Environmental and Resource Policy	M.A.	605		Y/Y	F		
Epidemiology	M.S., Ph.D.	507		Y/N	A/F		Jointly offered by the CCAS Statistics Department and the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department of the School of Public Health and Health Services. Ph.D. applications accepted for fall semester only.
<b>Fine Arts</b>							Fall applications due March 1; GRE not required.
Ceramics/Sculpture	M.F.A.	1038		Y/Y	A/F	Y	Slide or digital portfolio required.
Drawing/Painting	M.F.A.	1040		Y/N	A/F	Y	Slide or digital portfolio required.
Interior Design	M.F.A.	837		Y/Y	A/F		Portfolio optional; offered at the Mount Vernon campus.
New Media	M.F.A.	1039		Y/N	A/F	Y	Slide or digital portfolio required.
Photography	M.F.A.	251		Y/N	A/F	Y	Slide or digital portfolio required.
<b>Forensic Sciences</b>	M.F.S.	195		Y/N			Applications for fall semester due March 1; earlier application encouraged.
Crime Scene Investigation			995				
Forensic Chemistry			940				
Forensic Molecular Biology			483				
Forensic Toxicology			996				
High-Tech Crime Investigation			990				Offered at Arlington. Applications for fall semester due July 15; spring due November 15.
Security Management			885				
Forensic Investigation	Certificate	1016					Applicants must have at least five years experience as a forensic investigator.
Genomics and Bioinformatics	M.S.	946		Y/N		Y	Applications for fall semester due May 31; spring due October 15. Assistantships possible after enrollment.
Geography	M.A.	056		Y/N	A/F	Y	
<b>History</b>		061					Ph.D. applicants must submit a Prospective Advisor form (available at <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~history">www.gwu.edu/~history</a> ). Fall admission only for Ph.D. applicants. All applicants must submit a history writing sample (research paper preferred). Two letters of recommendation required for M.A. applicants.
History	M.A.		061	Y/N			
Historic Preservation	M.A.		650	Y/N			
History and Public Policy	M.A.		611	Y/N			
Imperial and Colonial Studies	M.A.		943	Y/N			
U.S. Legal History	M.A.		852	Y/N			
American Religious History	Ph.D.	357		N/N	A/F		
History	Ph.D.	061	061	N/N	A/F		
Hominid Paleobiology	M.S., Ph.D.	811		Y/N	A/F	Y	Applications due January 5.
<b>Mathematics</b>							Early application encouraged; GRE subject test recommended.
Mathematics	M.A., Ph.D.	070		Y/N	A/F		
Applied Mathematics	M.S.	198		Y/N	A/F		
Media and Public Affairs	M.A.	810		Y/N	A/F		Current resume required; more than one letter of recommendation preferred, with at least one concerning academic potential. Application by February 1 encouraged.

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<b>Museum Studies</b>							
Museum Collections Management and Care	Certificate	1046		Y/N			Offered online. Applications for fall semester due June 1
Museum Studies	Certificate, M.A.	180		Y/N	F		Applications for fall semester due March 1; earlier application encouraged. Spring applications due October 15. Two letters of recommendation preferred. Fellowships for M.A. applicants only.
<b>Organizational Sciences</b>							
Human Resources Management	M.A.	973	665	Y/N			Organizational Management Fellows program offered at Mount Vernon campus. All other M.A. certificate programs offered at Arlington. Two letters of recommendation required for M.A. applicants.
Organizational Management	M.A.	973	820	665		Y/N	
Leadership Coaching	Certificate	868		Y/N			
Industrial and Organizational Psychology	Ph.D.	085	654	N/N	A/F		
Philosophy and Social Policy	M.A.	604		Y/Y	F	Y	In lieu of standard CCAS statement of purpose, submit 2-3 page statement of philosophical and policy interests and personal goals. For details, see program website: <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~philosop">www.gwu.edu/~philosop</a> .
Physics	M.S., Ph.D.	081		Y/N	A/F	Y	GRE subject test in physics recommended.
Political Science	M.A., Ph.D.	083		Y/N	A/F		Applications for the Fall semester due January 15; fall applications strongly preferred. Academic writing sample and three academic letters of recommendation required.
<b>Professional Psychology</b>							
Clinical Psychology	Psy.D.	750		N/N	F		Applications due December 3.
<b>Psychology</b>							
Clinical Psychology	Ph.D.		659	N/N	A/F		Applications due December 3. Applicants must submit a current resume and a Prospective Advisor form (available at <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~psycdept">http://www.gwu.edu/~psycdept</a> ).
Cognitive Neuroscience	Ph.D.		1011	N/N	A/F		
Industrial and Organizational Psychology							See Organizational Sciences.
Applied Social Psychology	Ph.D.		651	N/N	A/F		
<b>Public Policy and Administration</b>							
Public Administration	M.P.A.	087		Y/N	A/F		Two letters of recommendation are required for assistantship/fellowship applicants.
Public Policy	M.P.P.	326		Y/N	A/F		
Public Policy and Administration	Ph.D.	968		Y/N	A/F		
Non-Profit Management	Certificate	952		Y/Y			
<b>Religion</b>							
Hinduism and Islam	M.A.	948		Y/Y		Y	Consortium of Universities program.
Sociology	M.A.	134		Y/N	A/F		Applications for fall semester due May 1; spring due November 1. Three academic letters of recommendation required; recent writing sample recommended. Please review department website prior to applying: <a href="http://www.gwu.edu/~soc">www.gwu.edu/~soc</a> .
Speech-Language Pathology	M.A.	841		N/N	A/F	Y	Applications due February 1. Program available for those with undergraduate majors in other fields; such applicants should submit a list of courses that they plan to complete prior to enrollment in the graduate program.
<b>Statistics</b>							
Statistics	M.S., Ph.D.	610		Y/Y	A/F	Y	
Survey Design and Data Analysis	Certificate	860		Y/Y			Offered at Alexandria.
<b>Theatre</b>							
Classical Acting	M.F.A.	851		N/N	F		Offered off campus in collaboration with The Shakespeare Theatre. Application deadline December 15; audition, current theatrical headshot, resume, and summary of professional goals and experience required. GRE not required.
Theatre Design	M.F.A.	658		Y/N	A/F	Y	Design portfolio required; GRE not required.
<b>Women's Studies</b>							
Women's Studies	Certificate, M.A.	221		Y/N	A/F		
Public Policy with a concentration in Women's Studies	M.A.	601		Y/N	A/F		

**Degree codes:**

Certificate	91	M.P.P.	118
M.A.	20	M.S.	28
M.F.A.	21	Ph.D.	44
M.F.S.	50	Psy.D.	105
M.P.A.	63		