

City Colleges of Chicago	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Focus: Creative and Publishable Writing	Major: Creative Writing
Minimum credits at the City Colleges: 62	Credits completed at Columbia: 58

Degree Information

You're a writer, and you want to write. In the Creative Writing bachelor's degree program you'll choose a concentration in fiction, nonfiction, or poetry to focus on your favorite literary form. But you'll work within all genres, developing transferrable skills that will help you become a more effective writer. Learn more about the major, faculty and concentrations at colum.edu/academics/programs/creative-writing.

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

Email: transfer@colum.edu

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.

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to 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.

City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

City Colleges of Chicago		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLISH 101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
ENGLISH 241 Creative Writing	3	CRWR 110 Foundations of Creative Writing
SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Mathematics course	4	Mathematics course
Pathway Literature elective	3	Collegewide Elective*

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLISH 102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
ENGLISH 243 Creative Writing, Fiction or ENGLISH 245 Creative Writing, Poetry or ENGLISH 247 Creative Writing, Non-Fiction	3	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning
IAI Physical Science course	4	Science course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science Course
Pathway English elective	3	Collegewide Elective*

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ENGLISH 243 Creative Writing, Fiction** or ENGLISH 245 Creative Writing, Poetry** or ENGLISH 247 Creative Writing, Non-Fiction**	3	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning
IAI Life Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science Course
Pathway Literature elective with HD designation	3	Humanities course
Elective	3	Collegewide Elective*

SEMESTER 4

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ENGLISH 243 Creative Writing, Fiction** or ENGLISH 245 Creative Writing, Poetry** or ENGLISH 247 Creative Writing, Non-Fiction**	3	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning or CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning
LIT 155 Literature and Film (Fine Arts course)	3	Humanities course
200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science Course
Elective	3	Collegewide Elective*
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Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

62

*Collegewide Electives will be applied to graduation requirements at Columbia College Chicago.

**Refrain from repeating courses.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
LITR 103 Introduction to Literary Interpretation (DEI designated course)	3
Intermediate Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
Craft and Process Seminar course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
CRWR 316 Writer's Portfolio	3
LITR 386 Seminar in Literary Interpretation	3
Craft and Process Seminar course	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
Advanced Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
LITR 386 Seminar in Literary Interpretation	3
Creative Writing Elective	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
Thesis Workshop (Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, or Poetry)	3
Creative Writing Elective	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	1
Total Credit Hours	13

Total Degree Credit Hours

120