

City Colleges of Chicago	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Fine Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Music Performance	Major: Music
Minimum credits at the City Colleges: 70	Credits completed at Columbia: 50

Degree Information

No audition is required for a **BA in Music**. Music Department faculty members evaluate your music theory knowledge and performance skills before your first semester in order to place you in the appropriate level of coursework. If you don't have formal training, our curriculum will help you gain the knowledge and skills to develop and refine your talents. If you do have formal training, we will place you in courses that will bring your musicianship to the next level. Learn more about the major at colum.edu/academics/programs/music.

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.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AFA 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.

City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

City Colleges of Chicago		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLISH 101 Composition I	3	ENGLI 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MUSIC 102 Theory I* and MUSIC 105 Group Piano I and MUSIC 111 Aural/Keyboard	7	MUSC 110 Foundations of Music I
MUSIC 181 Applied Music Freshman I	2	MUSC 174 Applied Music I
SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
IAI Physical & Life Science course	3	Science course

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
MATH 118 General Education Mathematics or MATH 125 Introductory Statistics	4	Mathematics course
MUSIC 103 Theory II and MUSIC 106 Group Piano II and MUSIC 112 Aural/Keyboard II	7	MUSC 111 Foundations of Music II
MUSIC 109 Jazz/Pop Ensemble or MUSIC 110 Jazz/Pop Ensemble	2	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
MUSIC 182 Applied Music Freshman II	2	MUSC 175 Applied Music II
MUSIC 183 World Music (Human Diversity course)**	3	Humanities course

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLISH 102 Composition II	3	ENGLI 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
MUSIC 109 Jazz/Pop Ensemble or MUSIC 110 Jazz/Pop Ensemble	2	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
MUSIC 201 Theory III and Music 211 Aural/Keyboard III	5	Refer to semester 4
MUSIC 221 Music Literature and History	3	200-Level Humanities course
MUSIC 281 Applied Music Sophomore I	2	MUSC 271 Primary Lessons
IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities course

SEMESTER 4

City Colleges of Chicago		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
MUSIC 202 Theory IV and MUSIC 212 Aural/Keyboard IV	5	With the above courses: MUSC 210 Foundations of Music III and MUSC 211 Foundations of Music IV and MUSC 223 Elements of Music Design
MUSIC 282 Applied Music Sophomore II	2	MUSC 271 Primary Lessons
PSYCH 201 General Psychology	3	200-Level Social Science course
Program Elective (Any Music Ensemble)	2	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
IAI Physical & Life Sciences with lab	4	Science course with lab

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

70

*Grade of C or better in Music 101, or Consent of Department Chairperson

**The City Colleges of Chicago requires that at least one course meet the Human Diversity (HD) requirement.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 325 Arranging and Orchestration	3
MUSC 350 Applied Music Production	3
MUSC 361 Music, Time, and Place I	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	12

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 3** Techniques course from list	2
MUSC 362 Music, Time, and Place II	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	2
Total Credit Hours	13

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 363 Music Styles and Analysis	3
MUSC 4** Techniques course from list	2
MUSC *** Ensemble	1
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	12

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 488 BA Senior Music Seminar	1
MUSC *** Ensemble	1
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	2
Total Credit Hours	13

Total Degree Credit Hours

120