

| McHenry County College | Columbia College Chicago |
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| Degree: Associate in Fine Arts | Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts |
| Focus: Art | Major: Fine Arts |
| Minimum credits at McHenry: 65* | Credits completed at Columbia: 63 |

Degree Information

Explore a range of materials, methods, and theories in the Fine Arts programs at Columbia College Chicago, where we view the art world as interdisciplinary and flexible. You'll learn about the social function of art and begin to sharpen your voice as you study art history and theory. Learn more about faculty and career opportunities at colum.edu/academics/programs/fine-arts.

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
- Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music, BMus
- Music Composition, 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, 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 AFA will waive the following major requirements: Three credits of Foundation Skills and three credits of ARTS 103 Art Now!

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.

*Though the AFA requires only 61 credit hours, it is recommended that MCC students complete 65 credit hours by taking MCC 101 and an IAI Social & Behavioral Science course (work with your MCC advisor to select a course). **Taking less than 65 hours or taking courses not listed on this transfer guide, may result in an adjusted degree path at Columbia College Chicago.**

McHenry County College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

| McHenry County College | | Columbia College Chicago | |
|--|---------|--|--|
| Course Title | Credits | Course Title | |
| ART 150 Humanities Through the Arts (Humanities) | 3 | ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture | |
| ART 156 Drawing I | 3 | ARTS 110 Drawing I | |
| ART 171 Art History I OR ART 172 Art History II | 3 | ARTH 110 Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Modern OR Humanities course | |
| ART 253 Three-Dimensional Design | 3 | ARTS 105 Foundation Studio | |
| ENG 151 Composition I | 3 | ENGL 111 Writing & Rhetoric I | |

SEMESTER 2

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|--|---------|--|--|
| Course Title | Credits | Course Title | |
| ART 153 Two-Dimensional Design | 3 | ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design | |
| ART 160 Painting I (Art Studio Elective) | 3 | ARTS 220 Painting I | |
| ENG 152 Composition II | 3 | ENGL 112 Writing & Rhetoric II | |
| IAI Mathematics course | 3 | Mathematics course | |
| IAI Physical or Life Science course (no lab) | 3 | Science course | |

SEMESTER 3

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|---|---------|---|--|
| Course Title | Credits | Course Title | |
| ART 157 Drawing II | 3 | ARTS 320A Painting and Drawing II | |
| ART 180 Sculpture I (Art Studio Elective) | 3 | ARTS 240 Sculpture I | |
| SPE 151 Introduction to Speech | 3 | Meets the IAI Communication requirement | |
| IAI Humanities course | 3 | Humanities course | |
| IAI Social & Behavioral Science course | 3 | Social Science course | |

SEMESTER 4

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| Course Title | Credits | Course Title | |
| ART 158 Life Drawing | 3 | ARTS 299A Topics in Studio Art I: | |
| ART 171 Art History I OR ART 172 Art History II | 3 | ARTH 110 Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Modern OR Humanities course | |
| ART 159 Printmaking | 3 | ARTS 230 Printmaking | |
| IAI Physical or Life Science course with lab | 4 | Science course with lab | |
| 200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course | 3 | 200-Level Social Science course | |

Highly Recommended Coursework

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| Course Title | Credits | Course Title | |
| MCC 101 The College Experience | 1 | Collegewide Elective** | |
| 200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course | 3 | 200-Level Social Science course | |

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

61 - 65

*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 210 20th Century Art History | 3 |
| ARTS 250 New Genres I | 3 |
| ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course) | 1 |
| 300-Level Major Elective | 3 |
| 200-Level Social Science course* | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 1 |
| Total Credit Hours | 17 |

SEMESTER 6

| Course Title | Credits |
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| ARTH 310 Contemporary Art: 1980 to the present | 3 |
| ARTH 315 Art Theory Seminar | 3 |
| ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course) | 1 |
| ARTS 360 Junior Fine Arts Studio | 3 |
| CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation | 3 |
| 300-Level Major Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 16 |

SEMESTER 7

| Course Title | Credits |
|---|-----------|
| ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course) | 1 |
| ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio | 3 |
| ARTS 463 Professional Practices | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | 16 |

SEMESTER 8

| Course Title | Credits |
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| ARTS 465 Senior Fine Arts BFA Exhibition | 6 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective | 3 |
| Collegewide Elective (if needed) | 2 |
| Total Credit Hours | 17 |

Total Degree Credit Hours

128