

Harper College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Fashion Studies – Fashion Merchandising	Major: Fashion Studies - Merchandising
Minimum credits at Harper College: 61	Credits completed at Columbia: 59

Degree Information

This concentration focuses on the business side of the industry. You'll take courses in marketing, sales, and buying. You'll learn how to spot trends and analyze consumers so you can bring products to market at the right time. You'll gain experience in pricing, inventory, and supply chains and learn how to get ahead of the game. Learn more about the major and faculty at colum.edu/academics/programs/fashion-studies.

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.

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.

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	
FAS 110 Costume History	3	FASH 307 A History of Fashion in 100 Objects	
FAS 112 Fashion Basics	3	FASH 101 Introduction to the Fashion Industry	
GRA 101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology	3	Collegewide Elective*	
MGT 111 Introduction to Business Organization	3	Collegewide Elective*	

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
ART 105 Introduction to Visual Art	3	Humanities course	
FAS 107 Textiles I	3	FASH 205 Textiles Survey	
MKT 106 Retail Merchandising	3	FASH 322 Merchandising and Assortment Planning	
MTH 101 Quantitative Literacy**	4	MATH 120 Quantitative Reasoning	
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	Social Science course	

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
FAS 212 Visual Fashion Merchandising	3	FASH 323 Visual Merchandising and Space Planning	
FAS 220 Apparel Analysis	3	FASH 306 Apparel Evaluation	
FAS 230 Fashion Forecasting	3	FASH 203 Trendspotting	
MKT 140 Principles of Professional Selling	3	Collegewide Elective*	
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirements	

SEMESTER 4

Harper College		Columbia College Chicago	
Course Title	Credits	Course Title	
FAS 116 Fashion Industries Career Practicum	3	Collegewide Elective*	
FAS 225 Global Sourcing Apparel/Textiles	3	FASH 309 Sourcing and Supply Chain	
FAS 229 Promotion of Fashion	3	Collegewide Elective*	
MKT 245 Principles of Marketing	3	FASH 221 Marketing Fashion Brands	
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course	

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

61

*Collegewide Electives will be applied toward required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago

**MTH 101 is required to meet the pre-requisite for FASH 204 which is to be taken the first semester at Columbia and may be substituted for MGT 150 at Harper.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
FASH 102 Fashion Design Principles	3
FASH 204 Math for Fashion	3
FASH 220 Future of Retail and Shopping	3
200-Level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
COMM 219 Social Media Content	3
FASH 308 Professional Practice	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Science course with lab	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
FASH 401 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer I	3
Social Science 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
FASH 402 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer II	3
Science 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