

College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Fine Arts	Degree: Bachelor of Music
Major: Music	Major: Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music
Minimum credits at College of DuPage: 70*	Credits completed at Columbia: 58

Degree Information

The Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music, BMus degree focuses on the creation, performance, recording, and marketing of original music and standard repertoire. Learn more about faculty and career opportunities at colum.edu/academics/programs/contemporary-urban-and-popular-music-bmus.

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

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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 Musics, 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.

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.

College of DuPage Transfer Pathway

Year 1 - Fall	College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Equivalency
	ENGLI 1101 Composition I	3	ENGLI 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
	MUSIC 1101 Music Theory I	3	
	MUSIC 1107 Aural Skills I	1	MUSC 110 Foundations of Music I
	MUSIC 1171 Class Piano I	1	
	MUSIC 14XX Applied Lesson	2	MUSC 174 Applied Music I
	Music Ensemble Course (Jazz/Big Band preferred)	1	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
	IAI Mathematics 1000-level or above	3	Mathematics Course

Year 1 - Spring	College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Equivalency
	ENGLI 1102 Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
	MUSIC 1102 Music Theory II	3	
	MUSIC 1108 Aural Skills II	1	MUSC 111 Foundations of Music II
	MUSIC 1172 Class Piano II	1	
	MUSIC 14XX Applied Lesson	2	MUSC 175 Applied Music II
	Music Ensemble Course (Jazz/Big Band preferred)	1	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
	IAI Physical and Life Science course with lab	4	Science course with lab

Year 1 - Summer	College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Equivalency
	MUSIC 2211 Recording Techniques I	3	See MUSIC 2202, 2208, and 2272 in the 4th semester
	IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities course
	IAI Physical and Life Science course	4	Science course

Year 2 - Fall	College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Equivalency
	MUSIC 1113 Survey of Music Business	3	BUSE 135 Business of Music
	MUSIC 14XX Applied Lesson	2	MUSC 171 Primary Lessons
	MUSIC 2201 Music Theory III	3	
	MUSIC 2207 Aural Skills III	1	See MUSIC 2202, 2208, 2211, and 2272 in the 4th semester
	MUSIC 2271 Class Piano III	1	
	Music Ensemble Course (Jazz/Big Band preferred)	1	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
	SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
	IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences Course	3	Social Science Course

Year 2 - Spring	College of DuPage	Columbia College Chicago	
	Course Title	Credits	Equivalency
	MUSIC 1105 Music Literature	3	Humanities course
	MUSIC 14XX Applied Lesson	2	MUSC 171 Primary Lessons
	MUSIC 2202 Music Theory IV	3	
	MUSIC 2208 Aural Skills IV	1	With the above courses: MUSC 210 Foundations of Music III and MUSC 211 Foundations of Music IV and MUSC 223 Elements of Music Design
	MUSIC 2272 Class Piano IV	1	
	Music Ensemble Course (Jazz/Big Band preferred)	1	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
	200-Level IAI Humanities course	3	200-Level Humanities course

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 228 Digital Music Composition and Performance OR MUSC 271 Primary Lessons	2
MUSC 280 or Higher Ensemble	1
MUSC 315 Contemporary Harmony and Rhythm	3
MUSC 350 Applied Music Production	3
MUSC 362 Music, Time, and Place II	3
Social Science course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 280 or Higher Ensemble	1
MUSC 3** Primary Lessons OR Techniques Course	2
MUSC 325 Arranging and Orchestration	3
MUSC 327 Songwriting I OR MUSC 335 Creative Improvisational Practice I	2 - 3
MUSC 371 Primary Lessons	2
CCCX Columbia Experience course	3
Total Credit Hours	13 - 14

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 361 Music, Time, and Place I	3
MUSC 363 Music Styles and Analysis	3
MUSC 4** Primary Lessons or Techniques Course	2
MUSC 425 Contemporary Arranging and Production	3
MUSC 461 Music History, Ethnography, and Analysis	3
MUSC 481 Recording and Performance Ensemble	1
MUSC 489 BMus Senior Music Seminar	1
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
MUSC 280 or Higher Ensemble	1
MUSC 450 Advanced Music Production	3
MUSC 475 Private Lessons: Senior Recital	2
MUSC 481 Recording and Performance Ensemble	1
BUSE 275 Self-Management and Freelancing OR BUSE 350 Music Publishing II OR MUSC 386 Music Immersion	3
MUSC 181G Gospel Choir OR MUSC 181J Jazz/Pop Choir	1
200-Level Social Science course	3
	14

Total Degree Credit Hours

128