

Fall 2024 Comedy Studies Information Packet

Welcome, we look forward to working with you this Fall!

REGISTRATION

To make the registration process as easy as possible, students admitted to the Comedy Studies program will be registered for classes by the Comedy Programs Assistant. We will reach out with more information confirming your registration shortly. Each student enrolled in Comedy Studies will be registered for the following courses:

THEA 343 Creating Scenes through Improvisation 3 credit hours

Learn the essential elements of scenic improvisation as practiced at The Second City, along with the concepts necessary to create improvisation based sketch comedy and perform long form improv.

THEA 342 Writing Comic Scenes 3 credit hours

Scenic comedy is explored through the pitching, writing, analysis, rehearsal and rewriting of comic scenes with an emphasis on the practical application of structure, characterization and comic principles.

THEA 341 History and Analysis of Modern Comedy 3 credit hours

An overview of the roots of modern comedy through comedic traditions of Greece and Rome, Commedia Dell'Arte, Shakespeare, Restoration, farce, burlesque, vaudeville, cabaret, clowning, silent film/ slapstick, radio, stand-up, television and film.

THEA 325 Physical and Vocal Training for Comedy 3 credit hours

An active physical and vocal training that provides a physical comedy vocabulary, prepares students for performance classes and exposes them to topics such as clowning, slapstick, mask work, accents and dialects.

All classes meet at The Second City Training Center (230 W North ave), regular class schedule is 9:00AM -4:00PM, Monday through Friday.

Transferring Your Credits to Your Home Institution

Please check with your advisor to make sure that you have all the information that you need to make sure your credits transfer back to your home institution. If there are any questions, your Off Campus Study/Study Abroad office should also be able to help. We are happy to provide copies of syllabi and to answer any additional questions that your home institution might have.

Billing/Payment and Financial Aid Information for Visiting Students

Visiting students wishing to use federal financial aid to cover their costs at Columbia must complete the aid application process with their “home” college or university. Your “home” institution is the college or university where you are normally enrolled and will complete your degree. Please visit your “home” college or university’s financial aid office before the semester begins to complete this process.

All visiting students enrolled in this program will be charged the current Columbia full-time rate of tuition. All current tuition information and fee charges can be viewed via the Columbia website at:

<http://www.colum.edu/student-financial-services/create-a-plan/calculate-your-costs/budgets/attendance-budget-1617.php>

Students may view and pay their charges online through Columbia’s student portal system **MyColumbia**, accessed at MyColum.edu. You will need your MyColumbia number (this information can be found on the same portal you submitted your application through), and your password (your birth date in MMDDYY format) to log on. Once logged into MyColumbia go to Student Financial Services – CCCPay. This is where you may view your current statement and can pay your bill by e-check or credit card. Tuition is normally due 7-10 days before the start of the semester. This is stated and updated on MyColumbia. Those wishing to mail payments or pay in person may do so at the address below. For further questions or information regarding your billing statement you may contact Financial Services or visit their office.

Office Contact Information:

Student Financial Services

Columbia College Chicago

600 S Michigan Ave., Room 303

Chicago, IL 60605

1-866-705-0200

M – F, 9AM – 4:30PM

ORIENTATION

Orientation will take place on the first day of classes, **Tuesday, September 3**; you will need to arrive by **10:00 am** for Orientation at the Second City Training Center – 230 W North Avenue, 4th floor of Piper’s Alley. You will meet all of your teachers for the semester. Classes start immediately after the Second City orientation so plan accordingly.

At the start of the term, you will see both the Second City Mainstage show and the Second City e.t.c. show. We will arrange comp tickets for all of you during your first week of classes, these performances are generally on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night so please plan ahead to make sure that those dates are free.

HOUSING

Students taking part in Comedy Studies are expected to find their own housing in Chicago for the duration of the program . . . but that doesn’t mean we don’t want to help. The most common option for finding affordable housing is to go through Facebook MarketPlace, Zillow, or Craigslist. Some useful information to keep in mind is that your classes will be at Second City which is located in the neighborhood of Old Town and is less than a five minute walk from the Sedgwick stop of the Brown Line on the Chicago ‘L’ train. Neighborhoods on that train line will provide a quick commute to class. These neighborhoods include: Old Town, Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Roscoe Village, North Center, Ravenswood, and Lincoln Square.

We will also create a private Facebook group for the Fall 2023 Comedy Studies class, which is often a way students can work together to find roommates and housing with students who are attending their program. The comedy studies assistant will also post housing opportunities via the Facebook group as they present themselves.

The Comedy Studies assistant is also available to help with your housing search. Feel free to email comedystudies@secondcity.com to talk with them about any housing questions you may have, or to run potential housing by them.

FINAL SHOWCASES

The final showcases for the Comedy Studies semester are scheduled for the evenings on December 10 and 11 (if two cohorts, both cohorts will perform both days) at 7:00PM in the Second City. Information on tickets and reservations will be available in early October.

TRANSCRIPTS

If you are a visiting student and your current institution requires a copy of your transcript, you will be able to access a temporary copy through Oasis at the end of the semester. For an official transcript, you must request it in writing from Columbia College – for more information visit: http://www.colum.edu/Administrative_offices/Records/Transcripts.php

Please know that Comedy Studies is a small and unusual program that lives within a very large college and a similarly large theater. We recommend that if you have any questions or concerns that you contact Abby Seeber the Comedy Studies assistant at comedystudies@secondcity.com

Again, we look forward to seeing you this Fall!