Elgin Community College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate of Applied Science	**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
Major: Communication Design – Graphic Design	**Major:** Graphic Design
Minimum credits at Elgin: 62	**Credits completed at Columbia:** 58

Degree Information

The BA provides a foundation in design, but allows students to choose a concentration in one discipline and minor or double major. All Graphic Design students develop a professional portfolio of work as part of the requirements of the degree program. Learn more about the major at colum.edu/academics/programs/graphic-design.

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 AAS as outlined within the following guide will be waived from the following major requirement: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Arts, 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 Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum - students will work with their Columbia advisor on the best course of action. All degree-seeking students are required to complete mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, 3 credit hours of Columbia Experience coursework, and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Elgin Community College Transfer Pathway

Elgin Community College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
CDN 101 Introduction to 2D-Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
CDN 103 Conceptual Visualization	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 105 Color Theory	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 107 Introduction to Digital Design	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
MTH 102 Gen Ed Stats or MTH 104 Liberal Arts Math	3	Mathematics course

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Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
CDN 108 Designing with InDesign	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 109 Design/Adobe Illustrator	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 110 Image Design/Photoshop	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 115 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
CDN 219 Basic Web Design	3	Collegewide Elective*
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I

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Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
CDN 200 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
CDN 201 Layout Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
CDN 221 Advanced Web Design	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
CDN 230 Introduction to Videography	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

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Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 151, 152 or 154 from Liberal Education list	3	Humanities
CDN 217 Freelance Principles and Practices	3	Collegewide Elective*
CDN 223 Digital Publishing	3	GRDE 305 Publication Design
CDN 240 Portfolio Review	2	Collegewide Elective*
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree	62

*Collegewide Electives will be applied to required graduation hours at Columbia.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II	3
Science course	3
200-level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ENGL 130 Oral Expression	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Science course with lab	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity and Narrative	3
Humanities course	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 325 Packaging Design **OR** GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	1
Total Credit Hours	**13**

Total Degree Credit Hours	**120**