

“Man is born free
and everywhere
he is in chains.”

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
(1712-1778)

*What does this quote mean
and what does it have to do
with American society today?*

Join us in July to find out and...

- **Read intensively** from canonical texts of Ancient Greece, the Enlightenment, and the American tradition in our three-week immersive college seminars.
- **Learn in small classes** taught by distinguished professors for the individual attention and support you need to excel.
- **Get a real college experience** by living in Columbia dorms Monday through Friday.
- **Gain necessary college skills** in reading, writing, and studying from dedicated Columbia undergraduates.
- **Make a difference** on the social issues that matter most to you in our year-long civic leadership project.
- **Improve your college chances** by receiving expert application guidance from college mentors and letters of recommendation from your professors.



Apply now!

Summer 2019 Dates:
July 1-26

Application Deadline:
~~March 1, 2019~~

View our summer syllabus,
learn more about student projects, and fill
out an application at:

freedomandcitizenship.columbia.edu

Questions about the program structure,
eligibility, applying, or commitment to the
year-long project?

Contact our Executive Director Jessica Lee
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Get prepared.

Get accepted.



Get college ready with

**Freedom &
Citizenship**

at Columbia University

From our students...

"I've learned that despite my shyness and reticence, I want to be heard. I have so much to say and so many questions to pose. I had the privilege to see this side of me in the seminar."

-Ashley, Wadleigh Secondary School

"The discussions that we have in the classrooms stick. They are carried with us everywhere we go as they change our insight and perspective of the world around us."

-Nabiha, Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics

"It was one thing to feel that F&C made an impact on my [college] admission, but it was even greater to see it mentioned on my acceptance letter as a 'contributing factor to my acceptance.'"

-Ronny, NYC Museum School, University of Rochester



The Freedom & Citizenship program at Columbia University is seeking 45 rising high school seniors to participate in its 2019-2020 academic year.

What is F&C all about?

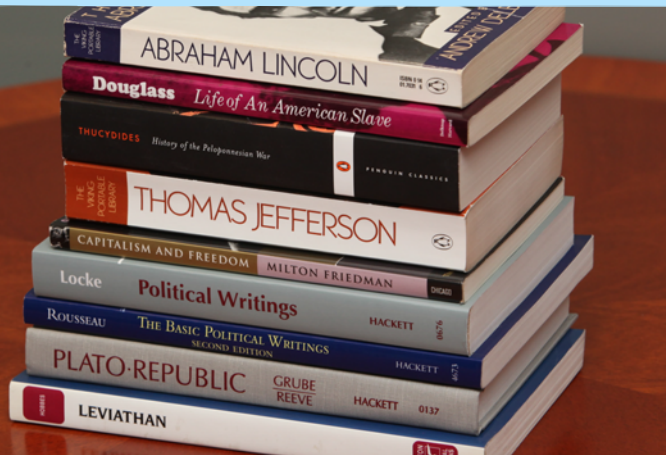
1. It's a Summer Seminar in Political Philosophy:

Our program begins with a three-day orientation where undergraduate teaching assistants prepare students for the seminar's quick pace, advanced reading level, and nightly writing assignments. For the following three weeks, students are split into small seminars for daily two-hour classes with Ivy League professors. In the first week we read ancient Greek philosophy through Plato and Aristotle. In the second week we enter the Enlightenment with Thomas Hobbes and Thomas Jefferson. Finally, in the third week we encounter the American tradition with readings from W.E.B. Du Bois

to James Baldwin. The syllabus is modeled on Columbia's "Contemporary Civilization" curriculum required for all sophomores.

2. It's an Academic-Year Civic Project: In September, students initiate a civic leadership project that builds on the summer's themes. Students meet every other week throughout the academic year to research their chosen topics and develop projects that engage their fellow citizens. Past projects have included mental health, refugees, and police violence.

3. And it's College Application Help: Every student receives a college letter of recommendation from their professor upon completion of the summer seminar. Students are also eligible for weekly college mentoring at Columbia's Double Discovery Center.



We are looking for students eager to improve their writing skills, curious about the origins of our political system, and excited to engage with the problems facing society. Preference goes to students who are the first generation in their families to go to college, are from low-income households, or attend under-performing high schools in Manhattan.