Expenses & Fees

See Student Fee/Refund Information chart on page 21 for a summary of fees.

Payment of Fees

Payment may be made by one of the following methods:

1. On the College website
   - Credit Card – MasterCard, VISA, Discover Card
   - Financial Aid fee waiver and credit card
2. On-Campus at the Business Services Office
   - Personal Check
   - Money Order
   - Credit Card – MasterCard, Visa, Discover Card
   - Financial Aid fee waiver and one of the above
3. By mail
   - Personal Check
   - Money Order

All fees are due and payable at the time of registration. Students will be charged $25 for returned checks. Within 10 days of registering for any classes, students must have a zero balance or they will be dropped for nonpayment of fees. Students who are California residents and have an active BOG fee waiver before registering will not be dropped. All students will not be dropped once classes start.

Columbia College 2014-2015 Cost of Attendance

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<th>Living with Parents without Dependents</th>
<th>All Other Students</th>
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<tr>
<td>Enrollment &amp; Health Fees*</td>
<td>$1,244</td>
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<td>Books and Supplies</td>
<td>$1,746</td>
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<td>Food and Housing**</td>
<td>$4,598</td>
<td>$11,492</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
<td>$3,132</td>
<td>$2,870</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$1,206</td>
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<td>Total Cost of Attendance</td>
<td>$11,926</td>
<td>$18,558</td>
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* Based on 2014-2015 enrollment fees of $46.00 per unit. Out-of-state students are charged an additional $219.00 per unit for tuition.

** Represents costs of meals and basic expenses which family continues to provide while student lives at home.

Reasonable documented dependent care expenses may be added to basic cost of attendance.

Health Services Fee

A required health services fee of $15 for Summer and $18 for Spring/Fall is charged to each credit and non-credit student. Health fees are used to provide on-campus health services and Student Accident Insurance. Students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing may be exempt from payment. Contact the Business Office for waiver procedures (588.5114).

Parking — Parking Fee Refund Policy

Semester parking permits are not mailed and must be picked up at the Business Services Office. Parking fees are only refundable prior to the first day of instruction except when the college cancels a class for which the permit is needed. The parking permit must be returned or never picked up to process a refund. To reverse the charge for a permit, contact the Business Office via student email or call 588.5114. To request a refund, complete the online request for refund available on connectColumbia under Financial Information on the main student menu.

Student Activity Fee $5

The refundable Student Activity fee is used to support student events and activities on campus, such as Cram Night, free student BBQs, movie nights and other free student activities throughout the semester. Year/term stickers are available at the Student Center in Ponderosa Building. This fund also pays for scholarships, clubs and sponsorships.

Contact the Student Senate Office for further details at 588.5270

Student Center Fee

A student center fee of $1 per unit, to a maximum of $10 per fiscal year, is assessed to be used for the renovation or new construction of a Student Center Building. During the Spring Semester of 1992, the Student Senate conducted an election and the student body voted to assess themselves a permanent, non-revocable fee. These funds may only be used for the Student Center Building.

Student Representation Fee $1

Established by 2/3 vote of the student body, money collected is used by the Associated Student Body to represent student concerns at local, state, and federal government levels. A student may for religious, political, financial or moral reasons, request a waiver of the student representation fee. Contact the Business Office for waiver procedures.
Enrollment Fee Waiver Program

Students who receive TANF, CalWORKs, GA, who are a dependent of a deceased/disabled veteran, or who are considered low income may be eligible for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG) which waives the enrollment fee (per unit price). The BOG is effective for an entire academic year (Summer/Fall/Spring) and is available regardless of the number of units enrolled. One must be a California resident to qualify. Students may apply by completing the BOG application available in the Financial Aid Office or on the college website. However, Columbia College encourages students to submit the FAFSA application as they may qualify for additional federal aid as well as the BOG.

If you feel you are low income, but you do not qualify to have your fees waived using the above described method, you may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid which is also available on the Financial Aid Website. It is a more complicated application and it takes 12 weeks to process. If you are found eligible for the waiver, you are entitled to request a refund of the enrollment fees that you have already paid.

Students who meet AB540 criteria can apply for the state funded fee waivers by completing the California Dream Act available on the Financial Aid website.

Procedure for Fee Refunds

REFUND PROCESSING

- Full-semester classes dropped within the first 2 weeks of the term are eligible for a refund.
- Short-term classes, meeting more than 5 times and 20 hours, are eligible for a refund during the first 10% of the class.
- Classes meeting fewer than 5 times and 20 hours are eligible for refunds if the class is dropped prior to the first class meeting.
- Class refund dates are available online through connectColumbia by clicking on “My Current Schedule.”
- Students will not be responsible for requesting refunds for classes cancelled by the College.
- If fees or tuition are paid by check, a refund will not be processed until the check has cleared the bank.
- Processing of refunds by the Business Office takes 6 to 8 weeks.
- Refund forms are submitted electronically through connectColumbia. The Online Refund Request Form link is listed on the Student Menu under the Financial Information heading. Students without internet access may request a hard copy form from the Business Office.
- In accordance with Yosemite Community College District Policy 5025.2, a ten dollar ($10) administrative processing fee is charged for enrollment fee refunds except in the case of a class cancelled by the College.
- Refund checks will be mailed or credited to the credit card used for payment.
- Credit balances may be carried over and used to pay fees for one academic year. At the culmination of the year, credit balances are removed from a student’s account (Title V, Section 58508).

Refunds are not automatic. Exception: Refunds of fees will automatically be made to students enrolling in classes which are cancelled by the College.


Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4)

Per federal regulation, 34 CRF Parts 668, 682, and 685, any student who receives financial aid funds and drops units or withdraws from all classes prior to completing more than 60% of the semester, will be required to pay back a portion of the grant funds to the federal government. Students who owe Return of Title IV funds are ineligible to receive additional federal financial assistance from any college or university until satisfactory repayment arrangements have been made.

If you receive financial aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office first before withdrawing from any course.

Health & Human Performance Enrollment Restriction

In compliance with the Title 5 regulation number 76002, enrollment by high school students in Health & Human Performance activity sections is restricted to a maximum of 10% of the total allowable enrollment (For example: If a section will allow enrollment of 30 students, only 3 of the 30 can be high school special admit students.) When the 10% limit is reached, all further high school students will be blocked from registration and directed to attempt to enroll in another section of the course or another activity course.
## Student Fee/Refund Information

Effective Spring 2015 • Fees are subject to change

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<th>Fee</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Applies to</th>
<th>Exemptions/Waivers</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Enrollment Fee</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$46 per unit</td>
<td>Credit courses</td>
<td>• Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) qualified&lt;br&gt;• Eligible Part-time Special Admit Students</td>
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<td>No maximum</td>
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<td><strong>Nonresident Tuition</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$219 per unit plus enrollment fee of $46 per unit listed above</td>
<td>Nonresidents</td>
<td>• California residents&lt;br&gt;• AB540 eligible students</td>
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<td><strong>Student Center Fee</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$1 per unit to $10 maximum per Fiscal Year</td>
<td>Credit courses/Audit only students</td>
<td>• BOGFW-A recipients&lt;br&gt;• Non-credit courses&lt;br&gt;• Professional Development</td>
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<td><strong>Health Services Fee</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$15 summer semester&lt;br&gt;$18 fall semester&lt;br&gt;$18 spring semester</td>
<td>Credit and non-credit students/Audit only students</td>
<td>• Depend on prayer for healing (submit form)&lt;br&gt;• Out-of-district classes&lt;br&gt;• Students who are only enrolled in a class that meets less than 16 hours</td>
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<td><strong>Student Representative Fee</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$1 per semester</td>
<td>Credit courses/Non-credit students</td>
<td>• Professional Development&lt;br&gt;• Can opt out for financial, religious, political, moral reasons (submit form)</td>
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<td><strong>Student Activity Fee</strong> (^1)</td>
<td>$5 per semester</td>
<td>Credit and non-credit students</td>
<td>• Can opt out- (submit form)</td>
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<td><strong>Parking Fee</strong> (^2)</td>
<td>$2 a day&lt;br&gt;$15 summer semester&lt;br&gt;$30 fall semester&lt;br&gt;$30 spring semester</td>
<td>Non-student drivers/Student driver</td>
<td>• Disabled persons with placard from DMV&lt;br&gt;• Enrollment in off-campus classes only&lt;br&gt;• Non-drivers</td>
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<td><strong>Course Audit Fee</strong></td>
<td>$15 per unit, plus any applicable term and materials fees</td>
<td>Credit courses no longer repeatable</td>
<td>• Exempt for up to 3 units if enrolled in 10 or more units</td>
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\(^1\) Only refundable during the first two weeks of the class (refers to full semester classes only).<br>
\(^2\) Only refundable prior to the first class meeting.

**MATERIALS FEES** may be assessed for certain classes in order to enhance the learning process and provide convenient access to learning aids.

Students are held responsible for payment of all fees associated with their registration activity. If the proper procedure for dropping classes is not followed, the student’s fee obligation still remains. This applies even if the student never attends class.

For classes cancelled by the College, students will not be held responsible for dropping courses or requesting refunds.

Within 10 days of registering for any classes, students must have a zero balance over night or they will be dropped for nonpayment of fees. Students are not dropped for non-payment after the class starts. Students who are California residents and have an active BOG fee waiver before registering will not be dropped.

Most forms are available online. All are available at the Business Office.