

Degree: Associate in Fine Arts

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music Performance

Major: Music

Credits completed at the City Colleges of Chicago: 70-71

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 50

Refine your skills in Columbia College Chicago's Music bachelor's degree program, which focuses on contemporary, urban, and popular music. You'll enroll in coursework designed to provide collaborative music-making experiences with students and faculty members. You'll also gain performance experience in ensembles that play a variety of styles and genres. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

City Colleges of Chicago Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalent
English 101 Composition I	3	ENGLI 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
Music 102 Theory I* and Music 105 Group Piano I and Music 111 Aural/Keyboard	7	MUSC 110 Foundations of Music I
Music 181 Applied Music Freshman I	2	MUSC 174 Applied Music I
Speech 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
Physical or Life Sciences with no lab	3	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

City Colleges of Chicago Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalent
Math 118 General Education Mathematics or Math 125 Introductory Statistics	4	Mathematics course
Music 103 Theory II and Music 106 Group Piano II and Music 112 Aural/Keyboard II	7	MUSC 111 Foundations of Music II
Music 109 or 110 Jazz/Pop Ensemble	2	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
Music 182 Applied Music Freshman II	2	MUSC 175 Applied Music II
Music 183 World Music (Human Diversity course)**	3	Humanities course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

City Colleges of Chicago Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalent
English 102 Composition II	3	ENGLI 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
Music 109 or 110 Jazz/Pop Ensemble	2	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
Music 201 Theory III and Music 211 Aural/Keyboard III	5	Refer to semester 4
Music 221 Music Literature and History	3	200-Level Humanities course
Music 281 Applied Music Sophomore I	2	MUSC 271 Primary Lessons
IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

City Colleges of Chicago Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalent
Music 202 Theory IV and Music 212 Aural/Keyboard IV	5	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 282 Applied Music Sophomore II	2	MUSC 271 Primary Lessons
Psych 201 General Psychology	3	200-Level Social Science course
Program Elective (Any Music Ensemble)	2-3	MUSC 180 Styles & Techniques Ensemble
Physical & Life Sciences with Lab	4	Science course with lab
Total Semester Credit Hours	16-17	
Completion of AFA Degree: 70-71 credit hours		

*Grade of C or better in Music 101, or Consent of Department Chairperson

**The City Colleges of Chicago requires that at least one course meet the Human Diversity (HD) requirement.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

MUSC 325 Arranging and Orchestration	3
MUSC 350 Applied Music Production	3
MUSC 361 Music, Time, and Place I	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

6th Semester Courses

MUSC 3** Techniques course from list	2
MUSC 362 Music, Time, and Place II	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	13

7th Semester Courses

MUSC 363 Music Styles and Analysis	3
MUSC 4** Techniques course from list	2
MUSC *** Ensemble	1
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

8th Semester Courses

MUSC 488 BA Senior Music Seminar	1
MUSC *** Ensemble	1
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	13

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Completion of the AFA as indicated within this transfer guide will not require the student to complete the following major required course: MUSC 109 Foundations of Music Supplement.

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, Columbia Experience courses as indicated, as well as at least 6 credit hours of courses with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Credits

Artists in Residence

We bring professional musicians to Columbia College Chicago for week-long residencies every semester. You'll study with these artists and perform with them on stage. Through your interactions with them, you'll gain valuable experience and insight into possible career paths.

Some recent artists-in-residence include Grammy-winning, multi-instrumentalist Cory Henry, vibraphonist Stefon Harris, keyboardist Cassandra O'Neal, and saxophonist Donny McCaslin.

Credits

Performance Opportunities

Chicago is a great place for students studying the performing arts. You'll have many performance opportunities in a variety of settings, both on campus as part of your coursework and in Chicago's vibrant music scene. Columbia's Music Center hosts more than 200 student, faculty, and artist-in-residence performances and workshops each year.

Credits

Related Minors

Use your collegewide electives to pursue a complementary minor to your Music BA degree:

- Black World Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Hip-Hop Studies
- Intellectual Property Management
- Live and Performing Arts Management
- Music Business

Credits

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