Joliet Junior College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts
Focus: Graphic Design	**Major:** Graphic Design
Minimum credits at Joliet Junior College: 63*	**Credits completed at Columbia:** 65

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: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture 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.

*Graphic Design students should complete 63 credit hours prior to transferring in order to not delay graduation.

Joliet Junior College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Joliet Junior College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 101 Drawing I	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I
ART 103 2D Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
ART 110 Intro to Computer Graphics	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
ART 126 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective*
ENG 101 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I

SEMESTER 2

Joliet Junior College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 102 Drawing II	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 104 3D Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 152 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
ART 226 Digital Image Manipulation	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 230 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design

SEMESTER 3

Joliet Junior College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 115 Ancient and Medieval **OR** ART 119 Renaissance to Modern	3	Humanities course
ART 227 Digital Illustration	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I and GRDE 232 Graphic Design II
ART 228 Digital Layout	3	
ART 252 Type & Image	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

SEMESTER 4

Joliet Junior College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	**Credits**	**Course Title**
ART 280 Corporate Identity	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 290 Portfolio	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 299 Special Topics	3	Collegewide Elective*
CIS 216 HTML & CSS for Web Design**	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
COM 101 Principles of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree	63

*Collegewide Electives will be applied toward required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago.
**CIS 216 is not required for graduation at JJC but should be taken prior to transferring to Columbia.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	**16**

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
Science course with lab	3
Social Science course	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Total Credit Hours	**15**

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio **or** GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Total Credit Hours	**16**

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Science course	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Total Credit Hours	**18**

Total Degree Credit Hours	**128**