

Columbia College Chicago

Comedy Studies

A Semester at *The Second City*

Columbia College Chicago and **The Second City** have joined forces to create an intensive semester-length program in comedic performance, history and writing. Offered as an alternative to the traditional study abroad, Comedy Studies will provide students with the opportunity to study a full-time course load of classes from the experts in comedy and satire at The Second City Training Center in Chicago, with college credit provided by Columbia College Chicago.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COMEDY STUDIES

Eligibility

Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies will consider applications from students attending any four-year college or university who:

- Are currently enrolled at the undergraduate level in a college or university
- Have, or will have, reached a minimum of junior-level standing—or have successfully completed a minimum of 60 credit hours—by the time the program begins
- Demonstrate training and/or accomplishment in performance, comic writing and improvisation.

Admission to Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies

The faculty admission committee seeks students who will become part of, write for, and perform as part of a comedic ensemble. The faculty will consider all of the materials you submit in their selection process. Space in the Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies program is limited.

Admission decisions are mailed to applicants, typically two weeks after the application deadline date.

Important Note on college credit:

The Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies Program grants 16 hours of college credit upon successful completion. How that credit may or may not apply to your degree requirements will vary depending on your individual circumstances. Visiting students should know that the acceptance of credit earned in the program is always at the discretion of the 'home' institution. ALL students are strongly urged to consult with their academic, college or faculty advisors BEFORE enrolling in the program. In some cases, participating in the Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies Program could delay expected graduation dates.

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How to Apply

To be considered for admission to Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies, all applicants must submit the following documents (Note: All documents must be received by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in one envelope. No partial submissions of documents will be considered):

- 1. Completed Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies Admission Application**
- 2. Official College Transcript**
Note: Columbia College Chicago students may submit a copy of their transcript printed from Oasis. Applicants attending colleges other than Columbia College Chicago must submit an official transcript in an envelope sealed by the school they are currently attending as well as submit official transcripts, from all (if any) previously attended colleges or universities.
- 3. One letter of recommendation** from an individual who is qualified to speak to your skill as a member of an ensemble, your individual work ethic, and how you may benefit from an intensive study-away experience in comedy studies (i.e. a member of your college's theater department faculty or professor or theatrical director or improvisation or writing instructor).
- 4. Theatrical resume and headshot and/or a short description** (500 words maximum; typed) detailing your improvisation training, any sketch or improvisation performance experience and sketch writing experience.
- 5. Three short essays** (200 words minimum; typed) in answer to the following three questions:
 - How do you see this program fitting in with your college major or future career plans?
 - What are your strengths and weaknesses as a comic performer and/or writer?
 - Aside from your family and friends, who or what makes you laugh? Feel free to reference specific comedians and/or shows.
- 6. Proof of specific immunizations** (in compliance with Illinois Public Act #85-1315) as follows: one tetanus diphtheria shot within the last ten years, two separate measles shots during your lifetime, one rubella shot and one mumps shot (Columbia College students who have already submitted such proof of immunization upon acceptance by the College need not submit this form again).
- 7. FOR NON-COLUMBIA STUDENTS ONLY** – A \$25.00 application fee paid by check or money order, made out to Columbia College Chicago.

Return your completed application form, transcript, letter of recommendation, essays and proof of immunization to:

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
600 South Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60605-1996

Term applying for: Fall Spring

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SECTION 1

Please Type or Print in Dark Ink

1. Name

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

PREVIOUS, FORMER OR MAIDEN NAME

2. Mailing Address

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY

STATE

COUNTRY

ZIP CODE

3. Permanent Address (if different from above)

ADDRESS LINE 1

ADDRESS LINE 2

CITY

STATE

COUNTRY

ZIP CODE

4. Day Phone

5. Evening Phone

6. Cell Phone

7. Social Security Number (if available)

8. Email Address

9. Date of Birth

MONTH/DAY/YEAR

10. Gender

FEMALE MALE

NOTE: STUDENTS-AT-LARGE MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT.

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11. Ethnic Origin

- AMERICAN INDIAN HISPANIC ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
 WHITE, NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN AFRICAN-AMERICAN/BLACK, NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN

Columbia College Chicago complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment). Federal regulations require the collection of statistical information concerning ethnic origin, age and sex of our applicants. Columbia College Chicago admits students without regard to age, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, disability, sexual orientation and national or ethnic origin.

12. List person to contact in the event of an emergency

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

13. Mailing Address

ADDRESS LINE 1

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CITY

STATE

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14. Day Phone

15. Evening Phone

16. Relationship to you

17. Are you a U.S. citizen?

YES NO (If yes, proceed to question 22)

18. Are you a permanent resident/immigrant?

YES NO

19. What type of visa do you hold?

20. Country of Birth

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21. Country of Citizenship

22. At the time you begin course work in Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies what will be your class standing?

JUNIOR SENIOR

23. What is your declared major at your current college?

24. Are you currently enrolled in courses at Columbia College Chicago?

YES NO

25. Are you currently enrolled in courses at an undergraduate institution other than Columbia College Chicago?

YES NO

If you answered "Yes" to question #24, you may skip Section Two of the Comedy Studies Application and complete Section Three.

If you answered "Yes" to question #25, proceed to Section Two.

SECTION 2

1. What college do you currently attend?

COLLEGE NAME

COLLEGE ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

DATES ATTENDED

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE

2. Have you ever registered for classes at Columbia?

YES NO

Under what name did you register (if different from name listed previously in application)?

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Additional information for Visiting Students-at-Large:

Students who are attending other colleges or universities who apply to participate for one semester in the Columbia College Chicago Comedy Studies program are considered to be 'visiting students-at-large.' This means that they have not been admitted to Columbia College Chicago and they are not eligible to earn a degree from Columbia College Chicago. Visiting students-at-large are NOT eligible for financial aid through federal, state or institutional programs through Columbia College Chicago, nor are they eligible for veterans' benefits through Columbia College Chicago. In some cases, visiting students-at-large may be eligible for financial assistance through their home schools; contact the financial aid office at your home school for information.

Visiting Students-at-large may apply for admission to Columbia College Chicago at any time by completing the full undergraduate admission process, including a separate application. Please note that a student may not change his or her degree-seeking status mid-semester. If a visiting student-at-large applies for and is admitted to the regular degree-seeking program, he or she can begin studies as a degree-seeking student in the next available semester.

Additional note: Failure to make satisfactory academic progress as a visiting student-at-large can affect that student's future eligibility for financial aid as a degree-seeking student, should the student later decide to pursue a degree at Columbia College Chicago. For further information, please refer to the college catalog.

SECTION 3

How did you find out about Comedy Studies? *(please check all that apply):*

- Comedy Studies Brochure
- Comedy Studies Poster
- College Fair
- American Theatre Magazine
- Performink Newspaper
- Internet via www. _____
- Second City show program
- Parent/Relative
- Friend
- College Professor/Advisor
- Other (please specify) _____

I understand that providing false information may make me ineligible for admission to Comedy Studies or subject to dismissal from the program or Columbia College Chicago. I agree to abide by the regulations of Columbia as set forth in its current catalog and other official college publications. I attest that the writing samples submitted with this application are my own composition.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE