Transfer Guide
2023–2024 Academic Year
Harper College

Columbia
COLLEGE CHICAGO

Harper College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
Major: Graphic Arts Design Technology – Graphic Design	**Major:** Graphic Design
Minimum credits at Harper College: 64*	**Credits completed at Columbia:** 56

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 requirements: 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.

*It is recommended that students following this transfer plan complete 64 credit hours at Harper to not delay Columbia graduation.

Harper College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ENG 101 Composition	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GRA 101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 102 Graphic Arts Desktop Publishing	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
GRA 103 Digital Imaging I	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course

SEMESTER 2

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ENG 102 Composition	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
GRA 112 Digital Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 120 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I
GRA 130 Introduction to Photography	2	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 145 WordPress and Mobile Technologies **OR** WEB 110 Internet Fundamentals	3	Collegewide Elective*

SEMESTER 3

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 121 Design I	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
GRA 105 Color Management	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 111 Press Operations	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 131 Digital Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 220 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
GRA 222 Packaging Design (Major Elective)	3	GRDE 325 Packaging Design

SEMESTER 4

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
GRA 113 Digital Imaging II	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 221 Graphic Portfolio Design	2	Collegewide Elective*
GRA 229 Page Layout	3	Collegewide Elective*
WEB 150 Web Foundations (Major Elective)	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

Additional Coursework Highly Recommended

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Fulfills IAI Communication Requirement

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 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3
GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
Concentration Course	3
Science course	3
Social Science course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
Concentration Course	3
Science with lab	3
Social Science course	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	2
Total Credit Hours	**14**

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
Concentration Course	3
Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	**12**

Total Degree Credit Hours	**120**