Founded in 1851 as Christian Female College, Columbia College has advanced the lives of students through higher education for more than 165 years.

Now a private, coeducational liberal arts and sciences college, Columbia College provides a diverse student body with a dynamic educational experience featuring small classes, skilled faculty and quality programs.

Each year, Columbia College provides educational instruction to more than 27,000 students. The main campus in Columbia, Missouri, accounts for more than 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students. The remaining students are served at 34 nationwide campuses and through the Online Education Program.

Columbia College is proud to accommodate working adults, including military personnel and their families, through evening and online classes. Please visit www.ccis.edu for more information about Columbia College.
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Columbia College began as Christian Female College on January 18, 1851, as the first women’s college west of the Mississippi River to be chartered by a state legislature. The college has been affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since its inception, yet has remained a nonsectarian school welcoming students of all religious affiliations.

A typical day for the Christian College students started at 6 a.m. with a morning walk before gathering for chapel. Students attended classes until late afternoon, then wrote a daily composition. They studied arithmetic, ancient history, grammar, ancient geography, philosophy, the Five Books of Moses and composition. After they studied and completed chores, the students attended a Bible lecture every evening.

A look back

1851
Christian Female College receives charter from Missouri Legislature

1856
150 students enroll, including 85 boarders

1861
Civil War begins; college remains open thanks to faculty who stayed on knowing they may go unpaid

1862
Only three students graduate; four more graduate the following year

1893
Luella St. Clair, a “steam engine in petticoats,” serves three terms as the president and is one of the country’s first female college presidents

1890s
St. Clair leads construction of four new buildings — St. Clair Hall, Dorsey Hall, Launer Auditorium and Missouri Hall, all of which are still in use today

1866
Largest enrollment to date with 182 students taught by nine faculty members

1865
Civil War ends with Christian Female College never missing a day of classes

1900
First traditional Ivy Chain ceremony is held

1861
Only three students graduate; four more graduate the following year

1970
Christian Female College changes from two-year, all-female college to four-year, coeducational college and changes name to Columbia College

1973
Columbia College becomes one of the first colleges in the country with extended campuses on military bases

1996
Columbia College offers its first graduate degree, the Master of Arts in Teaching, followed by the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice

2014
Scott Dalrymple, Ph.D., is inaugurated as the 17th president of Columbia College

2000
Columbia College launches its Online Education Program

2011
Columbia College launches new branch to articulate dedication to the private college experience for engaged students of all ages and backgrounds

Adjunct faculty members at nationwide and online campuses

Number of undergraduate classes offered through the Online Education Program

Number of proud Columbia College alumni worldwide

By the Numbers

3,180 Students who took courses at the Columbia, Missouri, campus in academic year 2014-15 (registered in Day or Evening courses)

21,264 Students who took an online class in academic year 2014-15

846 Number of fans needed to pack Southwell Complex

51 Number given to the Columbia College mascot Scooter the Cougar in honor of the college founding in 1851

396 Number of parking spaces available for on-campus housing

3 Number of residence halls at the main campus

1 Number of apartment complexes

10 Number of associate degrees

59 Number of bachelor’s degrees

4 Number of master’s degrees

72 Number of full-time faculty members at the Day campus

495 Number of full-time staff members

119 Number of part-time staff members

3,180 Number of NAIA competitive sports offered: men’s and women’s basketball, women’s softball, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field and baseball

8:1 Ratio of students to faculty at the Day campus

*revised January 2016
Columbia College is a military-friendly school. With the convenience of mixing in-seat and online courses and six eight-week sessions annually, Columbia College is perfect for the mobile and service-oriented military lifestyle.

Columbia College has helped thousands of military personnel, their family members and U.S. Department of Defense civilians earn college degrees while serving their country.

- 35 campuses nationwide, including 18 on military bases
- 36 online degree programs and more than 800 online classes
- Undergraduate tuition credit hour rate is below MTA cap
- Understands temporary duty commitments and deployments
- Will refund MTA for a documented deployment that requires withdrawal from class

Columbia College has more than 40 years of experience serving military students and is a charter member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC).

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

The Yellow Ribbon Program was established by the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition and fee expenses not covered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Columbia College proudly supports the GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program. Students who are 100 percent qualified for the chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill and meet the VA’s Yellow Ribbon guidelines will be allowed to participate in this program at Columbia College.
Columbia College
across the country

ALABAMA
Columbia College-
Redstone Arsenal
Redstone Arsenal, AL

CALIFORNIA
Columbia College-
Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA
Columbia College-
Lemoore
NAS Lemoore, CA
Columbia College-
Los Alamitos
Los Alamitos, CA
Columbia College-
San Diego
San Diego, CA
Columbia College-
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo, CA

COLORADO
Columbia College-
Denver
Centennial, CO

FLORIDA
Columbia College-
Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
Columbia College-
NAS Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
Columbia College-
Orlando
Orlando, FL
Columbia College-
Patrick Air Force Base
Patrick Air Force Base, FL

GEORGIA
Columbia College-
Fort Stewart
Fort Stewart, GA

ILLINOIS
Columbia College of
Missouri-Crystal Lake
Crystal Lake, IL
Columbia College of
Missouri-Elgin
Elgin, IL
Columbia College of
Missouri-Freeport
Freeport, IL

MISSOURI
Columbia College-
Fort Leonard Wood
Fort Leonard Wood, MO
Columbia College-
Jefferson City
Jefferson City, MO
Columbia College-
Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
Columbia College-
Lake of the Ozarks
Osage Beach, MO
Columbia College-
Moberly
Moberly, MO
Columbia College-
Rolla
Rolla, MO

NEW YORK
Columbia College of
Missouri-Fort Drum
Fort Drum, NY
Columbia College of
Missouri-Hancock Field
Syracuse, NY

OKLAHOMA
Columbia College of
Missouri-Joint Base
Charleston-Weapons Station
Goose Creek, SC

CUBA
Columbia College-
Guantanamo Bay
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

TEXAS
Columbia College-
Fort Worth
Fort Worth, TX
Columbia College-
Mesquite
Mesquite, TX

UTAH
Columbia College-
Salt Lake
Murray, UT

WASHINGTON
Columbia College-
Everett /Marysville
Marysville, WA
Columbia College-
Whidbey Island
Oak Harbor, WA

FLORIDA
Columbia College-
Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
Columbia College-
NAS Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
Columbia College-
Orlando
Orlando, FL
Columbia College-
Patrick Air Force Base
Patrick Air Force Base, FL

COLORADO
Columbia College-
Denver
Centennial, CO

GEORGIA
Columbia College-
Fort Stewart
Fort Stewart, GA

ILLINOIS
Columbia College of
Missouri-Crystal Lake
Crystal Lake, IL
Columbia College of
Missouri-Elgin
Elgin, IL
Columbia College of
Missouri-Freeport
Freeport, IL

MISSOURI
Columbia College-
Fort Leonard Wood
Fort Leonard Wood, MO
Columbia College-
Jefferson City
Jefferson City, MO
Columbia College-
Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
Columbia College-
Lake of the Ozarks
Osage Beach, MO
Columbia College-
Moberly
Moberly, MO
Columbia College-
Rolla
Rolla, MO

NEW YORK
Columbia College of
Missouri-Fort Drum
Fort Drum, NY
Columbia College of
Missouri-Hancock Field
Syracuse, NY

OKLAHOMA
Columbia College of
Missouri-Joint Base
Charleston-Weapons Station
Goose Creek, SC

CUBA
Columbia College-
Guantanamo Bay
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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BUILDINGS

1 Missouri Hall (MOH)
2 Atkins-Holman Student Commons (AHSC)
3 Dorsey Hall (DOR)
4 Williams Hall (WMS)
5 St. Clair Hall (STC)
6 Launer Auditorium (LAU)
7 Hughes Hall (HUG)
8 Robnett-Spence Hall (ROB)
9 Dulany Hall (DUL)
10 Miller Hall (MIL)
11 Cougar Village (VILL)
12 Practice Hall (PRAC)
13 Banks Hall (BAN)
14 Brown Hall (BRN)
15 Buchanan Hall (BUH)
16 Stafford Library (LIB)
17 Brouder Science Center (BSC)
18 R. Marvin Owens Soccer Field (SOC)
19 Hinshaw (HIN)
20 South (SOU)
21 Koeppke Fitness Center (SOU)
22 Southwell Complex (SWL)
23 Wightman (WIG)
24 Kirkman House (KIRK)
25 Tenth Street Center (TEN)
26 Columbia House (COL)
27 Federal Hall (FED)

PARKING LOTS

10th Street
Hughes
Miller
Seventh Street
Cougar Village
Practice Hall
Banks
Rangeline North
Hinshaw
Rangeline South
Wightman
Southwell
Boone County Lumber
Missouri Hall/Student Commons
Tenth Street Center
Columbia House
Federal Hall
Hulett

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