

Transfer Guide 2023–2024 Academic Year Kalamazoo Valley Community College



Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Columbia College Chicago
Degree: Associate in Applied Science	Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Graphic Design	Major: Graphic Design
Minimum credits at Kalamazoo Valley: 66	Credits completed at Columbia: 62

Degree Information

The Graphic Design BFA is a rigorous, professionally focused degree in visual communications where you will gain experience in research and client management. Learn more about the program, faculty, and career opportunities at colum.edu/academics/programs/graphic-design.

Admissions & Deadlines

Columbia accepts and reviews applications to our Bachelor of Fine Arts programs beginning in **September** with a deadline of **mid-January**, except for the following majors:

December 1 Deadline

- Acting, BFA
- Contemporary, Jazz, and Popular Music, BMus
- Music Composition, BMus
- Musical Theatre Performance, BFA

Refer to our [Application Deadlines](#) as well as the [Transfer Timeline](#) and [Transfer Checklist](#) to plan your transfer.

Tuition & Scholarships

General Tuition and Fees: colum.edu/tuition

Scholarships and Financial Aid: colum.edu/scholarships

Contact Information

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More Information

Completion of this transfer guide does not guarantee admission to Columbia College Chicago. Additionally, the Columbia semester plan should be considered a guide and all Columbia transfer students should work with their academic advisor to ensure that they are making progress toward graduation. In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn a B or better in all major courses.

Completing the AAS will waive the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 105 Foundation Studio, and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, 3 credit hours of Columbia Experience coursework, and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Transfer Pathway

SEMESTER 1

Kalamazoo Valley Community College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
AAMT 100 Adobe Creative Suite	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
AAMT 120 Business Practices/Creative Careers	3	BUSE 130 Business of Design
ART 101 2D Design & Color Theory	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design
ENG 110 College Writing I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MATH 115 Quantitative Reasoning	4	Fulfills Mathematics Requirement

SEMESTER 2

Kalamazoo Valley Community College		Columbia College Chicago
Course Title	Credits	Course Title
AAMT 102 History of Graphic & Web Design (AAMT Elective)	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
AAMT 140 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
AAMT 141 Graphic Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure
AAMT 142 Adobe Photoshop	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 103 Drawing & Composition I (Elective)	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I

SEMESTER 3

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
AAMT 187 Web Design I (AAMT Elective)	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
AAMT 240 Advanced Typography Print & Web	3	GRDE 348 Experimental Typography
AAMT 241 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
AAMT 256 Concept Development	3	GRDE 317 Photo Communication
ENG 112 Writing for the Workplace OR COM 113 Interpersonal Communication	3	Collegewide Elective*

SEMESTER 4

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
AAMT 243 Graphic Design III	3	Collegewide Elective*
AAMT 143 Adobe Illustrator	3	Collegewide Elective*
COM 101 Public Speaking	3	Collegewide Elective*
Social Science course	3	Social Science course
Wellness/Physical Education course	2	Collegewide Elective*

Additional Coursework Recommended

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Course Title	Credits	Course Title
AAMT 211 Motion Graphics & Comics (AAMT Elective)	3	Collegewide Elective*
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Total transfer credits toward Columbia degree

66

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

Remaining Coursework at Columbia College Chicago

SEMESTER 5

Course Title	Credits
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative	3
200-Level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 6

Course Title	Credits
ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
CCCX Columbia Experience course with DEI designation	3
Social Science course	3
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 7

Course Title	Credits
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
History course	3
Science course with lab	3
200-Level Humanities course	3
Collegewide Elective	1
Total Credit Hours	16

SEMESTER 8

Course Title	Credits
ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
Literature course	3
Science course	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Total Degree Credit Hours

128