

Degree: Associate in Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Graphic Arts Technology - Graphic Design

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Credits completed at Harper College: 64*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 56

The Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design program seeks to provide students an education in various aspects of visual communications, while encouraging them to experience other creative fields. Coursework introduces opportunities to identify communications problems, research, generate and analyze multiple solutions, and evaluate potential outcomes. Students may focus on graphic design in the context of a broader program of general studies, choosing to pursue a minor or a double major if appropriate. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

Harper College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ENG 101 Composition	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GRA 101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 102 Graphic Arts Desktop Publishing	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
GRA 103 Digital Imaging I	3	Collegewide Elective**
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Harper College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ENG 102 Composition	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
GRA 112 Digital Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 120 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I
GRA 130 Introduction to Photography	2	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 145 WordPress and Mobile Technologies or WEB 110 Internet Fundamentals	3	Collegewide Elective**
Total Semester Credit Hours	14	

Harper College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	Fulfills IAI Communication Requirement
Total Semester Credit Hours	3	

Harper College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ART 121 Design I	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
GRA 105 Color Management	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 111 Press Operations	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 131 Digital Photography I	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 220 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
GRA 222 Packaging Design (Major Elective)	3	GRDE 325 Packaging Design
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

Harper College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
GRA 113 Digital Imaging II	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 221 Graphic Portfolio Design	2	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 229 Page Layout	3	Collegewide Elective**
WEB 150 Web Foundations (Major Elective)	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	14	

Completion of AAS Degree: 61 credit hours

*It is recommended that students following this transfer plan complete 64 credit hours at Harper due to course sequencing at Columbia.

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

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

	Credits
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3
GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
Concentration Course	3
Science course	3
Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Concentration Course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
COLL 2** Internship course	0
Concentration Course	3
Science with Lab	3
Social Science course	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	14

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
Concentration Course	3
Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Graphic Design Concentrations

General

This concentration allows you to take courses focused on publication and website design. You will understand the methods of both and engage in hands-on projects that will build your portfolio.

Publication Design

This concentration will introduce you to the processes and methods of publication design. By studying the identity of publications, you'll learn how to create systems using unifying elements like typography, images, and illustrations.

Website Design

In the Web Design concentration, you'll learn advanced methods for creating interactive digital content. You'll learn HTML, CSS, backend technologies, and content management systems. You'll practice by building digital products.

Consider pursuing a complementary minor:

- Creative Advertising
- Entrepreneurship
- Photography
- Marketing
- Design Management
- Motion Graphics
- User Experience

Completion of the AAS would not require the completing the following major requirements: 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 6 credit hours of courses with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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