

Degree: Associate of Applied Science

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts

Focus: Graphic Design

Major: Graphic Design

Credits completed at JJC: 69*

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 59

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design encourages a foundation of design research, forming a basis for visual creation with significant emphasis on creating unique concepts, creative solutions, and outcomes that are client specific. In addition to creating strong visuals, graphic designers create meaning and emotional responses in messages that influence choices we make in our daily lives. 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 110 Introduction to Computer Graphics	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab
ART 126 Digital Photography	3	Collegewide Elective**
ENG 101 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 102 Drawing II	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 104 3D Design	3	ARTS 199 Topics in Foundation Skill: (x3)
ART 152 Typography	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design
ART 226 Digital Image Manipulation	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 230 History of Graphic Design	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 109 Introduction to the Visual Arts	3	ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture
CIS 216 HTML & CSS for Web Design	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I
Total Semester Credit Hours	6	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
One Art History course: ART 115, 116, or 117	3	Humanities course
ART 227 Digital Illustration	3	See ART 228 below
ART 228 Digital Layout	3	With ART 227 = GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure and GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form
ART 252 Type & Image	3	Collegewide Elective**
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ART 280 Corporate Identity	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 290 Portfolio	3	Collegewide Elective**
ART 299 Special Topics	3	Collegewide Elective**
COMM 101 Principles of Speech Communication	3	Meets IAI Communication Requirement
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENG 102 Rhetoric	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
Total Semester Credit Hours	3	

Completion of AAS Degree: 60 credit hours

*It is recommended that students complete a minimum of 69 hours at JJC in order to meet Columbia graduation requirements as outlined.

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

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5th Semester Courses

ADAD 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity & Narrative	3
Science course	3
200-Level Social Science course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV: Narrative & Research Studio	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Humanities course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

7th Semester Courses

COLL 200 Internship	0
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V: Branded Environments	3
Science course with Lab	4
Total Semester Credit Hours	13

8th Semester Courses

ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum: Client Design Studio	6
200-Level Social Science course with DEI designation	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours

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Just a few of our internship opportunities

- **Leo Burnett**, one of the largest advertising agencies in the world with clients like Procter & Gamble, McDonald's, and Samsung.
- **Cards Against Humanity**, creator of the infamous card game.
- **FCB**, a global advertising agency with clients around the world.
- **Pivot Design**, an award-winning branding, marketing, and advertising agency.
- **Pressley Johnson Design**, one of the premiere design communications firms in the Midwest.
- **50000feet Creative Agency**, a firm that has worked with some of the top brands in the U.S.
- **Shure Microphone's** internal design department.

Alumni Success

- **Eavan Wallner '14** is a visual designer at Google. After spending four years at Leo Burnett, where she designed for clients such as Allstate, Samsung, and Kraft, Wallner moved to San Francisco to join the design team at Google.
- **Jared Sawdey '17**, formerly of Cards Against humanity and Uptake, is a designer at Compass. In his free time, he runs the Chicago-based print cooperative Bad Press.
- **Crystal Zapata '16** is a designer and artist at the Normal Studio in Chicago. Her Italian-design-inspired posters for Bricktown Sound, a bi-weekly dance party, have become recognizable in the city.
- **Erick Morales '17** is a junior designer at One Design Company, an award-winning strategic design and development agency.

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 AAS would be waived from the following major requirements: ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture, ARTS 105 Foundation Studio, and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

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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