

City Colleges of Chicago	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Photography	Major: Photography
Minimum credits at the City Colleges: 61	Credits completed at Columbia: 59

Degree Information

The Department of Photography offers concentrations in Commercial, Fashion, and Fine Art. Learn more about the concentrations, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/photography.

Admissions & Deadlines

Columbia accepts and reviews applications to our Bachelor of Arts programs on a rolling basis and it is to your advantage to complete your application as early as possible. Use 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. 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.

Admitted students who have completed the AA as outlined within the following guide will be waived from the following major requirement: ARTS 105 Foundation Studio.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. 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.

City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

City Colleges of Chicago		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 103 Art Appreciation (Fine Arts HD course)*	3	Humanities course
ART 115 Beginning Darkroom Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENGLISH 101 Composition	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MATH 118 General Education Math (or higher course)	4	Meets mathematics requirement
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 113 Beginning Digital Photography	3	PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I
ART 114 Appreciation of Photography	3	PHOT 251 History of Photography I
ENGLISH 102 Composition	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course*	3	Humanities course
IAI Life Science course (no lab required)	3	Science course

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 116 Intermediate Black and White Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 117 Beginning Color Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course*	3	Social Science course
200-Level IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course*	3	200-Level Humanities course

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 200 Individual Art Projects	2	Collegewide Elective**
ART 213 Intermediate Digital Photography	3	PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II
ART 270 Photography Portfolio	3	Collegewide Elective**
IAI Physical Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course*	3	200-Level Social Science course

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

61

*The City College's Human Diversity requirement must be met by taking either a Social & Behavioral Science, Fine Arts, or Humanities course designated with an HD.

**Collegewide Electives will be applied to required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago or could be applied to certain minors.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
BUSE 275 Self-Management and Freelancing	3
PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III	3
PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
PHOT 205 Principals of Light	3
Photography Concentration course	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3
Photography Concentration course	3
Photography Concentration course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
PHOT 401 Photography Seminar	3
Photography Concentration course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Total Degree Credit Hours

120