

City Colleges of Chicago	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Fine Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Focus: Art Studio	Major: Fine Arts
Minimum credits at the City Colleges: 62	Credits completed at Columbia: 66

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 ARTS 103 Art Now! and three credits of ARTS 199 Foundation Skills.

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.

City Colleges of Chicago Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 103 Art Appreciation	3	ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture
ART 144 Two-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
ART 145 Three-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ENGLISH 101 Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
SPEECH 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirements

SEMESTER 2

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 131 General Drawing	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I
ART 166 Oil Painting Techniques (Elective)	3	ARTS 220 Painting I
ENGLISH 102 Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
FINE ART 107 History of Architecture, Painting & Sculpture I	3	ARTH 110 Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Modern
IAI Physical Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 132 Advanced General Drawing	3	ARTS 320A Painting and Drawing II
ART 142 Figure Drawing and Composition	3	ARTS 299A Topics in Studio Art
MATH 118 General Education Math (or higher course)	4	Mathematics course
IAI Social Science course** (recommend ANTH course)	3	Social Science course
200-Level IAI Fine Arts & Humanities course*	3	200-Level Humanities course

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
ART 126 Printmaking I	3	ARTS 230 Printmaking I
ART 198 Sculpture I	3	ARTS 240 Sculpture I
FINE ART 108 History of Architecture, Painting & Sculpture II	3	Humanities course
IAI Life Science course	3	Science course
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course*	3	200-Level Social Science course

Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

62

*The City College's Human Diversity requirement must be met by taking either a Social & Behavioral Science, Fine Arts, or Humanities course designated with an HD.

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
ARTH 210 20 th Century Art History	3
ARTS 250 New Genres	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
300-Level Major Elective	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	1
Total Credit Hours	17

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ARTH 310 Contemporary Art: 1980 to the Present	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
ARTS 360 Junior Fine Arts BFA Studio	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	1
Total Credit Hours	17

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
ARTH 315 Art Theory Seminar	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio	3
ARTS 463 Professional Practices in Fine Arts	3
300-Level Major Elective	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
ARTS 465 Senior Fine Arts BFA Exhibition	6
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective or Minor Course	1
Total Credit Hours	16

Total Degree Credit Hours

128