

Degree: Associate of Arts

Focus: Fine Arts

Credits completed at JJC: 64

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Major: Fine Arts

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 64

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.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 101 Drawing I	3	ARTS 210 Drawing I
ART 103 2D Design	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ART 109 Introduction to the Visual Arts	3	ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture (DEI course)
ENG 101 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
IAI Mathematics course	4	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 102 Drawing II	3	ARTS 320 Painting and Drawing II
ART 104 3D Design	3	ARTS 199 Topics in Foundation Skill x 3
ART 115 Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Art or ART 116 Introduction to Renaissance and Baroque Art	3	ARTH 110 Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Modern
ENG 102 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course	3	Humanities course
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	18	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 105 Painting I	3	ARTS 220 Painting I
ART 117 Introduction to Modern Art	3	ARTH 210 20th Century Art History
200-Level IAI Humanities course	3	200-Level Humanities course
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Science course
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 106 Painting II	3	Collegewide Elective*
COMM 101 Principles of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication requirement
IAI Humanities and Fine Arts course	3	Humanities course
IAI Physical or Life Science with Lab course	4	Science course with Lab
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	200-Level Social Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	
Completion of AA Degree: 64 credit hours		

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO COURSES

5th Semester Courses

ARTH 310 Contemporary Art: 1980 to the Present	Credits	3
ARTS 240 Sculpture I		3
ARTS 250 New Genres I		3
ARTS 299 Topics in Studio Art I		3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course)		1
Collegewide Elective		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

6th Semester Courses

ARTH 315 Art Theory Seminar	Credits	3
ARTS 230 Printmaking I		3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course)		1
ARTS 360 Junior Fine Art BFA Studio		3
Innovation and Impact Course (Columbia Experience)		3
Collegewide Elective		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		166

7th Semester Courses

ARTS 299 Topics in Studio Art I	Credits	3
ARTS 303 Art Now! Speaker Series (DEI course)		1
ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio		3
ARTS 463 Professional Practices in Fine Arts		3
300-Level Major Elective		3
Collegewide Elective		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

8th Semester Courses

ARTS 465 Senior Fine Arts BFA Exhibition	Credits	6
300-Level Major Elective		3
Collegewide Elective		3
Collegewide Elective		4
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

In order to be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), all applicants following this guide are required to earn a 3.0 in all major courses. Additionally, please note all applicants will be processed as Bachelor of Arts (BA) students until confirmation of enrollment. Contact transfer@colum.edu with any questions.

Students who complete the AA with a focus on Art (as outlined) would be waived from the following BFA major requirements: ARTS 103 Art Now! Speaker Series and 3 credits of Foundation Skill.

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 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 coursework with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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!

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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