Welcome to Columbia College

As a new Columbia College Cougar there are many exciting opportunities coming your way!

Our orientation program, EXPLORIENTATION, is just the beginning of your Columbia College experience. EXPLORIENTATION is filled with an abundance of fun activities guaranteed to help you meet new friends, rise to new challenges and have an incredibly great time! All first-year students, freshman and transfer, participate in EXPLORIENTATION. As a new student at Columbia College, we want to make sure you have everything you need for a successful and rewarding college experience.

Sign me up! When does Exploration start?

EXPLORIENTATION begins on Thursday, August 20th. We start the day with Pick up Necessities, followed by a Traditional Pinning Ceremony welcoming you to the CC community. Join CC Student Leaders at Let’s Get it Started & Transfer Edge and kick off this new adventure with fun and excitement. On Friday, August 21st, you are invited to participate in student led campus tours, a Faculty Meet & Greet and Academic Blitz and Step Up, all great events to help you gain those much-needed college skills. Stick around or come back to campus for Chaos in the Cage featuring music, karaoke, basketball, volleyball, X-Box Kinect, Wii, crafts, jewelry making and more.

New Student Checklist - Complete before arriving on campus!

___ Apply to Columbia College and receive your acceptance letter.
___ File your application for Federal Student Aid. CC’s code is 002456.
___ Fill out a Housing Application. All students with fewer than 52 credit hours completed must live on campus unless you meet one of the following criteria: Married, Single Parent, Residing with Parent in Boone County, Age 22 or older, Military veteran as defined by federal guidelines.
___ Activate your Cougar Track and CougarMail accounts. Check at least once a week!
___ Attend a Columbia College Connection event to receive a Student Resource Packet, tour campus, meet with an advisor and register for classes.
___ Pay $100 deposit at Columbia College Connection to enable registration.
___ Submit Health History Form and Immunization Records to Student Health Services.
___ Plan to attend Orientation Activities the Thursday through Sunday prior to classes.
___ If living on campus, check CougarTrack July 25th for housing information.
___ First Payment for the fall term is due on August 1.
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for a full itinerary visit: www.ccis.edu/day-orientation

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Kaleidoscope of Culture in KC
Enjoy a bit of arts & culture Kansas City style. Start the day discovering the American Jazz Museum. Investigate art exhibits, jazz memorabilia and stunning film collections of jazz greats at this one of a kind interactive jazz museum. Spend the afternoon in a kaleidoscope of cultural inquiry as you explore the visual arts gathered from across the world at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, one of the finest arts collections in the Midwest. Tour some of the famous fountains surrounding the area and cap the day off with legendary Kansas City Barbeque. Good general health, comfortable walking shoes and extra money for any items you wish to purchase on your own is recommended. Lunch, dinner and all activity fees will be covered by Columbia College.

All Out Adventure
The afternoon will be spent exploring the natural wonders of Meramec Caverns. This complex cave system is full of colorful, rare, and unique mineral formations that took thousands of years to form. Along with the caves formation, there is a rich history to accompany the region. We will travel the waters by riverboat as the mysteries of the area are unearthed. Arriving back on solid ground, we set off in search of high flying adventure. Soar through the treetops and across the Meramec River in this high-adrenaline, extreme adventure with Caveman Zipline. Your ninety-minute canopy adventure includes three swinging sky-bridges and four zip rides varying in length from 200 to 1250 feet, reaching speeds of 50 mph! Challenge yourself and support your peers as you realize anything is possible. Good general health, comfortable walking shoes and extra money for any items you wish to purchase on your own is recommended. Lunch, dinner and all activity fees will be covered by Columbia College.

In selecting your Cougar Day experience, please be aware of your physical abilities. If you have questions regarding the level of activity of a specific program, please contact the Orientation Hotline at (573)875-7442 or 1-800-231-2391 ext. 7442
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Cougars Take the City
If excitement is what you seek, then this is the trip for you! Join fellow Cougars on an urban trek as we enjoy a picnic in Kiener Plaza May Amphitheatre and explore the grounds and heights of the St. Louis Gateway Arch. The adventure continues as you climb, play and explore the caverns and climbing structures of the artistic and magical City Museum. This is not your typical museum, plan to get dirty, play hard and dream big! After the wonder of the City Museum, we will have dinner at the famous Charlie Gitto’s Italian Restaurant in downtown St. Louis before returning to Columbia. Good general health, comfortable walking shoes, knee pads and extra money for any items you wish to purchase on your own is recommended. Lunch, dinner and all activity fees will be covered by Columbia College.

Outdoor Extravaganza
Enjoy the outdoors and have a blast as we venture out to Fugitive Beach in Rolla MO. The day will start with a picnic lunch, followed by water time fun. Enjoy the sand beach, lots of swimming, cliff jumps, 60’ waterslide, Frisbee and other games. Delight in the summer sun, hanging out and getting to know one another. After our outdoor fun, get excited for wild times and lots of laughter as you and fellow students enter The Zone. Battle it out in laser tag, skate or rollerblade, visit the laser maze and arcade and play games in this all around fun zone. We will dine at a local Pizza Palace and enjoy a sweet treat before returning home.

Good general health, comfortable walking shoes that can be worn in the lake, swimsuit, change of clothes and shoes, beach towel, sunblock, bug spray if desired and extra money for any items or games you wish to purchase on your own is recommended. Lunch, dinner and all activity fees will be covered by Columbia College.

REGISTER TODAY!
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