

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Fashion Design

Major: Fashion Studies – Product Development

Credits completed at Harper College: 64*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 56

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
FAS 100 Industrial Sewing Methods	3	Collegewide Elective**
FAS 101 Flat Pattern Design and Draping I	3	Collegewide Elective**
FAS 105 Fashion Design Illustration I	3	Collegewide Elective**
FAS 107 Textiles I	3	FASH 205 Textiles Survey
FAS 112 Fashion Basics	3	FASH 101 Introduction to the Fashion Industry
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FAS 102 Flat Pattern Design and Draping II	3	Collegewide Elective**
FAS 104 Apparel Design and Construction	3	FASH 230 Patternmaking and Construction II
FAS 110 Costume History	3	FASH 307 Fashion History: Global Perspectives
FAS 113 Advanced Industrial Sewing Methods	3	FASH 130 Patternmaking and Construction I
GRA 101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology	3	Collegewide Elective**
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Summer Semester	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENG 101 Composition	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENG 102 Composition*	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
FAS 109 Fashion Arts and Design	3	FASH 102 Fashion Design Principles
FAS 201 Flat Pattern Design and Draping III	3	Collegewide Elective**
IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
FAS 204 Senior Collection	4	FASH 331 Design Solutions for Fashion
FAS 208 Computer-Aided Patternmaking	3	FASH 330 Digital Patternmaking and Construction
FAS 210 Fashion Design Illustration II	3	Collegewide Elective**
200-Level IAI Humanities course	3	200-Level Humanities Course
Total Semester Credit Hours	13	

Completion of AAS Degree: 61 credit hours

*While the AAS degree requires only 61 hours, it is recommended that the student complete ENG 102 prior to transferring.

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

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5th Semester Courses

ENGL 112 Writing and Composition II (if needed)	3
FASH 231 Approaches & Processes in Fashion Design	3
FASH 306 Apparel Evaluation	3
200-Level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

ENGL 130 Oral Communication	3
FASH 203 Trendspotting	3
FASH 204 Math for Fashion	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

FASH 308 Professional Practice	3
FASH 309 Sourcing and Supply Chain	3
FASH 401 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer I	3
Science course with Lab	3
Collegewide Elective	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	14

8th Semester Courses

FASH 401 Fashion Design and Merchandising: Concept to Consumer I	3
Science course	3
Social Science course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

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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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