College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Graphic Design	**Major:** Graphic Design
Minimum credits at the College of DuPage: 70	**Credits completed at Columbia:** 58

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
- Music Composition, BMus
- Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music, 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: ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design 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 DuPage Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

College of DuPage		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GRDSN 1100 Drawing for Design	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I
GRDSN 1101 Digital Graphic Applications	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
GRDSN 1102 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
GRDSN 1104 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design

SEMESTER 2

College of DuPage		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
GRDSN 1105 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
GRDSN 1106 Three-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
GRDSN 1107 Digital Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2200 User Experience Design	3	Collegewide Elective*
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communications Requirement

Summer Coursework Required

College of DuPage		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
Available GRDSN course	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Physical or Life Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab

SEMESTER 3

College of DuPage		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
GRDSN 1108 Digital Illustration II	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2201 Graphic Design III	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative
GRDSN 2202 Web/Interactive Design I	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
GRDSN 2203 Advertising Design	3	Collegewide Elective*
2000-Level Art History course	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course

SEMESTER 4

College of DuPage		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
GRDSN 2204 Digital Illustration III	3	GRDE 336 Design Lab II
GRDSN 2205 Graphic Design IV	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2206 Web/Interactive Design II	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II
GRDSN 2208 Portfolio Seminar	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree	70

*Collegewide Electives will be applied to 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
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
Social Science Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative and Research Studio	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Humanities Course	3
Science Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
200-Level Humanities Course	3
Social Science Course with DEI Designation	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	**13**

Total Degree Credit Hours	**128**