

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science

**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Major:** Graphic Design

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**Credits completed at COD:** 70

**Credits completed at Columbia:** 58

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design encourages a foundation of design research, forming a basis for visual creation with significant emphasis on creating unique concepts, creative solutions, and outcomes that are client specific. In addition to creating strong visuals, graphic designers create meaning and emotional responses in messages that influence choices we make in our daily lives. Learn more at [colum.edu/academics](http://colum.edu/academics).

College of DuPage Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalencies
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GRDSN 1100 Drawing for Design	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I
GRDSN 1101 Digital Graphic Applications	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
GRDSN 1102 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
GRDSN 1104 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

College of DuPage Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalencies
GRDSN 1105 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
GRDSN 1106 Three-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
GRDSN 1107 Digital Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2200 User Experience Design	3	Collegewide Elective*
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Comm	3	Meets IAI Communications Requirement
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalencies
Available GRDSN course	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Physical or Life Science course with Lab	4	Science course with Lab
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>7</b>	

College of DuPage Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalencies
GRDSN 1108 Digital Illustration II	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2201 Graphic Design III	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative
GRDSN 2202 Web/Interactive Design I	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
GRDSN 2203 Advertising Design	3	Collegewide Elective*
Art History Course (2000-Level)	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>18</b>	

College of DuPage Courses	Credits	Columbia Equivalencies
GRDSN 2204 Digital Illustration III	3	GRDE 336 Design Lab II
GRDSN 2205 Graphic Design IV	3	Collegewide Elective*
GRDSN 2206 Web/Interactive Design II	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II
GRDSN 2208 Portfolio Seminar	3	Collegewide Elective*
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Total credit hours for completion of AAS Degree: 70 credit hours

# COURSES TO BE COMPLETED AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

## 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	Credits	3
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II		3
GRDE 305 Publication Design		3
GRDE 317 Photo Communication		3
Social Science Course		3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	Credits	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative and Research Studio		3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact Course (Columbia Experience)		3
Humanities Course		3
Science Course		3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

COLL 2** Internship	Credits	0-3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography		3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments		3
200-Level Humanities Course with DEI designation		3
Social Science Course		3
Collegewide Elective		1
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>

## 8<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

BUSE 130 Business of Design	Credits	3
DSGN 350 Portfolio		3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design		6
Collegewide Elective		1-3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13-15</b>

**Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours**

## Just a few of our internship opportunities

- **Leo Burnett**, one of the largest advertising agencies in the world with clients like Procter & Gamble, McDonald's, and Samsung.
- **Cards Against Humanity**, creator of the infamous card game.
- **FCB**, a global advertising agency with clients around the world.
- **Pivot Design**, an award-winning branding, marketing, and advertising agency.
- **Pressley Johnson Design**, one of the premiere design communications firms in the Midwest.
- **50000feet Creative Agency**, a firm that has worked with some of the top brands in the U.S.

## Alumni Success

- **Eavan Wallner '14** is a visual designer at Google. After spending four years at Leo Burnett, where she designed for clients such as Allstate, Samsung, and Kraft, Wallner moved to San Francisco to join the design team at Google.
- **Jared Sawdey '17** is a designer at Cards Against Humanity. In his free time, he runs the Chicago-based print cooperative Bad Press.
- **Crystal Zapata '16** is a designer and artist at the Normal Studio in Chicago. Her Italian-design-inspired posters for Bricktown Sound, a bi-weekly dance party, have become recognizable in the city.
- **Erick Morales '17** is a junior designer at One Design Company, an award-winning strategic design and development agency.

In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn an overall 3.0 in their major courses as well as apply for the fall semester by the deadline posted at [colum.edu/bfa](http://colum.edu/bfa). Students applying after the posted deadline and/or do not have a cumulative 3.0 in major courses will be considered for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and should work with their department to discuss BFA eligibility. Contact [transfer@colum.edu](mailto:transfer@colum.edu) with any questions.

Students who complete the AAS (as outlined within this guide) would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design, and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

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 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 two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements. Contact [transfer@colum.edu](mailto:transfer@colum.edu) with any questions.

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