Colgate University

52 Majors
Africana and Latin American studies
Art and art history
Asian studies
Astrogeophysics
Astronomy/physics
Biochemistry
Biology
Chemistry
Chinese
Classical studies
Classics
Computer science
Computer science/mathematics
Economics
Educational studies
English
Environmental biology
Environmental economics
Environmental geography
Environmental geology
Environmental studies
French
Geography
Geology
German
Greek
History
Humanities
International relations
Japanese
Latin
Mathematical economics
Mathematics
Molecular biology
Music
Native American studies
Natural sciences
Neuroscience
Peace and conflict studies
Philosophy
Philosophy and religion
Physical science
Physics
Political science
Psychology
Religion
Russian and Eurasian studies
Social sciences
Sociology and anthropology
Spanish
Theater
Women’s studies

Where is Colgate University?

Hamilton, N.Y. (population 2,500)
From 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 45 countries
22.5% identify themselves as students of color
53% female
47% male

Colgate is located in the center of New York state, 230 miles northwest of New York City.

Undergraduate students: 2,969
Graduate students: 8

Faculty: 286
Faculty with PhD or highest degree in their field: 99%
Courses taught by faculty members: 100%
Faculty who live in the Hamilton area: 80%
Faculty of color: 21%

Average class size: 18

Student/faculty ratio: 9:1
Retention rate: 95% (students returning as sophomores)
Graduation rate: 89.7% (among the highest in the nation)

President: Jeffrey Herbst
Endowment: $700 million
Acreage of campus: 515
Number of living alumni: 32,856
Student body became coed: 1970
Founded: 1819

Class of 2016 profile
7,798 applications (50 states, D.C., 113 countries)
2,279 accepted (29.2%)
760 enrolled (33.3% yield - 45% male; 55% female)

Early Decision
650 applications; 335 enrolled (43.8% of the class)

Multicultural students
2,988 applications; 657 accepted; 171 enrolled
(22.5% of the class)

International students
1,343 applications; 203 accepted; 61 enrolled (22 countries)

Accepted students
SAT middle 50%: 660 – 740 cr, 670 – 750 m
ACT middle 50%: 30 – 33
Average GPA: 3.76 out of 4.0

9 Minors
Minors are offered in most majors, plus the following:
Applied mathematics
Creative writing
Film and media studies
Jewish studies
LGBTQ studies
Linguistics
Medieval and Renaissance studies
Middle Eastern studies and Islamic civilization
Writing and rhetoric

Students who study off campus: 62%

Off-campus study programs: 23
(all led by Colgate faculty)

Degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching

The Institute for International Education ranks Colgate #3 among liberal arts schools for the number of students who participate in semester-long study abroad programs.
170 clubs and organizations

Colgate has an extremely active club culture, with clubs for just about every possible interest including organizations in academic areas, athletics, the performing arts, publications and media, religious life, and those representing a variety of cultural and political interests.

Most popular career fields of Colgate alumni

Communications/media
Financial services
Education
Consulting
Nonprofit/social change
Healthcare and medicine
Business/management
Technology/computing

Athletics

Colgate’s varsity teams compete in NCAA Division I. A founding member of the Patriot League, Colgate competes against teams from American, Army, Bucknell, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh, and Navy, as well as schools in the Ivy League. Both men’s and women’s ice hockey compete in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

Division I teams: Basketball (m/w), Crew (m/w), Cross country (m/w), Field hockey (w), Football (m), Golf (m), Ice hockey (m/w), Indoor track (m/w), Lacrosse (m/w), Outdoor track (m/w), Soccer (m/w), Softball (w), Swimming and diving (m/w), Tennis (m/w), Volleyball (w)

With a diverse and well-supported club and intramural sports program, many students find the level of competition that suits them. Additionally, Colgate’s Outdoor Education Program provides a variety of trips, classes, and experiences for all levels of ability and interests.

Students demonstrate their business ideas to alumni, developed through the Thought Into Action Institute.

Residence life

Housing is guaranteed for all four years of a student’s time at Colgate. A comprehensive residential education program addresses the needs of students as they move through the college experience.

Percentage of students who live in Colgate housing: 91.9%
Percentage of eligible students in a fraternity or sorority: 42%

2012–2013 cost of attendance

Tuition $44,330
Student activity fee $310
Room $5,345
Meals + $5,730

Combined student charges $55,715
Estimated personal expenses/books $2,030