"Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)

What does this quote have to do with America 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!**

Dates: June 29 - July 24, 2020 + select dates Sept - May

Cost: **FREE!**

Admission is on a rolling basis, apply early, spots are limited!

View our summer syllabus, learn more about student projects, and apply online at:
freedomandcitizenship.columbia.edu

Questions? Contact our Executive Director Jessica Lee at Jessica.Lee@columbia.edu or 212.854.6698

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Get college ready with Freedom & Citizenship at Columbia University
The Freedom & Citizenship program at Columbia University is seeking 40 rising high school seniors to participate in its 2020-2021 academic year.

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, Fordham University

“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, City College

“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

1. **It’s a Summer Seminar in Political Philosophy:**
   We begin with orientation where Columbia students prepare you for the college work ahead. For the next three weeks, you’ll be placed in small classes for daily seminar discussions with Ivy League professors. In the first week we’ll read ancient Greek philosophy from Plato to Aristotle. Then we’ll trace the Enlightenment from Europe to Colonial America. Finally, we’ll study more contemporary issues from W.E.B. Du Bois to James Baldwin. Our course is modeled after a real Columbia class.

2. **It’s an Academic-Year Civic Project:**
   Students begin a civic leadership project in September that builds on the summer’s themes. You will meet every other week throughout the year to research your chosen topic and develop a project that engages your peers on the issue. 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 from Columbia undergraduate students.

**What is F&C?**

We are looking for curious and hard-working students eager to engage with society’s biggest problems.

Preference goes to first generation college students and those from low-income households.