

Degree: Associate of Arts

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Concentration: English

Major: English

Credits completed at College of DuPage: 64

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 56

Offering courses in literature, professional writing, and creative writing, the English bachelor's degree program at Columbia College Chicago allows you to study different literary forms as you become a flexible and adaptable writer and thinker. And as a member of Columbia's diverse creative community, you'll have access to the college's robust arts and media resources as you prepare for your career. You'll graduate with sharp analytical skills, the capacity to write in different forms, and the creativity and critical thinking that are valuable assets to any employer. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
ENGLI 1130 Introduction to Literature or ENGLI 2250 Introduction to Creative Writing	3 *	LITR 103 Introduction to Literary Interpretation CRWR 110 Foundations of Creative Writing
MATH 1218 General Education Mathematics	3	MATH 110 College Mathematics
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
ENGLI 1130 Introduction to Literature ¹ or ENGLI 2250 Introduction to Creative Writing	3 *	LITR 103 Introduction to Literary Interpretation ¹ CRWR 110 Foundations of Creative Writing ²
ENGLI 2221 British Lit from 1800 through the Present and/or ENGLI 2224 American Lit from the Civil War to the Present	3-6 *	LITR 202 English Authors: Romanticism to Contemporary LITR 212 American Authors: 20th Century to Contemporary ²
IAI Life Science course with Lab	4	Life Science course with Lab
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16 - 19	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1115 Digital Writing	3	ENGL 242 Writing Digital Content
ENGLI 1154 Film as Literature	3	LITR 268 Literature on Film ²
ENGLI 1160 Native American Literature or ENGLI 1161 Multicultural Literatures of the US or ENGLI 1165 Literature and Gender	3 * *	LITR 235 Native American Literature ² Meets Columbia Literature requirement ² Meets Columbia Literature requirement ²
ENGLI 2251 Fiction Writing or ENGLI 2252 Poetry Writing or ENGLI 2253 Creative Nonfiction Writing	3 * *	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning
IAI Physical Science course	3 - 5	Physical Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15 - 17	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 2262 Non-Western Literature	3	Collegewide Elective ²
ENGLI 2221 British Lit from 1800 through the Present and/or ENGLI 2224 American Lit from the Civil War to the Present	3-6 *	LITR 202 English Authors: Romanticism to Contemporary ¹ LITR 212 American Authors: 20th Century to Contemporary ¹
ENGLI 2251 Fiction Writing or ENGLI 2252 Poetry Writing or ENGLI 2253 Creative Nonfiction Writing and/or ENGLI 2261 Writing for Publication	3 * * *	CRWR 150 Fiction Workshop: Beginning ¹ CRWR 155 Poetry Workshop: Beginning ¹ CRWR 160 Creative Nonfiction Workshop: Beginning ¹ Collegewide Elective ²
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences course
English Elective	3	Collegewide Elective ²
Total Semester Credit Hours	15 - 18	

Completion of AA Degree: 64 credit hours

¹Refrain from repeating courses.

²Course may not be required for Columbia major, but will be applied toward graduation requirements as a collegewide elective.

Recommendation: Complete a minimum of 16 credit hours per semester to earn the required 64 hours for the Associate of Arts degree.

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5th Semester Courses

	Credits
ENGL 241 Writing for the Creative Workplace	3
LITR 381A or LITR 381B Seminar in Global Literature	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	14

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
LITR 382A or LITR 382B Seminar in Literature: US Pluralism	3
Category A Seminar Elective	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
ENGL 350 Content Strategy or LITR 388 Critical Editions in Literature	3
COLL 230 Internship: Professionalism and Creativity	3
Category A Seminar Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
ENGL 450 Capstone in English	3
Interdisciplinary Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Outside of the Classroom

You can work on Columbia's student-edited, nationally distributed publications: Columbia Poetry Review, Hair Trigger, and Punctuate. From submitting work to taking the lead in publishing, editing, and producing, you can contribute to these highly professional publications.

Pursue a Related Minor

- American Sign Language Studies
- Creative Advertising
- Journalism
- Marketing
- User Experience

Internships and Careers

Employers in fields like **technical writing, marketing management, education, research, and nonprofits** need people with creativity and critical thinking skills. With your English bachelor's degree, you'll be a fit for positions at marketing firms, tech companies, legal firms, television companies, advertising agencies—wherever good writing helps companies thrive.

Columbia Alumni

- **Geling Yan MFA '99** is a novelist, screenwriter, and luminary. In early 2012, *Flowers of War* was China's entry for the foreign-language Oscar. The film (at \$93 million, China's biggest-budget movie at the time, and starring Christian Bale) is based on Yan's heart-wrenching historic novel *13 Flowers of Nanjing*. Set in war-torn Nanjing in 1937, where Japanese forces have taken control of the city, the story focuses on a group of Catholic schoolgirls and Chinese prostitutes living together in a church basement.
- **Chris Terry MFA '12** is an author, copywriter, and punk rocker. He enrolled in Columbia College Chicago's fiction MFA program in 2008 and published his first novel, *Zero Fade*, in 2013. The novel focuses on a teenager in Richmond dealing with parents, haircuts, a school bully and his uncle's coming out. His second novel, *Black Card*, will be published in 2019.

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 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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