

Degree: Associate of Fine Arts

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Focus: Art

Major: Fine Arts

Credits completed at Black Hawk College: 65*

Credits completed at Columbia: 63

You'll find a place for your unique, creative vision with the support of instructors who are also professional artists. As a Fine Arts major, you'll learn about the social function of art and begin to sharpen your voice as you study art history and theory. In our supportive critique environment, you'll get regular feedback on your work from professional artists and fellow students. As an art major, you'll have opportunities to exhibit in campus spaces and venues throughout the city. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

Black Hawk College course	Credits	Columbia College Chicago equivalent
ART 101 2-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 121 Drawing I	3	ARTS 210 Drawing I
ENG 101 Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology	3	Social Science course
IAI Physical Science course**	3-4	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15-16	

Black Hawk College course	Credits	Columbia College Chicago equivalent
ART 111 3-Dimensional Design	3	ARTS 199 Topics in Foundation Skill: (x3)
ART 122 Drawing II	3	ARTS 320A Painting and Drawing II:
ENG 102 Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
SPEC 101 Principles of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communications requirement
IAI Life Science course**	3-4	Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15-16	

Black Hawk College course	Credits	Columbia College Chicago equivalent
ART 201 Life Drawing	3	ARTS 299 Topics in Studio Art I:
ART 281 History of Western Art I	3	ARTH 110 Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Modern
ART 290 Applications in Computer Art (or another studio course)	3	Collegewide Elective***
IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities course
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
IAI Social Science course (ANTH 102 recommended)	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

Black Hawk College course	Credits	Columbia College Chicago equivalent
ART 200 Art Problems (Portfolio Development)	1	Collegewide Elective***
ART 211 Painting (Studio Elective)	3	ARTS 220 Painting I
ART 213 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective***
ART 282 History of Western Art II	3	200-Level Humanities course
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3	Social Science course
Elective course	3	Collegewide Elective***
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

Completion of AFA Degree: 62* credit hours minimum

*A minimum of 62 credit hours is required for the AFA. Columbia College Chicago strongly advises students to complete 65 credit hours at Black Hawk in order to complete Columbia graduation requirements within two years.

**One course must have a lab component.

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

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

ARTH 210 20th Century Art History	3
ARTS 230 Printmaking I	3
ARTS 240 Sculpture I	3
ARTS 250 New Genres I	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

ARTS 300-Level Major Elective	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
ARTH 315 Art Theory Seminar	3
ARTS 360 Junior Fine Arts BFA Studio	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

7th Semester Courses

ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
ARTH 310 Contemporary Art: 1980 to the Present	3
ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio	3
ARTS 463 Professional Practices in Fine Arts	3
Collegewide Elective	3
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Total Semester Credit Hours	16

8th Semester Courses

ARTS 300-Level Major Elective	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Art and Art History Speaker Series	1
ARTS 465 Senior Fine Arts BFA Exhibition	6
Collegewide Elective	3
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Total Semester Credit Hours	16

Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

Credits

Explore your ideas, work on projects, and collaborate in our top-notch facilities:

- **Hokin Gallery** is a student-run exhibition space
- **Book, Paper, and Print Studios** offer everything you need to explore book arts, hand papermaking, letterpress, and printmaking
- Explore the 15,000 square foot **Fabrication Facility** which has the latest machinery. Make anything from metalwork to 3D models to furniture.
- Our **Visual Arts Computer Lab** offers professional software with expert staff available to help along the way.
- The **Open Studio** allows your creativity to flow: it's okay if you get paint on the floor.
- And so many more!

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Alumni Success

- **Irena Haiduk '04** is a performance and installation artist. She exhibited in the 2017 Whitney Biennial and documenta, two of the most prestigious exhibitions in the art world.
- **Jeremiah Barber '06** is a performance artist. He graduated with his MFA from Stanford University in 2010 and was awarded an Alternative Exposure grant in 2018 to produce new work.
- **Jessica Egan '12** is a ceramics artist who creates tableware for some of Chicago's hottest restaurants.
- **Andi Crist '11** launched Autotelic NFP, an organization that creates affordable studios in alternative spaces in Chicago. She is chief preparator at Hyde Park Art Center.
- **Emanuel Aguilar '09** founded Jettison Quarterly, a publication devoted to art, music, and culture.

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In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn a cumulative 3.0 in major courses (no D grades are accepted in transfer) and apply by the posted deadline at colum.edu/bfa. Additionally, please note that the BFA is only available for fall admission and all applicants will be processed as Bachelor of Arts (BA) students if applying after the deadline. Students should work closely with their academic advisor to transition to the BFA. Contact transfer@colum.edu with any questions.

Students who complete the AFA would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 103 Art Now! Speaker Series, and 3 credit hours of Foundation Skill.

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AFA degree at Black Hawk College as described within this guide will have completed the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) prior to transfer. Columbia College Chicago requires all degree-seeking Columbia students 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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