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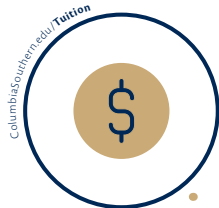
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ALLYSON KELLY
CSU Graduate



Why Choose CSU?



ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Tuition

Low Tuition Rates

At CSU, we pride ourselves on providing our students with the strongest online degree programs at an affordable rate. On average, our tuition is less than half the cost of our competitors* and course materials are provided at no cost.



ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Transfer

Transfer Credit

CSU allows transfer credit for your prior academic credits, training and relevant professional licenses and certifications.** To make the process as easy as possible, CSU will request transcripts from your previously attended institutions on your behalf, at no cost to you.



ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Flexible

Flexible Online Learning Options

Giving our students the flexibility they need to fit education into their busy schedules is at the core of our mission. Our degree programs are designed to accommodate working professionals, moms, dads and anyone else who is balancing school with other life commitments.



ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Military

Military & Veteran Supportive

We are honored to serve military members, veterans and their families. With a military student population of approximately 40%, CSU takes great pride in providing the highest level of service through our dedicated military support teams.



ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Degrees

Quality Degree Programs

Carefully designed and taught by experienced industry experts, CSU's courses have been recognized for their quality academic content, high-caliber instruction and commitment to advancing the industries that they serve.

* Source: U.S. Department of Education College Affordability and Transparency Center, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)
**Amount of transfer credits is dependent upon transcript evaluation and pending Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process.





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Flexible Online Learning

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Benefits of our innovative LifePace Learning® format:

- » Multiple start dates throughout the year
- » No required login times
- » Personalized advising
- » Support every step of the way
- » Auto-enrollment option keeps you on track toward graduation

Certificates

CSU offers direct enrollment and embedded certificates. A student earns a direct enrollment certificate by enrolling in the certificate program only and completing the requirements of the certificate. A student earns an embedded certificate by completing courses that meet the requirements of the embedded certificate within the degree program of record. Certificates require a minimum of 12 semester hours and are recorded on the student's transcript.

Undergraduate

- Communication
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Management
- Finance
- Fire Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Instructional Design and Technology
- International Management
- Management
- Maritime Safety
- Marketing
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Military Operations
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Project Management
- Psychology
- Space Operations
- Sport Management

Graduate

- Environmental Management
- Finance
- Health Care Management
- Human Resource Management
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Learning Design for Instructors and Trainers
- Marketing
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Project Management
- Psychology
- Public Administration

Postgraduate

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Emergency Management
- Fire Integrated Research
- Health Care Administration
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Organizational Leadership
- Public Administration

Direct enrollment certificates are not eligible for Federal Student Aid, VA funding or Military Tuition Assistance.

Explore Our Programs
ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Programs



Degrees

Columbia Southern University offers online **associates, bachelor's, master's and doctoral** degree programs in a variety of majors and concentrations including:

- » Accounting
- » Business
- » Communications
- » Criminal Justice
- » Cyber Security
- » Education
- » Emergency Management
- » Emergency Medical Services
- » Environmental Management
- » Fire Science
- » Forensic Investigation
- » Health Care
- » Homeland Security
- » Human Resources
- » Human Services
- » Information Technology
- » Instructional Design and Technology
- » Mental Health and Wellness
- » Military Studies
- » Nursing
- » Occupational Safety & Health
- » Organizational Leadership
- » Psychology
- » Public Administration
- » Public Health
- » Space Operations
- » Strategic Leadership

For a complete listing of online degree programs, concentrations, certificates and micro-credentials, visit **ColumbiaSouthern.edu**.

Multiple factors, including prior experience, geography and degree field, affect career outcomes. CSU does not guarantee a job, promotion, salary increase, eligibility for a position, or other career growth.

SARAH MCCURDY
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Nationally Recognized Industry Affiliations

BCSP

CSU's bachelor's and master's degree programs in occupational safety and health are recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals as Graduate Safety Practitioner® Qualified Academic Programs. Graduates of these programs are eligible to apply for the GSP®, a designation that eliminates the need to sit for the Associate Safety Professional® exam prior to taking the Certified Safety Professional® exam.



FESHE

CSU's associate in fire science and bachelor's in fire administration degree programs are recognized through Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education, a network of the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy.



PMI

CSU is a Registered Education Provider for the Project Management Institute® and meets the educational requirements for issuance of professional development units (PDUs) through PMI®.



SHRM

CSU's B.S. in human resource management and MBA with a concentration in human resource management align with the Society for Human Resource Management's HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates.



Turn Your Certifications into College Credit

In order to simplify the transition of previously earned certifications into transfer credits, CSU has developed relationships with many industry associations and training facilities across the country. Above are just a few.



MICHAEL BEARD
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Continuing Education at CSU

Whether you're ready to take the next step in your career through certification or you just want to learn more about your industry, CSU's Continuing Education Department can help you develop professionally, no matter how much you've already achieved.

CSU offers continuing education units* through a variety of courses and certificate programs in the following areas:

- » BCSP® Exam Prep
- » Behavioral Health
- » Cybersecurity
- » Emergency Medical Services
- » Fire
- » Forensics
- » Human Trafficking
- » Industrial Hygiene
- » Occupational Safety and Health
- » Psychology

Please visit our website at **ColumbiaSouthern.edu/CE** to see the most current listing of available courses and CEUs.

* Note: Continuing education courses are not eligible for Federal Student Aid, Military Tuition Assistance, VA Funding or Learning Partner tuition discounts. Course tuition does not include certification exam, unless stated otherwise. Rates and courses are subject to change.



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**Graduate, Undergraduate
& Doctoral Tuition Rates**

	<i>per credit hour</i>	Tuition[†]
Undergraduate Courses*		\$278.00
Graduate Courses*		\$359.00
Doctoral Courses		\$561.00

Tuition rate effective July 1, 2025. Rates are per credit hour. Most courses are three (3) credit hours. Tuition and fees are payable in U.S. funds. Tuition rates are subject to change. For the latest tuition information, visit ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Financial.

[†] A technology fee of \$35 per undergraduate course, \$45 per graduate course and \$60 per doctoral course will be applied to tuition. Technology fees do not apply to active-duty U.S. service members.

* The undergraduate and graduate tuition rate for all active-duty military using military tuition assistance is \$250 per credit hour. Discount not applicable for Learning Partners.

Strong Academic Programs at Affordable Tuition Rates

Tuition Rates That Are Less Than Half The Cost of Our Competitors

Our goal is to provide the strongest online academic programs at an affordable rate. On average, our tuition is less than half the cost of our competitors.[†]

Ways to Save

At CSU, there are many ways to save including scholarships, military tuition assistance, Learning Partnerships and more.

- » **Transfer Credits Accepted**
CSU evaluates your prior academic credits, training and relevant professional licenses and certifications
- » **Military & Veteran Benefits**
Assists with Veterans Affairs benefits through DANTES, Tuition Assistance and GI Bill®
- » **Learning Partner Discount**
Learning Partners have access to exclusive partner tuition discounts, scholarships and more
- » **Federal Student Aid**
Federal Student Aid offers federal grant and loan programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education
- » **Scholarships**
CSU awards more than 20 scholarships annually to current and future students
- » **Corporate Reimbursement**
Many companies provide tuition assistance or benefits for employees seeking academic advancement. Contact your employer to learn more.

[†]GI Bill™ is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

[†] Source: U.S. Department of Education College Affordability and Transparency Center, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)



FRANK IMPARATO
CSU Graduate



Is Your Organization a Learning Partner?

Take Advantage of Your Learning Partner Benefits

Learning Partners' employees have exclusive benefits at Columbia Southern University including tuition discounts, scholarships and more. With more than 3,000 Learning Partners across the nation, CSU has provided training and education to thousands of companies and organizations. Not only are these benefits available to Learning Partner employees, but they are also available to their spouses and children.

Graduate, Undergraduate & Doctoral Tuition Rates

per credit hour	Tuition [‡]	Learning Partners
Undergraduate Courses*	\$278.00	\$250.20
Graduate Courses*	\$359.00	\$323.10
Doctoral Courses	\$561.00	\$504.90

Rates are per credit hour. Most courses are 3 credit hours. Tuition and fees are payable in U.S. funds. Tuition rates are subject to change. CSU Learning Partners receive a tuition discount that is applied to the full tuition rate.

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We Are Committed to **Military &** **Veteran Students**

CSU's dedicated military support staff is comprised of current and former military members who understand the unique needs of these students and their families. They provide support with GI Bill®, military training credits, Tuition Assistance and more.

- Dedicated Military Support Staff
- Complimentary Evaluation of Prior Education and Military Training for Transfer Credit
- Assistance with TA and VA Benefits
- Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition Rates at DoD Cap
- MyCAA Scholarship Assistance Available
- 10% Tuition Discount for Spouses and Children of Active-Duty Military Members
- GI Bill® Transferability

Any reference to United States Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, products or services does not constitute or imply endorsement by the DoD.
"GI Bill™" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Ready to Get Started?

1. Apply

Complete your online application for admission at **ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Apply**. There is no fee for the application.

2. Submit Your Transcripts

Upload copies of your transcripts via your MyCSU portal or utilize our Transcript Request Service, a service where CSU locates your previous academic and/or military transcripts for you.

3. Receive Your Evaluation

Once you've submitted your transcripts, we will contact you with your academic evaluation report results. CSU allows maximum transfer of credit hours for prior academic credits, training and relevant professional licenses and certifications.

CSU also evaluates military training for course credit.

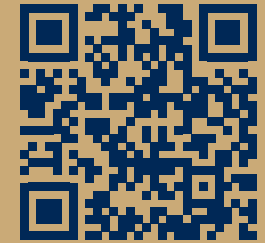
4. Enroll

Our helpful admissions staff will be with you every step of the way to make sure you get enrolled in your first CSU class without any difficulty.

SHAWNA FRASER NAGLE
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Apply Today!



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