

Columbia College Chicago



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Associate of Arts to Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Courses taken at JJC

Year One, First Semester

ART 101 Drawing I
ART 103 2D Design
COMM 101 Principles of Speech Communication
ENG 101 Rhetoric
GEN ED IAI Mathematics Course**

Year One, Second Semester

ART 104 3D Design
ART 227 Graphic Design I
ART 109 Introduction to the Visual Arts
ENG 102 Rhetoric II
GEN ED IAI Humanities Course and Fine Arts course**
GEN ED 200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course**

Year Two, Third Semester

ART 110 Introduction to Computer Graphics
ART 152 Typography
GEN ED IAI Humanities and Fine Arts**
GEN ED IAI Physical and Life Science Course**
GEN ED IAI Social and Behavioral Science Course**

Year Two, Fourth Semester

ART 228 Graphic Design II
ART 230 History of Graphic Design
GEN ED 200-Level IAI Humanities or Fine Arts Course**
GEN ED IAI Physical or Life Science Course with Lab**
GEN ED IAI Social and Behavioral Science Course**

Total JJC Credits: 64*

Courses taken at Columbia

Year Three, Fifth Semester

BUSE 130 Business of Design
GRDE 240 Website Design I
GRDE 305 Publication Design
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative
Elective Collegewide Elective**
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Year Three, Sixth Semester

ADAD 317 Photo Communication
DSGN 350 Portfolio
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research
GRDE 340 Website Design II
Innovation and Impact Course Columbia Experience
Elective Collegewide Elective**

Year Four, Seventh Semester

ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I
COLL 200 Internship
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments
Elective Collegewide Elective**
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Year Four, Eighth Semester

ARTS 333 or Letterpress Studio or
GRDE 336 Design Lab II**
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design
Elective Collegewide Elective**
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Total Columbia College Credits: 64*

Total Degree Credits: 128*

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*This transfer guide is a sample curriculum. Additional courses may be required based on placement test scores. Please work with your faculty advisor or success coach prior to course registration.

**Courses are to be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor.

Note I: In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), applicants following this guide are required to earn a 3.0 in all major courses. Additionally, please note all applicants will be processed as Bachelor of Arts (BA) students until confirmation of enrollment. Contact transfer@colum.edu with any questions. Students who complete the AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 105 Foundation Studio, and DGSN 110 Design Thinking.

Note II: Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Additionally, all degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, Columbia Experience courses are indicated, as well as at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

About Columbia College Program:

Columbia College Chicago's Graphic Design programs will give you the tools and experience you'll need to launch a career in visual communication. You'll develop advanced skills in typography, layout, information design, packaging design, and other applications through hands-on courses. You'll learn the software and technology you'll need to deliver dynamic visual communications. You'll also gain experience in research and client management. You'll focus on graphic design within a broader program of foundational studies in art and design. You'll also gain a strong business foundation, which will prepare you to join a design firm, an agency, an in-house corporate design team, or launch your own freelance business. Columbia College Chicago offers two programs in graphic design: the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). A second Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design is also available if you've already earned a bachelor's degree. The BFA is a rigorous, professionally focused degree in visual communications. The BFA requires students to learn multiple disciplines and has fewer opportunities to choose electives. 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.

About JJC's Program:

Whether you've always known what you wanted to study in college or you're undecided, JJC offers more than 180 degree and certificate programs to choose from. It doesn't matter if you're planning to transfer or complete your degree here - JJC can help guide you as you journey toward your future career. Associate in Arts degrees are for those intending to transfer to a four year university after JJC and major in the social sciences, humanities, fine arts, and other majors falling under the arts. See the Associate in Arts page for curriculum requirements.



Questions:

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