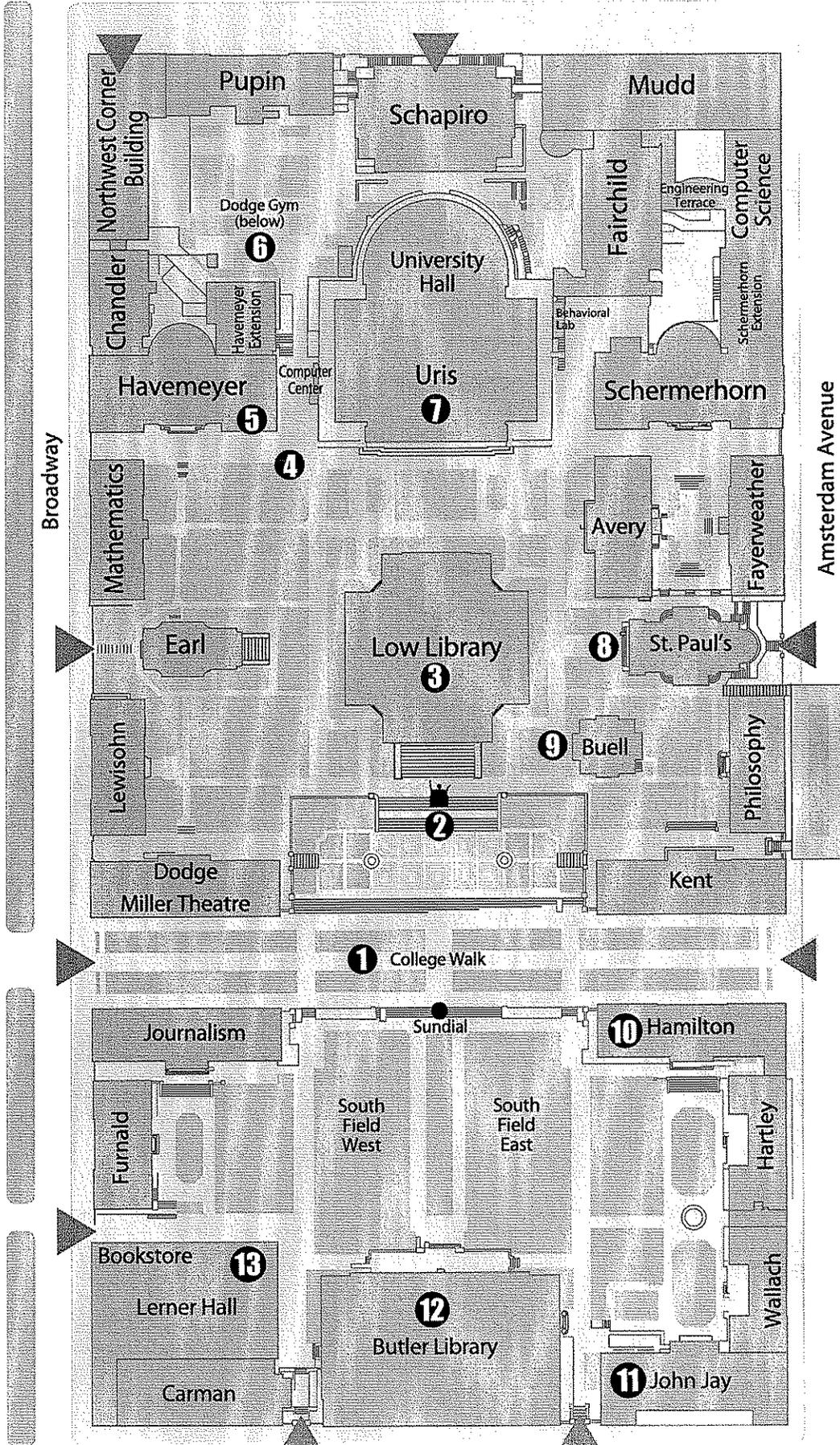


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LEARNING LIONS TOUR (Student Guide)

Welcome to Columbia University! We are roaring with excitement just because you came to visit us. This packet will help you discover some of the amazing stories and special places on our campus. We hope you have fun and visit us again when you are ready for college!

- COLLEGE WALK: You are standing on our concrete beach. Columbia students spend lots of time studying, playing and eating lunch right on these steps. We also hold lots of cultural events, such as dance performances and concerts on these steps.

Q: Can you guess how many steps there are?

- ALMA MATER: Walk up to the statue right in front of you. Q: Does this statue look familiar to you? We call her Alma Mater or nourishing Mother. She has a lamp on each side.

Q: What do you think the lamp symbolizes?

There is something special hidden on Alma. Q: Can you find the Owl? They say the first freshman to find the Owl in the statue will become Valedictorian. Now walk up to the building at the top of the steps.

- LOW LIBRARY: This building used to be the main library until we moved all the books across campus in 1934. Now the principal of our school, called the president, has his offices here. Take a look at the signs in front of Athena when you walk through the doors.

Q: Does anyone know what they are?

- LOW LIBRARY ROTUNDA: The room right in front of you is called the Rotunda. It was designed just like the Pantheon in Rome. It has the largest granite dome in the country. The circles you see are made of gold! Turn around and head back outside. Walk down the concrete beach and head to your right. As you walk you will pass the buildings where college students go to class. In college, you don't have to stay in one room all day; you get to move from building to building. You even get to choose your classes!

Q: Can you guess what classes are in each building?

- LION SCULPTURE AND HAVEMEYER: Our campus mascot is a Lion, his name is Roar-ee. This sculpture is called *Scholars Lion*.

Q: How many students do you have in your class?

We have some big classrooms; some of the rooms in Havemeyer Hall can hold 200 people. In our school, called a University, we have 26,399 students. Lots of movies have been filmed in room 309 Havemeyer like *Malcolm X*, *Ghostbusters* and *Spiderman I & II*. Walk to the right of Roar-ee the lion.

- DODGE: Right next to Havemeyer, look at the building at the bottom of the steps. That is the Dodge Fitness Center, our gym. It was built in 1974.

Q: Do you participate in sports? Guess three sports teams we have at Columbia.

- URIS: Keep walking to your right. The next building is our Business School.

Q: What do you think the statue is in front?

- St. Paul: Continue walking to your right. The church you see is called St. Paul's Chapel. It was built in 1904. It is a non-denominational place of worship that has hundreds of events each year including religious services, weddings and concerts. This building is just one example of the diversity at Columbia University.

Q: What does diversity mean?

- Next to the chapel is La Maison Francaise. Q: Can you guess what that means?

Q: Can you go to college if you are from another country?

- Down the steps you will see Hamilton and John Jay halls. In college you don't have to live at home. Many students live in a dormitory. They share rooms, bathrooms and cafeterias with other students. No parents live on campus and you get to choose your roommate.

Q: Do you think you would enjoy living in a dorm room?

- Next to the dorms is Butler Library...How many of you like to read? Columbia University has 22 different libraries! This is our main library, named Butler library.

Q: Look at the very top of the building, do you recognize any of the names you see?

Inside students are studying. Q: Why is it important to study? Do you use computers to study? What else do you use to study?

- Alfred Lerner Hall is our student center. Students meet in here to study and have fun! Campus events are held in the party space and cinema. Q: What is different about this building?

Learning Lions (Adult/Companion Guide)

Taking a field trip with students not quite ready to apply? Explore the campus with this informative and interactive self-guided tour. Made specifically for our younger visitors, this tour offers an introduction to college and campus life. Columbia's Learning Lions tour gives you the opportunity to build a visit that includes science, art, social studies and other academic areas.

The Learning Lions guide offers fun facts and a map for kids. The companion guide for teachers, parents, counselors and chaperones tells you step by step which way to go, and additional information to share (or not) with other adults in the group.

Learning Lions (Adult Guide)

Greetings! This guide is designed to help make the most of your trip to Columbia University. This information is in addition to the student packet, feel free to use as much or as little of it as you like. There are ten stops on the tour. If you or your students have questions that you did not find the answer to in this packet please email visitorscenter@columbia.edu. To support a positive learning atmosphere on campus, please make sure to keep your students quiet when inside buildings and never leave them unattended. Don't forget to download the student guide. We thank you for visiting Columbia University and hope you have a roaring great time!

QUICK TIPS

Campus Rules A current Columbia I.D. is required to enter all buildings except Low Library and the chapel. You are welcome to explore any of the **outdoor** green space on campus. All personal items must remain with you at all times; storage is not available. Students must be accompanied by a chaperone for the duration of your visit.

Transportation and Parking The main gates to campus are located at 116th and Broadway. There is no parking on campus. The only train that stops at Columbia University is the number 1 train. We do not recommend taking the number 2 then walking to campus with student groups. For more info, visit www.columbia.edu/content/directions-parking.html.

Lunch Lunch is not included in the tour. There are six indoor public eating spaces on campus located in NW Corner, Lerner Hall, Uris, Dodge Hall, Engineering and Brad's café. Reservations are not required, seating is limited. Each location can seat 10 to 20 guests. Most groups choose to eat on the steps of Low Library or campus green space outdoors. Visitors may purchase or bring lunch. To arrange a pre-set lunch for your group please contact Adebayo Otitì at AO2390@columbia.edu or (212) 854-7163, or Anthony Hall at ah661@columbia.edu or (212) 854-7162. Please note that all the expenses incurred during your visit will be borne by your group leaders. For additional suggestions, visit [Our Neighborhood: Taste and See Morningside Heights](#).

Bookstore To purchase sweatshirts, hats and other Columbia University paraphernalia visit our campus bookstore, located in Lerner Hall, the building with the glass wall. Use the entrance on the sidewalk to enter the building.

Bathrooms There is a public restroom on the first floor of Low Library. Walk up the first set of steps, as you face the front of the building; use the entrance on the left. The ladies room is to your left, gentlemen to the right.

Suggested Visit Schedule (two and a half hour visit)

20 minute “college talk” on steps of Low Library with current undergraduate student

40 minute tour

60 minute lunch on grass or steps of Low Library

30 minute additional activity or visit to campus bookstore

College talks and guided tours are arranged by the [Visitors Center](#). To schedule additional activities, contact the desired department directly. If performing a self-guided tour have students break into teams. The first team to finish the tour and have as many correct answers as possible wins! An adult must accompany each team.

Additional Activities Right here on campus the [Miriam & Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery](#) is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Columbia University Athletics offers an exciting live sports experience for Football, Men and Women’s Basketball for your group. Meet Roar-ee the Lion, participate in special promotions, and more. Contact Daniel Spiegel at 212-854-8327 or email das2145@columbia.edu for information.

Columbia University Facilities offers a [garden tour](#) of campus. Richard Bussert, Facilities’ Director of Landscaping and Waste Management, will lead a tour of the University’s majestic gardens. You will be introduced to a wide variety of plants and trees on campus, including perennials and red maple trees. Reservations are required. All tours will begin at 1 p.m. To register for these tours, please e-mail facilities@columbia.edu. [Self-guided garden tours](#) are also available.

A Brief History

- Founded as King’s College in **1754** by order of King George II of England. First location – schoolhouse adjoining Trinity Church, near Wall Street on what is now lower Broadway. Started with 6 students.
- First university in province of New York and fifth in the country, after Harvard, William & Mary, Yale, and UPenn; first American university to be free of religious affiliation and believe in religious freedom as an integral part of the university.
- First president: Samuel Johnson, an Episcopalian minister; 19th (and current) president: Lee Bollinger.
- King’s College closed from 1776-86 during Revolutionary War; re-opened under the name **Columbia College** (the name used to refer to the American continent at the time).
- In 1857, moved to midtown (49th & Madison) and stayed there for 40 years.
- In 1896, renamed Columbia University and moved to Morningside Heights.

General Information: (student stats provided by CU Office of Institutional Research – Fall 2011)

- 16 schools, 80 academic departments/divisions, 4,000+ courses, including over 35 different languages (Arabic to Zulu)
- 100+ centers and institutes for specialized research, which study everything from human rights to molecular recognition.
- Affiliates: Barnard College, Teachers College, Jewish Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.
- 22 Libraries, more than 11 million printed volumes and 750,000 rare books.
- **28,172 students** (Fall 2011 excluding affiliates):
 - 13,772 graduate/professional, 8,812 undergraduates
 - 2,249 Special Programs & Non-degree students
- International students from over 160 countries
- Approximately 3,586 full-time faculty (Columbia only)
- 298,005 alumni in the U.S. and nearly 200 foreign countries.
- 79 Nobel laureates – faculty, former faculty and alumni, 9 currently on faculty

Columbia Trivia

- **American Firsts**
 - The School of Social Work, established in 1898.
 - The Dental School established in 1854 (became part of Columbia in 1916)
 - The medical school was the first to offer the M.D. degree.
 - The law school, the first to grant the J.D. degree.
 - The Engineering School, developed from the School of Mines in 1864.
 - First Anthropology department founded at Columbia in 1899 by Franz Boas.
- Columbia students can use their i.d. (with current validation sticker) for free admission to approximately 25 City museums, including the American Folk Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, El Museo del Barrio, Studio Museum of Harlem and the Whitney.
- Area between Butler and Low is the **largest privately-owned open space** in Manhattan.
- Columbia's **tunnel system** is the third largest in the world, after the Kremlin and MIT.
- A member of the **Ivy League**, which includes 8 schools (Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, U. Penn, Cornell, and Brown). Though the Ivy League has come to be associated with academic excellence, it is an athletic conference (established in 1956).
- The **university seal** was designed by Samuel Johnson (the first president of King's College) in 1755. It shows a woman seated on a throne with 3 children at her feet. Above her head is Columbia's motto, In Lumine Tuo Videbimus Lumen ("in Thy light shall we see light," Psalms 36:9).
- The **sundial** (south of College Walk) was given by the Class of 1885 and once had a 7-foot, 15-ton copper sphere on top of it. It indicated the time only once a day, at exactly noon. In 1946 the ball began to crack, and the City of New York declared it a public hazard and demanded that Columbia have it removed. The inscription reads: "Horam Expecta Veniet," or "Await the hour, it will come."

Learning Lions Tour (Adult Guide)

- Starting at.... **College Walk**, there are 57 steps. Have students count from the bottom before walking up to the statue called Alma Mater. Our Bacchanal celebration has brought celebrity musical artists such as Kanye West, Nas and OutKast to perform on Low Plaza.
- **Alma Mater**, Latin for "nourishing mother," a common term for the college one attends. *Alma Mater* sits in a klismos chair, arms stretched upward. In her right hand is a scepter which ends in four heads of wheat which hold a crown, part of the original seal of King's College. The chair arms each have a lamp which symbolizes Sapientia (Wisdom) and Doctrina (Teaching). An open Bible rests on "Alma Mater's" lap. Proceed into the library.
- **Low Library**, the symbols are astrology signs. Ask students their astrology sign. Walk straight ahead into the Rotunda. As long as there is no event being held, students can take a moment to look at the art in glass cases around the Rotunda. Point out the large dome and shelves where books used to be.
Head back outside. Walk down half the steps and go to your right. This upper level of campus houses academic buildings. The discipline is noted outside most buildings ex: Mathematics. Stop when you get to the lion sculpture.
- **Dodge Fitness Center**, an underground gym. Built in 1974 and renovated in 1996, it has four levels. Lou Gehrig was a student here in the 1920's; he used to break the windows in our Journalism building when he hit home runs on South Lawn. Our main athletics fields are now located at 218th street. Mention students can use the gym for free. You can also take the opportunity to discuss the importance of physical activity and healthy eating. Proceed to the next building with focus on the black statue.
- **Uris**, home of the Business School. The statue in front is a dollar sign. Ask students why they think a dollar sign is in front of the Business School. Continue walking right and turn the corner. You will see the chapel on your left-hand side.
- **St. Paul's Chapel** built in 1904 and designated a N.Y.C. landmark in 1966.
- Next to the chapel is **La Maison Francaise**. Founded in 1913, La Maison Francaise is the oldest French cultural center established on an American university campus. Buell Hall, is home to La Maison Francaise, the French House. Buell is the only building still remaining from the Bloomingdale Asylum for the Insane, which occupied this site before Columbia began to build the new campus in 1897. Ask if the students speak other languages. You can also mention we teach over 20 language courses and our student body represents over 150 countries. Walk straight ahead and down the steps. Stay to your left.
- **Hamilton, Hartley, Wallach and John Jay Halls**. Housing for undergraduate students. Hamilton Hall is named for Columbia's most famous dropout, Alexander Hamilton, who left the college in 1776 to fight in the American Revolution, subsequently becoming the country's first Secretary of the Treasury. John Jay is named after Columbia alumnus John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.
- **Butler Library** has famous philosophers across the top of the building. Butler is nine stories tall. It is named for legendary Columbia University President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nicholas

Murray Butler who helped develop what is now the Scholastic Assessment Test or SAT. The library is open 24 hours when school is in session and has 600 computers for students to use. You can use the opportunity to talk about resources available to students to help them succeed ex: computers, meal plans, tutors and financial aid.

- **Alfred Lerner Hall** is the University student center. Point out the glass wall; it is one of the few modern designs on campus. Some of the main highlights of the center are: undergraduate mailboxes; student lounges; two computer rooms, one allowing 24-hour access; a copy center; two dining venues; a radio station; numerous multi-functional event spaces, including a 1,500-seat auditorium with a balcony that can be converted to a movie theater; a black box theater; a disco and party space; a student travel agency; a pool hall and game room; offices for administrative services and student organizations; and the bookstore, which can be entered from Broadway.

This is the end of the tour. You are welcome to eat in any of the outdoor spaces or visit the bookstore located in Lerner Hall. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Columbia and your lions have had a fun filled learning experience!

Classroom Follow-up

What was the original name of Columbia University? Kings College

Name one of the dormitory buildings. Hamilton or John Jay Hall

What is the name of the statue in front of Low Library? Alma Mater

Name the former Columbia Student, who is on the \$10 bill. Alexander Hamilton

Name two things you learned about the life of a college student.

Name one thing you have to do in order to prepare for college.

Name one Columbia alumni. President Obama, Shirley Chisolm, Martha Stewart, Lou Gherig

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