

Elgin Community College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Art	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Photography	Major: Photography
Minimum credits at Elgin Community College: 61	Credits completed at Columbia: 59

Degree Information

The Department of Photography offers concentrations in Commercial, Fashion, and Fine Art. Learn more about the concentrations, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/photography.

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

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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 AA as outlined within the following guide will be waived from the following major requirement: PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). 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, 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.

Elgin Community College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Elgin Community College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 109 Design I	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 120 Darkroom Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective*
CMS 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 110 Design II	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 115 Art Appreciation (IAI Fine Arts course)	3	Humanities course
ART 122 Digital Photography	3	PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 155 History of Photography	3	PHOT 251 History of Photography I
ART 220 Digital Manipulation	3	PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III
200-Level IAI Humanities and Fine Art course	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
IAI Physical Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 221 Studio and Location Lighting	3	PHOT 205 Principles of Light
IAI Humanities and Fine Art course	3	Humanities course
200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	200-Level Social Science course
IAI Life Science course	3	Science course
Elective course	3	Collegewide Elective*

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

61

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
BUSE 275 Self-Management and Freelancing	3
PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
Concentration Course	3
Concentration Course	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
PHOT 401 Photography Seminar	3
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Total Degree Credit Hours

120