



**COLUMBIA  
SOUTHERN**  
UNIVERSITY

**Information  
Guide**

# Table of Contents

---

Why Choose CSU?	1
Flexible Online Learning Options	4
Career-Focused Academics	5
Continuing Education	7
Nationally Recognized Industry Affiliations	8
Tuition Rates	10
Learning Partnership Benefits	12
Military Students	13
Request Information	15

# Why Choose CSU?

Columbia Southern University is a family-owned accredited university committed to providing a valuable online education for working professionals that teaches a relevant career curriculum and keeps tuition costs low.



## 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 textbooks are provided at no cost.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



John Macahan  
CSU Graduate



Jazmin, Estherlyne and Patrick Austin  
Family of CSU Graduates

# 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 courses are designed to accommodate working professionals, moms, dads and anyone else who is balancing school with other life commitments.

## LifePace Learning®\*

Start anytime with LifePace Learning.® Enrollment is open 365 days a year. Progress through your course at your own pace, and finish in as early as four weeks or as long as 10 weeks.

## Term Enrollment

This semester-based enrollment option gives you the flexibility to complete assignments at your own pace while working within set course start and end dates. A term lasts approximately nine weeks.

## Veterans Flexible Enrollment

Available to students using VA educational benefits, Veterans Flexible Enrollment combines the freedom of working at your own pace with the structure of set start and end dates. Veterans Flexible Enrollment terms last approximately nine weeks.

\*The LifePace Learning option is not eligible for VA funding, military tuition assistance or federal student aid.

	LifePace Learning®	Term Enrollment	Veterans Flexible Enrollment
No Required Login Times	✓	✓	
No Set Start Dates or Completion Dates	✓		
Complete Assignments at Your Own Pace	✓		✓
Enroll 365 Days a Year	✓		
Weekly Assignments Keep to You on Track		✓	
Choose from 11 Term Start Dates Per Year		✓	✓
Federal Student Aid Eligible		✓	

[ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Flexible](https://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Flexible)



# Career-Focused Academics

## Associate Degrees

- » **General Studies\***
- » **Business**
- » **Criminal Justice**
- » **Emergency Medical Services**
- » **Fire Science**
- » **Health Information Science**
  - Track I, Medical Coding Emphasis
  - Track II, General Curriculum Emphasis
- » **Occupational Safety & Health**

## Bachelor's Degrees

- » **Business Administration**
  - General
  - Finance
  - Hospitality & Tourism
  - Human Resource Management
  - Information Technology
  - International Management
  - Management
  - Marketing
  - Project Management
  - Sport Management
- » **Criminal Justice Administration**
  - Arson Investigation
  - Forensics
- » **Emergency Medical Services Administration**
- » **Environmental Management**

- » **Fire Administration**
  - Fire Investigation
- » **Health Care Administration**
  - Emergency Medical Services
- » **Homeland Security**
- » **Human Resource Management**
- » **Information Systems & Cyber Security**
  - General
  - Homeland Security
- » **Information Technology**
- » **Occupational Safety & Health**
  - Construction Safety
  - Fire Science
  - Oil and Gas
- » **Organizational Leadership**
- » **Psychology**

## Master's Degrees

- » **Business Administration**
  - General
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Finance
  - Health Care Management
  - Human Resource Management
  - Marketing
  - Project Management
  - Public Administration
- » **Criminal Justice Administration**
- » **Emergency Services Management**

- » **Homeland Security**
  - Criminal Justice
  - Emergency Services Management
  - Management
- » **Occupational Safety & Health**
  - General
  - Environmental Management
- » **Organizational Leadership**
- » **Public Administration**
  - General
  - Criminal Justice Administration
  - Emergency Services Management
- » **Public Health**
  - General
  - Community Health Education

## Doctoral Degree

- » **Business Administration**
  - Dissertation Opt. 1, Theoretical-Based Study
  - Dissertation Opt. 2, Research Project-Based Study

## 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.

Undergraduate	Direct**†	Embedded
Cybersecurity		✓
Emergency Management		✓
Environmental Management	✓	✓
Fire Science	✓	✓
Finance	✓	✓
Hospitality & Tourism	✓	✓
Human Resource Management	✓	✓
Information Technology	✓	✓
International Management	✓	✓
Management	✓	✓
Marketing	✓	✓
Military Operations		✓
Occupational Safety & Health	✓	✓
Project Management	✓	✓
Psychology		✓
Sport Management	✓	✓

Graduate	Direct**†	Embedded
Environmental Management	✓	✓
Finance	✓	✓
Health Care Management	✓	✓
Human Resource Management	✓	✓
Marketing	✓	✓
Occupational Safety & Health	✓	✓
Project Management	✓	✓
Public Administration	✓	✓

\*These programs are not eligible for Federal Student Aid.  
†These programs are not eligible for VA funding.



Accredited Member Distance Education Accrediting Commission  
1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 808  
Washington, DC 20036 (202)234-5100



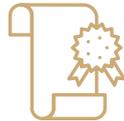
**Maritza Sanchez**  
CSU Graduate

\*These programs are not eligible for Federal Student Aid.

Located in Orange Beach, Alabama. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at [ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Disclosure](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Disclosure).

[ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Degree](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Degree)

# 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.

Course Number	Course Title	CEUs Earned
BHT 1001	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	4.0
BHT 1002	Forensic Sociology of Addictions	4.0
BHT 1003	Behavioral Crisis Management	4.0
BHT 1004	Introduction to Operations	4.0
CE 1001	Incident Safety Officer	11.0
CE 1002	Health and Safety Officer	9.0
CE 1003	Fire Officer I	4.2
CE 1004	Fire Officer II	4.2
CE 1006	Developing Fire Service Professionals	5.2
CE 1300	Certified Community Paramedic Review Course	11.0
CE 1101	CHST® Exam Prep	3.3
CE 1102	Industrial Hygiene for Safety Professionals	5.5
CE 1103	ASP® Exam Prep	3.6
CE 1104	CSP® Exam Prep	2.7
CE 1105	Maritime Hazardous Materials Inventory	4.0

Course Number	Course Title	CEUs Earned
CE 1201	School Safety and Security: Next Steps	2.3
CE 1202	Human Trafficking Awareness	4.2
CE 1203	The United States' Response to Human Trafficking	5.2
CE 1204	Law Enforcement Investigations of Human Trafficking Crimes	4.8
CE 1205	Introduction to Forensic Investigation	4.8
CE 1206	Digital Forensics and the Courtroom	3.2
CE 1401	PMP® Exam Prep	12.0
CE 1402	Foundational Math for Business	3.0

*\*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. Please visit our website at [ColumbiaSouthern.edu/CE](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/CE) to see the most current listing of available courses and pricing.*

[ColumbiaSouthern.edu/CE](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/CE)

# Nationally Recognized Industry Affiliations

## BCSP | Board of Certified Safety Professionals

— Since 1969 —

### 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. Here are just a few:



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**



**Authorized Training Provider**



**Mark Gregory**  
CSU Graduate

# Strong Academic Programs at an Affordable Rate

## 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.

## Graduate & Undergraduate Tuition Rates

	Per Credit Hour
Undergraduate Courses	\$235.00
Graduate Courses*	\$325.00
Doctoral Courses	\$420.00

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.

\*The tuition rate for graduate courses per credit hour is \$250 for all active-duty military members (not applicable for CSU Learning Partners).

## Payment Options for Everyone



At CSU, there are many Ways to Save including scholarships, military tuition assistance, Learning Partnerships and more. Here are a few of our payment options:

- » **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, GI Bill® and Veterans Flexible Enrollment
- » **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
- » **Pay as You Learn**  
Weekly, biweekly, monthly and full payment options
- » **Scholarships**  
CSU awards more than 20 scholarships annually to current and future students
- » **Textbooks Provided at No Cost**  
Textbooks are always included at no cost to our 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](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

**ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Tuition**

# 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.

Jacklyne Pham  
CSU Graduate



For a full list of CSU Learning Partners, visit our website.

## Graduate & Undergraduate Tuition Rates

\*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. For current tuition information, please visit [ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Tuition](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Tuition).

	Tuition Per Credit Hour	Learning Partners Per Credit Hour
Undergraduate Courses	\$235.00	\$211.50
Graduate Courses*	\$325.00	\$292.50
Doctoral Courses	\$420.00	\$378.00



[ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Partners](http://ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Partners)

# We Are Committed to Military and 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*

*Transfer Credits for Military Training*

*Assistance with TA and VA Benefits*

*Tuition Rates Below 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](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

**ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Military**



**Kenneth Terrell**  
CSU Graduate

# Ready to Get Started?

---

## Apply Today

---

### 1| **Apply**

Complete your online application for admission at [ColumbiaSouthern.edu/Apply](https://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.