READCOL does not care how many columns are in a file.   Say a file "bigtable.dat" has 100 columns and we just want to read the 5th column.   This would work.

IDL> readcol,'bigtable.dat',v5,f='x,x,x,x,f'

Unfortunately, one can't abbreviate the format as f = '4x,f' though this feature wouldn't be too hard to add.

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:08:03 AM UTC-5, Sapna Mishra wrote:
 Say If I have infinite number of columns And I want to read 100th column how would I do that, shall I need to give 100 parameters in Readcol?? This seems tough to me.