Apply for financial aid online at FAFSA.gov a minimum of 12 weeks prior to start of the term. Renew the FAFSA application annually by March 2. Financial Aid Office 209.588.5105

Apply for admission online for Summer & Fall 2013 semesters beginning March 1. If you apply by April 15 for Summer and May 15 for Fall you will be eligible for a priority registration date.

Activate your student e-mail account after receiving your college acceptance notification, in order to receive important information from the college. Refer to yosemite.edu/studentemail for step-by-step instructions. For assistance call the HelpDesk at 209.588.5385 or visit the Career Transfer Center.

Check eligibility for Special Programs including CalWorks, EOPS/CARE, DSPS, TRiO and Veterans. Locations and phone numbers of Special Programs are located on page 4, or visit the programs at gocolumbia.edu. Select “Departments” and then “Student Services.”

Attend Assessment, Orientation and Advisement to receive math and English placement scores, a free college catalog, vital information about beginning college and an opportunity to meet with a counselor regarding course selections.

Register for classes. Check your student e-mail for registration date and time. Login to connectColumbia to select and register for classes. For assistance, call the HelpDesk at 209.588.5385.

Pay your fees online or at the college Business Office, Manzanita 10. All fees are due and payable at the time of registration. Within ten (10) days of registering for any classes, students must have a zero balance or they will be dropped for nonpayment of fees. Refer to page 19 for details.

Create an educational plan with a college counselor during your first semester. This will help you to identify your academic goals and create a clear and efficient pathway to those goals. Students are encouraged to regularly update their educational plan.
Continuing Students

1. **Apply for financial aid** online at FAFSA.gov a minimum of 12 weeks prior to start of the term. Renew the FAFSA application annually by March 2. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 209.588.5105 to check your status and eligibility.

2. **Check eligibility for Special Programs** including CalWorks, EOPS/CARE, DSPS, TRiO and Veterans. Locations and phone numbers of Special Programs are located on page 4, or visit the programs at gocolumbia.edu. Select “Departments” and then “Student Services.”

3. **Verify that your student e-mail account is active** in order to receive important information from the college. Refer to yosemite.edu/studentemail for step-by-step instructions. If you need assistance with your account, contact the HelpDesk at 209.588.5385 or visit the Career Transfer Center.

4. **Register for classes.** Check your student e-mail for registration date and time. Login to connectColumbia to select and register for classes. For assistance, call the HelpDesk at 209.588.5385.

5. **Pay your fees** online or at the college Business Office, Manzanita 10. All fees are due and payable at the time of registration. Within ten (10) days of registering for any classes, students must have a zero balance or they will be dropped for nonpayment of fees. Refer to page 19 for details.

6. **Update your educational plan** with a college counselor each semester. This will help you to stay on track with your educational goals and create a clear and efficient pathway to your goals. Students are encouraged to regularly update their educational plan.

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**Timeline for Student Success**

Follow up counseling appointment

Check eligibility for Special Programs

Verify student e-mail

Register for classes

Pay fees

Apply for financial aid

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Trekking on: Continuing Students