

Degree: Associate in Science

Major: Fashion Merchandising

Credits completed at Miami Dade: 63-66*

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Fashion Studies – Merchandising

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 54-57

The Fashion Studies bachelor's degree program at Columbia College Chicago will prepare you to shape the future of the industry. The Merchandising concentration focuses on the business side of the industry: You'll learn how to spot trends and analyze consumers so you can bring products to market at the right time and gain experience in pricing, inventory, and supply chains and learn how to get ahead of the game. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

Miami Dade College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
CTE 1050 Introduction to Fashion Design & Related Industries	3	FASH 101 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
CTE 2732 Fashion Illustration Technology	3	FASH 102 Fashion Design Principles
ENC 1101 English Composition 1	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
GEB 1011 Principles of Business	3	Collegewide Elective**
MAR 1011 Principles of Marketing	3	Collegewide Elective**
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Miami Dade College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
CTE 1801 Introduction to Merchandising	3	Collegewide Elective**
CTE 2301 Product Development	3	Collegewide Elective**
CTE 2610 Fashion Forecasting & Research	3	FASH 203 Trendspotting
MAC 1105 College Algebra	3	Meets Columbia's Mathematics general education requirement
MAR 1720 Marketing in a Digital World	3	FASH 221 Marketing Fashion Brands
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Miami Dade College Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
ENC 1102 English Composition 2*	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
CCT or CGS 1060C Intro to Computer Tech & Applications	0-3	Collegewide Elective**
Total Semester Credit Hours	3-6	

Miami Dade College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
AMH 2020 History of the US since 1877 or POS 2041 American Federal Government	3	200-Level History or 200-Level Social Science course
CTE 2388 Principles of Contemporary Retailing	3	Collegewide Elective**
CTE 2802 Fashion Merchandising Strategies	3	Collegewide Elective**
CTE 2836 Global Merchandising	3	Collegewide Elective**
PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy	3	200-Level Humanities course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Miami Dade College Courses	Credits	Columbia College Chicago Equivalencies
CTE 1942 Fashion Industry Internship	3	See CTE 2111C below
CTE 2111C Digital Fashion Portfolio	3	With CTE 1942 = FASH 308 Professional Practice
CTE 2800 Textile, Apparel & Retail Analysis	3	FASH 309 Sourcing and Supply Chain
ENT 2212 Entrepreneurial Leadership	3	Collegewide Elective**
EVR 1001 Introduction to Environmental Science	3	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Completion of AS Degree: 60 credit hours

*While ENC 1102 is not required at MDC, it is highly recommended to be completed before transferring to Columbia College Chicago.

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

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

COMM 219 Social Media Content	3
FASH 204 Math for Fashion	3
FASH 205 Textiles Survey	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

FASH 220 Future of Retail and Shopping	3
FASH 306 Apparel Evaluation	3
FASH 307 A History of Fashion in 100 Objects	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

FASH 322 Merchandising and Assortment Planning	3
FASH 323 Visual Merchandising and Space Planning	3
FASH 401 Fashion Design and Merchandising Concept to Consumer I	3
Science course with lab	3
Collegewide Elective/Minor course (if needed)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

FASH 402 Fashion Design and Merchandising Concept to Consumer II	3
History course	3
Humanities course	3
Literature course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Credits

Competitions and Trips

You'll have opportunities to participate in national competitions sponsored by companies and professional organizations like the National Retail Foundation. You'll also have opportunities to study outside Chicago. Our annual NYC trip is a tour behind the scenes of the Fashion District, and our Semester in LA program is geared toward students interested in wardrobe and costuming for TV, film, and entertainment.

Internships

Gain professional experience and build networks through internships. Our students have interned at brands such as:

- Nordstrom
- Macy's
- Bloomingdale's
- Anthropologie
- Burberry
- Crate & Barrel
- Restoration Hardware
- Neiman Marcus
- Nike

Minor

We encourage students to minor in related disciplines. Popular minors include:

- Art History
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Social Media and Digital Strategy

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to Columbia Experience coursework. Columbia also requires additional mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements. This guide is designed to meet all graduation requirements.

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