

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Fashion Design

Major: Fashion Studies – Product Development

Credits completed at COD: 66

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 54

The Fashion Studies bachelor's degree program at Columbia College Chicago will prepare you to shape the future of the industry. The Product Development concentration focuses on principles of design thinking and design anthropology. Such knowledge will set you apart on the job market and enable you to apply your knowledge of style to industries outside conventional fashion. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FASHI 1201 Clothing Construction I	3	FASH 130 Patternmaking and Construction I
FASHI 1305 Design Concepts	3	FASH 102 Fashion Design Principles
FASHI 1551 Principles of Textiles	3	FASH 205 Textiles Survey
ENGLI 1101 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FASHI 1202 Clothing Construction II	3	FASH 230 Patternmaking and Construction II
FASHI 1301 Flat Pattern Drafting I	3	Collegewide Elective*
FASHI 1315 Fashion Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective*
FASHI 2231 Fashion Marketing & Merchandising (Elect.)	3	FASH 101 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course	3	Humanities course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Summer Semester	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENGLI 1102 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
FASHI Elective	3	Collegewide Elective*
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FASHI 1325 Digital Design	3	FASH 231 Approaches and Process in Fashion Design
FASHI 2300 Flat Pattern Drafting II	3	Collegewide Elective*
FASHI 2301 Draping	3	Collegewide Elective*
FASHI 2235 Apparel Quality Analysis (Elective)	3	FASH 306 Apparel Evaluation
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social & Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FASHI 1500 Fashions' History	3	FASH 307 Fashion History: Global Perspectives
FASHI 2302 Design Studio Apparel I	3	FASH 331 Design Solutions for Fashion
FASHI Elective (Forecasting course TBD)	3	FASH 203 Trendspotting
SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Comm.	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
IAI Physical & Life Science course	4	Physical & Life Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

Completion of AAS Degree: 64 credit hours

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

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5th Semester Courses

	Credits
FASH 204 Math for Fashion	3
FASH 309 Sourcing and Supply Chain	3
200-Level Humanities or Fine Art course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
FASH 308 Professional Practice	3
FASH 330 Digital Patternmaking and Construction	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Science course with lab	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
FASH 401 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer I	3
Humanities or Fine Art course with DEI designation	3
200-Level Social & Behavioral Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
FASH 402 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer II	3
Social & Behavioral Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Competition 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

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 6 credit hours of courses with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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