

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Major: Graphic Arts

Major: Graphic Design

Credits completed at McHenry County College: 66*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 62

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.

McHenry County Courses	Credits	Columbia Transfer Equivalencies
ART 250 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENG 151 Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GRA 125 Digital Drawing I	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 185 Color Theory	3	Collegewide Elective**
WEB 105 Web Fundamentals	3	Collegewide Elective**
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

McHenry County Courses	Credits	Columbia Transfer Equivalencies
ART 252 Digital Photography II	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 167 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design
GRA 168 Computer Art I	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
GRA 180 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

McHenry County Courses	Credits	Columbia Transfer Equivalencies
ART 150 Humanities through the Arts or ART 151 Art Appreciation**	3	ARTH 105 Foundation Studio
ENG 152 Composition II**	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

McHenry County Courses	Credits	Columbia Transfer Equivalencies
ANI 100 2-D Animation (Program Elective)	3	Collegewide Elective (Sub for ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I)
ART 153 2D Design	3	Collegewide Elective**
GRA 183 Typography I	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
GRA 267 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

McHenry County Courses	Credits	Columbia Transfer Equivalencies
ART 253 3D Design (Program Elective)	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
GRA 275 Portfolio Design	3	Collegewide Elective**
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
WEB 175 Website Development I	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Completion of AAS Degree: 60 credit hours

*Though the AAS requires only 60 credit hours, it is recommended that MCC students complete 66 credit hours by taking ENG 152 and ART 150 or 151. Taking less than 66 hours at MCC will impact your degree completion at Columbia.

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

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity and Narrative	3
Mathematics course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

COLL 200 Internship	0
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
Science course with lab	4
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

8th Semester Courses

DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
200-Level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

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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.
- **Foote, Cone & Belding**, 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.
- **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.

Students who complete the AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTS 110 Drawing I, DSGN 110 Design Thinking, and GRDE 136 Design Lab.

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.

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.

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