

Oakton College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Focus: Graphic Design – Print Track	Major: Graphic Design
Minimum credits at Oakton College: 64	Credits completed at Columbia: 64

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 as indicated will waive the following major requirements: ARTS 105 Foundation Studio 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.

Oakton College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Oakton College		Columbia College Chicago	
Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ART 105 Fundamentals of Two-Dimensional Art I or GRD 101 Introduction to Visual Communication	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	
ART 115 Beginning Photography or ART 117 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective*	
ART 131 Drawing I	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I	
ART 250 Introduction to Computer Art	3	Collegewide Elective*	
EGL 101 Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I	

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ART 216 Introduction to Digital Imaging	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab	
ART 224 Introduction to Graphic Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	
ART 268 Digital 2D Animation and Multimedia	3	Collegewide Elective*	
MAT 125 General Education Mathematics	4	Mathematics course	
SPE 103 Effective Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement	

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ART 225 Graphic Design Layout and Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	
ART 244 Designing Branding and Logos (Print Elective)	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity and Narrative	
ART 259 Introduction to Web Design	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I	
ART 260 Introduction to 3D Animation and Multimedia	3	Collegewide Elective*	
IAI Humanities/Fine Arts course with Global Studies designation	3	Humanities course	
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course with US Diversity designation	3	Social Science course	

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ART 256 Advanced Graphic Design (Print Elective)	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form	
ART 267 Web Design Layout and Typography	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II	
ART 272 Portfolio Development	3	Collegewide Elective*	
GRD 251 Graphic Design Practicum	3	Collegewide Elective*	
HUM 123 Introduction to Art (Fine Arts course)	3	ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

64

*Collegewide Electives will be applied toward required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
200-Level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Science course with Lab	3
Collegewide Elective	4
Total Credit Hours	16

Total Degree Credit Hours

128