

Degree: Associate in Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Focus: Graphic Design

Major: Graphic Design

Credits completed at Joliet Junior College: 63*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 65

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.

Joliet Junior College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ART 101 Drawing I	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I
ART 103 2D Design	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
ART 110 Intro to Computer Graphics	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
ART 126 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENG 101 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Joliet Junior College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ART 102 Drawing II	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 104 3D Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 152 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
ART 226 Digital Image Manipulation	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 230 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Joliet Junior College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ART History course (ART 115, 116, or 117)	3	Humanities course
ART 227 Digital Illustration	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I and GRDE 232 Graphic Design II
ART 228 Digital Layout	3	
ART 252 Type & Image	3	Collegewide Elective**
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Joliet Junior College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ART 280 Corporate Identity	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 290 Portfolio	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 299 Special Topics	3	Collegewide Elective**
CIS 216 HTML & CSS for Web Design*	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
COM 101 Principles of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

Total credit hours for completion of AAS Degree: 60

*In order to complete Columbia graduation requirements, JJC students should complete 63 credit hours prior to transfer.

**Collegewide Electives will be applied to Columbia graduation requirements.

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5th Semester Courses

ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	17

6th Semester Courses

COLL 200 Internship	0
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Science course with lab	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

7th Semester Courses

ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

8th Semester Courses

DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Science course	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

Credits

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

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. 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 with any questions.

Students who complete the AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Additionally, all 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 coursework with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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