

College of Lake County	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Digital Media Design – Graphic Design	Major: Graphic Design
Minimum credits at College of Lake County: 65	Credits completed at Columbia: 63

Degree Information

The Graphic Design BFA is a rigorous, professionally focused degree in visual communications where you will gain experience in research and client management. Learn more about the program, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/academics/programs/graphic-design.

Admissions & Deadlines

Columbia accepts and reviews applications to our Bachelor of Fine Arts programs beginning in **September** with a deadline of **mid-January**, except for the following majors:

December 1 Deadline

- Acting, BFA
- Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music, BMus
- Music Composition, BMus
- Musical Theatre Performance, BFA

Refer to our [Application Deadlines](#) as well as the [Transfer Timeline](#) and [Transfer Checklist](#) to plan your transfer.

Tuition & Scholarships

General Tuition and Fees: colum.edu/tuition

Scholarships and Financial Aid: colum.edu/scholarships

Contact Information

Want to learn more?

Web: colum.edu/transfer

Email: transfer@colum.edu

More Information

Completion of this transfer guide does not guarantee admission to Columbia College Chicago. In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn a B or better in all major courses. Additionally, the Columbia semester plan should be considered a guide and all Columbia transfer students should work with their academic advisor to ensure that they are making progress toward graduation.

Completing the AAS will waive the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 105 Foundation Studio, ARTS 110 Drawing I, and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AAS degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago have the choice of completing the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at Columbia or the Columbia Core Curriculum. Students will work with their Columbia advisor on the best course of action. Additionally, all degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, a Columbia Experience course as indicated, as well as at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

College of Lake County Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

College of Lake County		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 122 Two-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
CLC 120 College Success Seminar	2	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 111 Introduction to Digital Media	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
DMD 121 Introduction to Graphic Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
ENG 121 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 222 Computer Art I	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 113 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
DMD 125 DMD Printing Production	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 174 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
MTH 122 College Algebra or higher MTH course	3-5	Meets Columbia's Mathematics requirement

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 149 Digital Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective**
BUS 239 Social Media/Marketing	3	Collegewide Elective**
CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
DMD 117 Concepts in New Media	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 273 Advanced Electronic Graphic Publishing	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
DMD 116 Web Design & Development	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
DMD 279 Packaging and Design	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENG 113 Technical Communication OR ENG 266 Professional Communication	3	Collegewide Elective**
HUM 222 Film & Society (Humanities elective)	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Science course
IAI Social Science course (ANT 121, PSY 121 or PSY 122)	3	Social Science course

Additional Summer Coursework Required

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
DMD 115 Internet Fundamentals	3	Collegewide Elective**

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

65 – 67*

*Due to total graduation requirements, students should complete at least 65 credits at CLC prior to transferring to Columbia. Failure to do so may increase time to graduation.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics & Form	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Humanities course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio OR GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Social Science course	3
Science course with lab	4
Total Credit Hours	16

Total Degree Credit Hours

128