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Student

Handbook

Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSFE) Student Handbook 2025-26

About Our Office

The Office of Student Affairs manages academic advising, student progress and advancement, academic programming, major events, and aspects of student life, in addition to organizing orientation, graduation, and other programs. We are here to help make your time at CBS unique, enjoyable, and balanced.

Faculty and Staff:

MSFE Faculty Director, Harry Mamaysky

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Senior Director, Academic Affairs, Susan West

Senior Associate Director, Academic Advising & Student Success, April Smith

Senior Associate Dean & Dean of Student Affairs, Samantha Shapses

Guiding Principles

Honor Code

“As a lifelong member of the Columbia Business School community, I adhere to the principles of Truth, Integrity & Respect. I will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.”

Please visit the Honor website, www.gsb.columbia.edu/honor, for more information on where and how to get answers to Honor Code-related questions. The information includes what steps to take if a student has witnessed a Code violation, a resource outlining the expectations of all students, a discussion forum to voice student opinions and a list of recommended books on leaders grappling with business ethics.

Columbia Contract

As a lifelong member of the CBS community, I will commit myself to honorable and professional conduct in and out of the classroom.

As a student, I will respect the professors, administrators and my fellow classmates. It is my responsibility to contribute to the learning environment and refrain from any actions that are disruptive or contrary to the professors' stated norms.

As an ambassador of Columbia Business School, I will conduct myself with courtesy and integrity in all interactions with recruiters, alumni and the external community. I am proud to represent Columbia Business School because this is how I will be remembered.

Columbia Core Culture

The purpose of the Columbia Core Culture is to promote a consistent classroom environment of mutual respect, preparation and engagement. Our expectation of students in class is to be:

Present: Student success depends on being on time and present for the entire class every session.

Attendance will be part of the grade for class participation and students are expected to sit in their assigned seats.

Prepared: Complete any pre-work needed for class discussion. Bring student nameplates and CBS Digital Casebooks (iPads). Expect the professor to cold call students in class.

Participating: Actively and constructively engaged is expected in the classroom. No electronic devices except CBS iPads and only for educational purposes. When allowed, should be directive, active, and specific with use.

The Academic Program

Introduction

The Master of Science in Financial Economics (MSFE) program is a two-year, master's degree program offered by the Finance Division of Columbia Business School. The MSFE provides academically distinguished and industry-oriented students with the opportunity to obtain a rigorous, graduate-level finance and economics training in an intensive two-year program. The goal of the program is to provide students with quantitative and theoretical tools that prepare them for careers in finance with potential employers including investment and commercial banks, pension funds, hedge funds, mutual funds, consulting firms, and policy-oriented organizations. In a competitive job market, the technical skills and analytical expertise gained through the advanced coursework offered in this program are increasingly valuable.

The MSFE program is designed for students who wish to pursue a more analytical and quantitative focused course of study in finance than Columbia Business School's MBA Program, but who also prefer a shorter and more industry-oriented experience than the School's PhD Program. Students take a carefully constructed curriculum offered at Columbia Business School. The program is intended for students who are interested in obtaining rigorous finance training without having to commit the 5-6 years typically needed to complete a PhD. Candidates should have academic preparation equivalent to that of entering PhD students, and should be fully prepared to participate in some doctoral-level classes and to complete a substantial research project.

This Guide is designed to provide information on the MSFE Program. It details course requirements, recommended classes, and grade requirements. The information in this MSFE Guide supersedes any previous edition. It is subject to change at any time, and any new developments will be announced in advance of their implementation.

Faculty

The MSFE program offers an opportunity to learn alongside faculty who are at the forefront of their disciplines. They are international influencers on business practices and strategies, continuing Columbia Business School's legacy of developing the world's top business leaders and strategists. Our faculty are exceptionally invested in student success and help create a collaborative culture that challenges students to push the boundaries of their expertise so they can contribute to today's most innovative organizations.

The MSFE program is led by Professor [Harry Mamaysky](#), the Faculty Director. Faculty members throughout the division participate in the program through application review, teaching, and research mentorships.

The Columbia Business School MSFE Program awards a Master of Science degree from Columbia University. It is the responsibility of each degree candidate in the Program to know and fulfill the degree requirements and regulations.

In addition to these specific regulations, students are also governed by the general regulations of Columbia University. While the University reserves the

right to amend these requirements and regulations at any time, every effort is made to inform students before any change is implemented. Students should consult the Office of Student Affairs well in advance of graduation to review their records and completion of requirements.

Tuition and Fees

The following [tuition and fees](#) are prescribed by statute and subject to change at the discretion of the University's Board of Trustees. MSFE students are required to pay University tuition and fees for four semesters and are charged a flat rate of tuition. To earn the MSFE degree, students must complete a minimum of **48 credits** and may take up to a maximum of **52.5 credits**. Early completion of the program is not permitted. Students who are not enrolled full-time (i.e., not paying flat-rate tuition) or who extend their studies beyond the second semester will be charged a **\$200 matriculation fee** for each additional semester of enrollment.

Billing and Late Payments

The University's Student Financial Services office, located in Kent Hall on the Morningside campus, handles the [billing and tuition collection](#) for each school at Columbia. University charges are billed on account statements by semester. Students access all billing statements and account activity on SSOL.

Students are expected to pay tuition prior to the stated tuition deadline each semester. Students are responsible for all late fee payments. Students with unpaid balances will have a hold placed on their account and not be permitted to register for subsequent semesters or have access to their diplomas until the balance is resolved.

Financial Aid

Columbia Business School's Financial Aid Office assists students with financing their MBA education through a combination of [institutional funds](#), federal loans, private loans, [military benefits](#), [external funding](#), [company sponsorship](#), and budgeting tools. While each year a portion of the entering class receives institutional awards, by far the largest form of financial aid for all students is educational loans.

Loans

Over half of Columbia Business School students take advantage of [federal and/or private loan](#) programs to help finance their MS.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans

US citizens and permanent residents may apply for fixed-rate Federal Direct Loans by completing a [FAFSA](#), a [master promissory note](#), and [entrance counseling](#). Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans are not need-based and do not require a credit check.

Federal Graduate PLUS Loans

US citizens and permanent residents may apply for a Federal Graduate PLUS Loan by completing a FAFSA, an internal [Graduate PLUS Loan Request Form](#), and [master promissory note](#). The credit authorization form initiates a check of the student's credit for adverse history. The credit criteria for the Graduate PLUS Loan are generally less stringent than for a private loan. Students can borrow up to the student financial aid budget, less the amount of other financial aid received. Students must borrow a full Unsubsidized Loan first before borrowing the Federal Graduate PLUS loan.

Private Loans

Cosigner Option:

Students may choose to borrow a fixed or variable interest rate private educational loan. Each year, Columbia publishes a [Suggested Lender List](#) which provides a comparison chart of private lenders offering education loans. If you are in need of a US cosigner they must be a citizen or permanent resident. Keep in mind that for some lenders, a student must have a social security number in addition to having a cosigner.

international students. Loan amounts and terms vary by lender. Once the loan is accepted with the lender, submit the [Private Loan Request Form](#).

The financial aid office is available during our operating business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., via telephone at +1 (212) 854-4057, or email at finaid@gsb.columbia.edu.

No-cosigner Option:

A no-cosigner loan option is available through Prodigy Finance or MPower Financing for international students. Loan amounts and terms vary by lender. Once the loan is accepted with the lender, submit the [Private Loan Request Form](#).

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Fulfillment of Degree Requirements

The MS in Financial Economics degree is awarded upon completion of 48 credits taken in residence at Columbia Business School in four terms of full-time study. No transfer credits from other institutions may be applied toward the MS degree. Eligible students may take the internship course (B9398) a maximum of 3 times for a total of 4.5 credits.

Degrees are awarded three times a year: October, February, and May. Candidates for the MS degree must file a graduation application in SSOL.

Prerequisites

Entry into the program is highly competitive. The program accepts applicants from various backgrounds. The minimum mathematical skill requirements are one year of calculus, including multivariable calculus, and one course each in linear algebra and probability and statistics.

Computer programming skills are essential in research. If students do not have adequate computer programming skills, they may wish to take a computer programming course before arriving at Columbia or in their first semester of study. In rare cases, students are admitted to the program without having all these prerequisites. Students are then expected to self-study the needed topics prior to enrolling in the program.

Course Requirements

The MSFE requires four semesters of full-time study (fall and spring) at Columbia Business School. Students complete a minimum of 16 full graduate-level courses including a thesis seminar (B9397), in which they conduct a research project on an industry-focused research question. Students typically take no more than 6 MBA-level courses. The other 10 full courses are offered primarily from the Business School's Finance Division. Students may, on a case-by-case basis, take graduate-level courses in other departments and Schools within the University.

Students are encouraged, but not required, to take an internship after their second semester, either in the summer or during their third or fourth semesters. The internship could involve working in a company or doing research for a faculty member. International students pursuing an internship can qualify for curricular practical training (CPT) after completing two consecutive full-time terms (12 or more credits each). CPT is an employment authorization pursuant to a for-credit internship elective course, specifically designed for practical training experience, and the credits will be counted towards completion of the degree.

Required and Elective Courses

Before the start of the fall semester students participate in a seven-day bootcamp that includes modules on Financial Markets, Python for Finance, and a Mathematics refresher. In preparation for the Python for Finance sessions we require students to complete the online tutorial CBS Python Level 1: Python Basics, located in your Canvas page.

In students' first year, they take mainly 9000-level courses in the Finance Department courses. In their second year, they enroll in some MBA electives, or 8000-level courses ensuring that they complete a total of at least 30 credits of 9000-level courses in the program. Students can cross-register at other Schools within Columbia University.

Students must select one of two tracks: the Academia Track or the Industry Track.

Fall of First Year

- Introduction to Econometrics and Statistical Inference II (B9324)
- Finance Theory I (B9302)
- Computing for Business Research (B9122)
- Introduction to Continuous Time Finance (B9336; half-term)
- Advanced Derivatives (B9337; half-term)

Academia Track:

- Microeconomic Analysis I (B9206; half-term)
- Microeconomic Analysis II (B9208; half-term)
- These courses are taken instead of B9336/B9337, which would then be taken in the fall semester of the second year.

Industry Track:

- Capital Markets & Investments (B8306)

This course can be taken in the fall semester of the first year instead of B9336/B9337 (which would then be taken in the fall semester of the second year) or the fall semester of the second year.

Students with a background in capital markets can waive the course by passing an exemption exam. If Capital is exempted, students will be required to take Introduction to Continuous Time Finance (B9336) and Advanced Derivatives (B9337) in fall of the first year.

Spring of First Year

- Financial Accounting (B8031*; January block week)
- Corporate Valuation and Financial Modeling (B8418*; January block week)
- Financial Econometrics: Time Series (B9325; half-term)
- Financial Econometrics: Panel Data (B9326; half-term)
- Microstructure Theory (B9330; half-term) * this course is tentative/subject to change
- Big Data in Finance (B9334)
- Empirical Asset Pricing (B9331; half-term)

Academia Track:

- Microeconomic Analysis III (B9209; half-term)
- Microeconomic Analysis IV (B9211; half-term)

Second Year

There are typically no required courses in the second year of enrollment in the MSFE program, though students will need to take additional 9000-level courses to fulfill the 10 9000-level course degree requirement. Most of the eligible courses will be offered from the Finance Division, and it is common for students to take 9000-level courses in other divisions of the Business School (e.g., Operations Research, Accounting), or in other departments/schools at

the University (e.g., Computer Science, Statistics, IEOR, etc.). Most students also take 8000-level MBA courses

PhD Prioritized Electives for MSFE include*:

Number	Course	Credits	Term
9010	Valuation and Financial Statement Analysis	3	Fall
9118	Foundations of Optimization	3	Fall
9153	Generative AI: Technical and Social	3	Fall
9221	Frontiers of Macroeconomics	3	Fall
9319	Asset Pricing I	3	Fall
9339	Systematic Investment Strategies	3	Fall
9320	Empirical Asset Pricing II	1.5	Spring
9329	Empirical Corporate Finance	3	Spring
9342	Text Data in Finance	1.5	Spring
9345	Intro to the Quantitative Investment Process	1.5	Spring
9653	Machine Learning	1.5	Spring
9654	Artificial Intelligence	1.5	Spring

*This list is based on course offerings for this academic year (2025-2026) and could differ in future years.

Prioritized Electives for MSFE include*:

Fall

Number	Course	Credits
8010	Fundamental Analysis for Investors, Managers and Entrepreneurs	3
8123	Global Macroeconomic Investing	1.5
8308	Debt Markets	3
8384	Derivatives	3
8389	Hedge Funds	3

Spring

Number	Course	Credits
8008	Earnings Quality & Fundamental Analysis	3
8307	Corporate Financial Management	3
8323	Asset Management	3
8377	Value Investing	1.5
9345	Intro to the Quantitative Investment Process	1.5
8474	Real Estate Analytics	3
8500	Lead: People, Teams, Organizations	1.5
8502	Strategy Formulation	1.5
8609	Generative AI for Business	1.5

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Thesis

All MSFE students complete a substantial group research project in the Thesis Seminar in the spring term of their second year. The goal of this course is to gain experience producing research in quantitative finance. Students will work in teams to design, execute, write, and present a thesis that involves original research on a topic approved by the course instructor. The expectation is that students will complete the Thesis Seminar and the MSFE program by the end of the fourth term.

Course Load

The standard course load is 12 credits per term. Students in good standing are allowed to take up to 18 credits, keeping in mind that at least 1.5 credits must be taken in their fourth term. Students requesting an increased or decreased course load should seek approval through the Office of Records and Registration. Good academic standing is required for any increased course load. Students on academic probation will not be permitted to register for an increased course load. Potential issues students should be aware of:

- Financial aid implications for taking below six credits in a term: Taking between 6 and 12 credits results in half-time enrollment status
- Student visa implications

MBA Pre And Co-requisites

All MSFE students are given exemptions for the elective pre-requisite MBA courses:

Corporate Finance, and Introduction to Programming Using Python. These topics are covered in the MSFE pre-term and also in the block week for Corporate Finance. If you are interested in taking one of these pre-requisite courses, please reach out to the OSA.

Credit and Enrollment Guidance

The average credit load per semester is between 12 and 15 credits. The first term is very rigorous as students attempt to balance community involvement and career activities with doctoral level coursework. You may balance your semester credits however you choose to meet the 48 credit requirement for graduation.

Full-time student status is 12 credits. There are repercussions for dropping below full-time status for students receiving federal financial aid or on a student visa. Please check in with the relevant office (Financial Aid or ISSO) if you have questions about this. F1 visa students may only take fewer than 12 credits in their final semester. Students on financial aid must have a minimum of 6 credits remaining in their final semester to be eligible for federal loans. The minimum credit requirement for the final semester is the number of credits needed to meet graduation requirements (with a GPA of at least 5.5).

Additional Resources to Prepare you for your Studies

Coding Classes

[Python Basics*](#)

[Python For Data Science*](#)

Excel

[Excel 2013 Tips and Tricks Excel 2013 Power Shortcuts Excel 2013 Charts in Depth](#)

Presentation Platforms

[PowerPoint 2013 Essential Training Up and Running with Prezi](#)

Other Guidance

[Communication Tips](#)

[Public Speaking Fundamentals](#)

[Overcoming Your Fear of Public Speaking](#)

*Only available for the first term of the program

Registration

Students will be automatically pre-registered for core courses in their first term, and those schedules will be released before the start of Orientation. Schedules will be finalized through Vergil during Add/Drop.

Course registration for subsequent terms is managed through both the Course Match and Vergil systems. Course Match is an advanced algorithm that assigns classes based on student preferences. The algorithm uses the rankings submitted by students and their classmates to determine the demand for every class. Using that information, it gives each person as many of their highly ranked classes as it can. The algorithm was created by Cognomos, based on Nobel Prize-winning research in economics. Vergil is Columbia University's online platform for student accounts, course enrollment, and grades. vergil.columbia.edu.

Students may not contact faculty directly to reserve a seat in a course, and faculty may not grant seats in courses. Enrollment is managed exclusively by the systems outlined above.

Cross-Registration

Students may cross-register in programs and schools outside of Columbia Business School. Only graduate level courses (4000- and above) in disciplines related to the MS in Marketing Science will count towards the MS degree.

Students may enroll in undergraduate courses as long as they are in addition to the 30 credits of graduate-level coursework required for the degree; students do not receive credit toward their degree for undergraduate level courses, but the grade earned in an undergraduate course will be included in calculating student GPA. Courses must be taken for a letter grade; Pass/Fail is not permitted.

Students are accommodated in other programs/schools if seats are available after the program's students are registered. Other programs/schools publish their offerings on varying timetables, and students are bound by their add/drop dead-lines. Please check the academic calendars for the various schools, as the timeline may differ from Columbia Business School. Additionally, final examinations vary and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of all dates.

Each school has its own procedures for approving cross-registration requests. Most require obtaining the approval of the instructor and/or a representative of the school's MS Office. Since this usually takes place after classes begin (during the add/drop period), students may wish to register for a full schedule of Business courses, and then drop one if they are approved for cross-registration. More information about cross-registration is available here: students.business.columbia.edu/records-registration/cross-registration

Grading

Below is the grading system at Columbia Business School for all courses.

Grade	Scale	Grade	Scale
H+	11	P1+	5
H	10	P1	4
H-	9	P1-	3
HP+	8	LP	1
HP	7	F	0
HP-	6		

P1 (Pass): The P1 grade was created to distinguish between a P given for Pass/Fail courses within other divisions of the University.

F (Failure): A failed core course must be repeated; a failed elective may either be repeated or replaced by another. The grade is final and not subject to reexamination; it remains on the transcript with the new grade of the repeated course.

W (Withdrawal): Students may officially withdraw from a course after the end of the add/drop period. The course will remain on the transcript with a grade of W. A grade of W is not included when calculating GPA; however, it is included when calculating the pace of completion.

IN (Incomplete): Incomplete grades are granted or denied at the discretion of course Instructors. If an instructor grants an incomplete for a course, the instructor and student must agree on a date in which the coursework will be completed.

Note that students cannot be certified for graduation with a notation of incomplete (IN) on their transcript.

The use of plus (+) and minus (-) will be allowed to be added to any grade except LP (and will have a standard weight of 1.0). When a forced curve is in place in the core, the number of pluses (+) added within each grade will be equal to or less than the number of minuses (-).

The incomplete must be resolved by 1) the conferral date or 2) six (6) months from the date the incomplete grade was earned, whichever is earlier.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure a grade is submitted by the agreed upon date or the incomplete deadline as determined by the above. The instructor is not required to submit a grade for the course after the applicable deadline. The mark of incomplete (IN) is not a final grade. Therefore, if a final grade is not submitted by this date, the mark of IN will revert to F (Failure).

8000 Level Elective Grade Distribution*

*courses numbering 8000-8999

The required grade distribution for Elective Courses is as follows:

H+: 2% of the class enrollment, rounded up to the nearest integer

H+, H, H-: less than or equal to 50%

+/- may be used with elective grades without restrictions.

The recommended grade distribution for Elective Courses is as follows: P1, LP, and F equal to or greater than 5%

+/- may be used with elective grades without restrictions.

Course Evaluations

The Samberg Institute for Teaching Excellence manages the course evaluation process. At the conclusion of each course, students will complete an online course evaluation form providing feedback on the course and the instructor. This information is very useful to both the professor and to the School. To assist students in choosing electives, archival course evaluation summary data for elective courses is posted online on the Samberg Institute web site for students to view. Evaluations for each course can also be seen by clicking the "View course evaluation" link provided on individual course description pages.

Academic Review: Minimum GPA Requirements, Probation, and Dismissal

During the academic review process at the end of each semester, the Office of Student Affairs monitors the academic performance of all students and makes available a support system for those in need of assistance. Students whose cumulative GPAs fall below the minimum requirements are subject to probation or dismissal.

No transfer credits from other institutions may be applied toward the MSFE degree (note: transfer credit is different from cross-registration, which is discussed below). Full-time MSFE students may choose to enroll in available MBA

elective classes, an elective Internship, and graduate-level courses from other Columbia schools (i.e., cross-registration).

Minimum GPA Requirements

All students are required to hold a GPA of 5.5 to graduate; maintaining a GPA of 5.5 each and above each semester is essential to your success as a CBS student. During the academic review process at the end of each semester, the Office of Student Affairs monitors the academic performance of all students and makes available a support system for those in need of assistance.

Students whose cumulative GPAs fall below the minimum requirements are subject to probation or dismissal.

Minimum cumulative GPA requirements for Good Academic Standing, Academic Probation, and Academic Dismissal are below:

- Good Academic Standing: GPA equal to or greater than 5.5000
- Academic Probation: GPA less than 5.5000 and greater than or equal to 3.7000
- Academic Dismissal: GPA less than 3.7000

Academic Probation

A student can appeal their dismissal to the Academic Standards Committee by written petition no later than 5 business days after receiving notice of their dismissal. Students are required to meet and share their statement with their academic advisor prior to the committee meeting. However, the academic advisor will not be present at the committee meeting.

The written petition should contain:

- A statement addressing any circumstances that contributed to the students' academic performance. A proposed schedule with rationale for class choices for all remaining semesters at CBS, and concrete steps the student will take to earn the necessary grades in each class.
- A completed cumulative GPA calculation with projected grades that are needed to return to Good Academic Standing by the end of the subsequent semester.

If a student is granted permission to continue in the MS program, they are required to meet with their academic advisor until Good Academic Standing is achieved. A student who was dismissed and whose appeal was not successful may reapply, via regular admissions processes, to the program with a supplemental essay explaining the circumstances and how they have grown during the elapsed time.

If reinstatement is granted and the conditions are not satisfied within a specified period of time, dismissal is automatic and not subject to further appeal. Students receiving federal financial aid should see the Office of Financial Aid's information regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Attendance Requirements

In addition to the requirements of the School and University, the MS program requires students to attend each class in person. Students should reach out to the faculty regarding excused absences (for religious observances; personal, medical, and family emergencies; military service; court appearances such as jury duty; and marriage ceremonies in which the student is the bride, groom, or member of the wedding party). Unexcused absences may have ramifications on your grades and participation requirements for the course, depending on the professor's requirements.

Exams

All students are expected to take their course exams according to the schedule posted at the start of term. If it is not possible to reschedule before the end of the exam period due to one of the reasons below (documentation needed if applicable), there are two "Exam Make-up Days" scheduled per term. Please speak to the office of student affairs. If the exams cannot be made up during either the exam period or these two days, a grade of zero will be entered for the final exam.

Please note: Students who miss an exam or make-up exam for an unexcused reason and do not notify the office of student affairs beforehand will receive an F in the class.

Exams may be rescheduled during the exam period for the following reasons:

- Exam conflict, defined as either: 1) two final exams scheduled at the same time; 2) three or more final exams scheduled within a two-day period; or 3) two exams that occur on the same day when one exam is scheduled to last for 4.5 hours or more. These guidelines do not apply to in-class exams.
- Religious observance: no documentation needed
- Military service: letter from commanding officer
- Court appearance: summons from the court
- Illness: letter needed from student's doctor stating when the illness began and for how long they should be staying home
- Family emergencies, such as death or serious illness of immediate family member: The Office of Student Affairs will determine what kind of documentation is required
- Communication of an expected absence must be received by the Office of Student Affairs before the exam period begins. Emergency absences will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Documentation is required as applicable.

Communication of an expected absence must be received by the Office of Student Affairs no later than two weeks before the exam period begins. Emergency absences will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Documentation is required as applicable.

Breaches of Academic Integrity and Conduct

The following **non-exhaustive** list illustrates the different forms that academic fraud or misconduct can take.

- Cheating on examinations or tests; also the fabrication of data and/or fabrication of results.
- Plagiarism – the failure to adequately acknowledge others' ideas, language, or research in papers, essays, dissertations or other work. This could include failure to indicate prior use of one's own work (for example, using one's own original work for multiple submissions without acknowledgment).
- Knowingly assisting others in plagiarism by making one's papers, essays, or written work available for such use.
- Misstatement or misrepresentation in connection with any academic matter, such as in an application for admission or financial aid, or during a formal inquiry by University officials.
- Misuse, alteration, or fabrication of University documents, records, and credentials, including transcripts and ID cards.
- Improper use of the library and its resources: theft or purposely hoarding or hiding books or materials.
- Misconduct in carrying out teaching or research responsibilities.

Support Services

Business and Economics Library

Part of the Columbia Libraries system, provides access to a breadth of online resources that can be used for job searches, course assignments, market research and more!

English Language Tutoring

Our international MS students are eligible for a total of 15 hours of English tutoring during their time at CBS. English language tutoring is coordinated by the MBA Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Students tutored in groups of two or more students can pool their hours (i.e. one hour session that two students attend and validate will ultimately only count as 30 minutes towards the 15 hours.) Additional hours beyond the allocated 15 total hours may be scheduled at the student's expense. Students cannot donate their hours to other students.

Please contact April Smith for more information at anf2102@gsb.columbia.edu.

Academic Tutoring

Student tutoring is available in select subjects through Starfish based on student tutor availability. Individual and group tutoring sessions are available.

Columbia Health

Columbia Health provides services to the Morningside campus with select services also provided on the Medical Center campus.

Columbia Health includes, but is not limited to, the following services:

• [Alice! Health Promotion](#) • [Disability Services](#) • [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) • [Gay Health Advocacy Project](#) • [Insurance and Immunization Compliance](#) • [Medical Services](#) • [Sexual Violence Response](#)

Disability

Students seeking an accommodation for a disability should contact the Office of Disability Services at (212) 854-2388. Information on the services provided by the Office may be found online at health.columbia.edu/disability-services.

If you have applied for or been granted accommodations, please notify our Disability Services liaison for MS programs: [April Smith](#).

Leave of Absence

We understand students have a life outside of Columbia Business School, and balancing your other responsibilities with the rigors of academic life can sometimes be a challenge. Generally, if you anticipate that you will be absent from coursework for more than a two-week period in a given term, we recommend initiating a discussion about [Leave of Absence](#).

Columbia University Student ID Cards

Student ID cards contain students' official photos and are distributed at the start of their first term. If a student loses their ID card, they must purchase a new card from the ID Center located in Kent Hall. Student ID cards are required to gain access to Manhattanville Campus, campus libraries, including Business and Economics library, various University and Columbia Business School sponsored events, and the Dodge fitness center. Each term, students may renew their term stickers in the MS Office. As a benefit, Columbia University Student ID cards are provided with a current term sticker, which may be used for free admission to many museums in New York. A list of museums is located at artsinitiative.columbia.edu/museums/.

Name Badges and Nameplates

Name badges and nameplates are provided to students at the start of their first term. Please note: students assume the cost for replacement nameplates and name badges, orders may take up to 10 business days to arrive and are placed twice per month.

Student Business Cards

MS students can order Columbia business cards through the following site: print.columbia.edu/content/business-cards

Merchandise

Columbia Business School merchandise is available for purchase in the University Bookstore, to purchase Columbia Business School branded items, you may also visit the Gear Store at gear.gsb.columbia.edu/.

Lost and Found

Students can stop by the security desks of Kravis and Geffen Halls to report a lost item. If a secondary resource is needed please visit their main office at Broadway and 131st St. PH: 212-853-3301. If an item goes missing on the main campus, please visit the Lost and Found housed in the Department of Public Safety at 3270 Broadway.

Columbia Business School Policies

Alcohol Policy

Columbia Business School permits the service of beer and wine (and beer and wine-based beverages) at school or student organization-sponsored events with the use of club or organization funds, providing the following guidelines are met:

- Events should be educational, cultural or social in nature. Drinking should not be the primary purpose of the event.
- Student Groups may not provide their own alcohol.
- Alcohol (wine & beer only) may be served during the following days & times: Monday- Friday, after 5:45 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, after 12:00 p.m.
- All spending must fall within the Columbia Business School guidelines for meals and events.
- All guests at an event where beer and wine are served must be able to show proof of legal drinking age (21 in New York State); anyone unable to provide proof of age must leave the event immediately.
- Substantial food and non-alcoholic beverages must be supplied when alcohol is being served.
- All events at which food or beverages are served must include cleaning services after the event, and events with alcohol require a temporary permit. These are additional costs and will be charged directly to the organizing group; there may be no games of chance, drinking games, contests, "happy hours," or other activities that induce, encourage or result in the consumption of alcohol.
- All events that include the service of alcohol must be properly registered in CampusGroups - this includes denoting that alcohol will be served where prompted.
- No alcohol may be served to a person who is disorderly. Note that this policy applies to alcoholic beverages such as hard seltzer.
- Off-campus events hosted by student organizations may offer a cash bar for hard alcohol with approval from the Office of Student Affairs.

Columbia University Policies on Alcohol & Drugs

Please review the full [Columbia University statements and policies on usage of alcohol and drugs](#).

Contracts

Students may not sign contracts or agreements on behalf of Columbia Business School. When appropriate, a member of the Financial Planning Office will facilitate getting a contract approved for an event. For more information regarding event management policies, please reach out to osa@gsb.columbia.edu

Logo

Use of the official Columbia Business School logo is strictly governed; for specific guidelines and to obtain logo files, see the School's Identity Standards, located on the Columbia Business School website. The Marketing and Communications team must be consulted when using the logo for any invitations, programs, publicity, attire, etc. For more information, please contact Keshia Mark at klm74@columbia.edu.

Columbia University Policies

The policies included in this section are excerpts from the Columbia University website 'University Policies'. Additional information may be found at: universitypolicies.columbia.edu/. The University Policies website is a useful reference to help students, faculty, and staff understand some of the policies and regulations of the University. Policies on this website pertain to campus safety (including harassment and discrimination), the confidentiality of student records, drug and alcohol use, student leaves, political activity, and more. This policy online reference guide is intended to provide information for the guidance of the Columbia community. Any questions regarding these policies should be directed to: universitypolicies@columbia.edu.

The Office of Institutional Equity (OIE)

OIE serves as a centralized resource for addressing all reports of discrimination and discriminatory harassment, including reports that involve alleged violations of Title VI and Title VII, reports that involve alleged violations of Title IX and the University's Gender Based Misconduct Policy, as well as reports that relate to violations of the Protection of Minors Policy. OIE is responsible for reviewing, investigating, and managing all incidents from inception through resolution whether the Respondent is a student, faculty, staff member, or affiliate. eoaa.columbia.edu

Promoting Inclusion and Belong at Columbia

Please visit the inclusion and belonging page for more information: universitylife.columbia.edu/inclusion-belonging

Student Privacy Policies

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Policy on Access to Student Records

The Policy on Access to Student Records under the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 can be found here: universitypolicies.columbia.edu/content/ferpa

Protection of Minors

Standards of conduct for all interactions between members of our community and minors including reporting suspected abuse and maltreatment of minors, registration of programs involving minors, and training for individuals of programs involving minors.

Policy Statement

This policy creates Standards of Conduct for all interactions between members of our community, and all volunteers, contractors, and consultants who interact with, supervise, chaperone, or otherwise oversee minors in programs or activities at the University.

This policy creates an independent duty for those who interact with, supervise, chaperone, or otherwise oversee minors in University-sponsored programs (including third-party affiliates), activities, and/or residential facilities to be trained by the University.

This policy also requires an independent duty to report suspected cases of abuse and maltreatment of individuals under the age of 18 immediately. Any member of the University community may report a concern if they have reasonable suspicion that a child has been abused or maltreated, either by a caregiver at home, or by any other person they believe could be responsible for abuse. For more information on the policy please see: universitypolicies.columbia.edu/content/protection-and-treatment-minors-columbia-university

Religious Holidays

It is the policy of the University to respect its members' religious beliefs. In compliance with New York State law, each student who is absent from school because of his or her religious beliefs will be given an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up any examination, study, or work requirements that he or she may have missed because of such absence on any particular

day or days. No student will be penalized for absence due to religious beliefs, and alternative means will be sought for satisfying the academic requirements involved. Officers of administration and of instruction responsible for scheduling of academic activities or essential services are expected to avoid conflict with religious holidays as much as possible. If a suitable arrangement cannot be worked out between the student and the instructor involved, they should consult the appropriate dean or director. If an additional appeal is needed, it may be taken to the Provost.

Columbia Business School Essential Offices

Deans Office

business.columbia.edu/about-us/leadership

Office of Financial Aid

(212) 854-4057; finaid@gsb.columbia.edu

Office of Student Affairs

(212) 854-5563; osa@gsb.columbia.edu

Office of Development and Alumni Relations

(212) 854-8815; alumni@gsb.columbia.edu; for more information please visit business.columbia.edu/alumni

The Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business

business.columbia.edu/chazen

Information Technologies Group (ITG)

business.columbia.edu/itg

Corporate and Foundation Partnerships

business.columbia.edu/corporate

Marketing and Communication

business.columbia.edu/marcomms

Columbia University Essential Offices

Health Services

(212) 854-2284; Additional fees apply for these services. Emergency Services: Ambulance 99 or (212) 854-5555

Emergencies/Ambulance

Please contact Public Safety at 212-854-5555 (Morningside) or 212-854-3333 (Manhattanville). For non-emergency health and wellness concerns please contact Columbia Health at 212-854-2284. In case of life-threatening emergencies, call 911 immediately or go directly to the nearest emergency room.

Counseling and Psychological Services

(212) 854-2878, Lerner Hall, 8th Floor. Confidential counseling services are offered in a variety of areas including: drug and alcohol counseling; family and marital counseling; crisis intervention; group therapy; external referrals are also provided. www.health.columbia.edu/content/counseling-and-psychological-services

Office of Disability Services

(212) 854-2388; Lerner Hall, 8th floor; Disability Services provides a full range of support services for disabled students, including arrangements for auxiliary aids, special equipment, accessibility to housing/classrooms, and coordination with faculty. www.health.columbia.edu/content/disability-services

Public Safety

(212) 854-2797; 111 Low Library, publicsafety.columbia.edu

Safety Escorts

The University's Public Safety Office offers a Safety Escort Program for the Morningside, Medical Center, and Manhattanville campuses. More information can be found at: publicsafety.columbia.edu/safetyscouts

Dodge Fitness Center

(212) 854-2546; The Dodge Fitness Center is available to all Columbia University students and their families, at an additional fee. For more information on facilities, hours and fees please visit: www.dodgefitnesscenter.com/

Chaplain

(212) 854-6242, Administrative Office is located in Earl Hall; St. Paul's Chapel
(212) 854-1487 ouc.columbia.edu/

Housing Services

(212) 854-2773; Registry of Off-Campus Accommodations, ocha.facilities.columbia.edu/

ID Office

3270 Broadway, 212-853-2373
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

International Students/Scholars Office (ISSO)

(212) 854-3587; 525 Riverside Drive, Suite 200

Office of the University Registrar

(212) 854-4330; registrar.columbia.edu

Office of University Life

universitylife.columbia.edu/

Ombuds Office

(212) 854-1234; Schermerhorn Hall, Extension Room 660,
ombuds.columbia.edu

Student Financial Services (University)

(212) 854-4400; sfs.columbia.edu/, email a question at askus.columbia.edu

Sexual Violence Response

(212) 854-HELP (4357) for 24/7/365 support health.columbia.edu/sexual-violence-response

St. Luke's Hospital

(212) 523-3343; Emergency Room entrance: Amsterdam Avenue at West 113th Street

Business and Economics library

(212) 854-7804; Uris Hall; business@libraries.cul.columbia.edu;
library.columbia.edu/locations/business.html

S. Steven Pan '88 Business Library (Manhattanville)

(212) 854-7804; 360 Geffen Hall; business@library.columbia.edu;
library.columbia.edu/libraries/business-manhattanville

University Operations and Emergency

When major weather or other events occur that might affect the opening or closing of the University, please use the following resources to stay updated on University operations. Under these extenuating circumstances, please remember to always take special precautions.

Visit www.columbia.edu, the Columbia University homepage for updates.

Call the Columbia University main information line at (212) 854-1754, where a recorded announcement regarding any changes in the opening or closing status of the University will be available if the need arises.

If there is an emergency, please contact Public Safety at 212-854-5555 (Morning- side) or 212-854-3333 (Manhattanville). For non-emergency health and wellness concerns please contact Columbia Health at 212-854-2284. In case of life-threatening emergencies, call 911 immediately or go directly to the nearest emergency room.

Addendum

This document may be revised by the action of the Columbia Business School faculty and Deans at any time. However, a student admitted to the Columbia Business School has the privilege of matriculating and graduating under the academic requirements existing at the time of his/her admittance if graduation occurs within two years after admission. If graduation is delayed beyond two years from the time of admission, a student must matriculate and graduate under such requirements as they exist or as prescribed by the dean.