

**Degree:** Associate in Applied Science

**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Major:** Digital Media and Design - Graphic Design

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**Credits completed at the College of Lake County:** 65\*

**Credits at Columbia College Chicago:** 63

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 Lake County Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Courses
ART 122 Two-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
CLC 120 College Success Seminar	2	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 111 Introduction to Digital Media	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
DMD 121 Introduction to Graphic Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
ENG 121 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

College of Lake County Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Courses
ART 222 Computer Art I	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 113 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
DMD 125 DMD Printing Production	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 174 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
MTH 122 College Algebra or higher MTH course	3-5	Meets Columbia's Mathematics requirement
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>	

College of Lake County Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Courses
ANT 121, PSY 121 or PSY 122 (Social Science)	3	Social Science course
DMD 115 Internet Fundamentals	3	Collegewide Elective**
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>6</b>	

College of Lake County Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Courses
ART 149 Digital Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective**
BUS 239 Social Media/Marketing	3	Collegewide Elective**
CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
DMD 117 Concepts in New Media	3	Collegewide Elective**
DMD 273 Advanced Electronic Graphic Publishing	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

College of Lake County Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Courses
DMD 116 Web Design & Development	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
DMD 279 Packaging and Design	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENG 113 Technical Communication or ENG 266 Professional Communication	3	Collegewide Elective**
HUM 222 Film & Society (Humanities elective)	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Completion of AAS Degree: 62 credit hours**

\*This transfer guide is designed to complete Columbia's graduation requirements in four years. Failure to complete 65 credit hours prior to transferring will delay graduation from Columbia.

\*\*Collegewide Electives will be applied toward required graduation hours at Columbia College Chicago

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

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

BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics & Form	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	1
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

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

COLL 200 Internship	0
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Humanities course	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

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

ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
Humanities course with DEI designation	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

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

ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio <b>or</b> GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Social Science course	3
Science course with Lab	4
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

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 described will be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 105 Foundation Studio, ARTS 110 Drawing I, 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.

## Credits

## 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.
- **Shure Microphone's** internal design department.

## 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.
- **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.
- **Jared Sawdey '17** is a designer at Cards Against Humanity. In his free time, he runs the Chicago-based print cooperative Bad Press.
- **Erick Morales '17** is a junior designer at One Design Company, an award-winning strategic design and development agency.

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