

**Degree:** Associate of Applied Science

**Degree:** Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Major:** Illustration

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**Credits completed at KVCC:** 66

**Credits at Columbia College Chicago:** 62

In Columbia's Illustration BFA program, you'll learn how visual storytelling can captivate audiences and how your distinct style and voice can make an impact. You'll further develop your artistic skills through studio classes and critiques with a dedicated faculty of professional illustrators. You'll practice techniques in both traditional and digital illustration and apply your visual storytelling skills in hands-on, client-focused projects. You'll also learn three commercial models: freelance, institutional, and contract-based. Learn more at [colum.edu/academics](http://colum.edu/academics).

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ANM 100 Adobe Creative Suite	3	Collegewide Elective*
ANM 120 Business Practices/Creative Careers	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 101 2D Design & Color Theory	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio
ENG 110 College Writing	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
MATH 115 Math for the Liberal Arts	4	Fulfills College Mathematics Requirement
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

2nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ANM 101 History of Illustration	3	ILLU 213 Illustration History & Practice
ANM 142 Adobe Photoshop	3	ARTS 199 Foundation Skill (x3)
ART 103 Drawing & Composition I	3	ARTS 210 Drawing I
ENG 112 Business Comm	3	Collegewide Elective*
WPE Elective	2	Collegewide Elective*
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

Summer Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ANM 143 Adobe Illustrator	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 105 Painting I	3	ILLU 360 Illustration: Materials & Techniques
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>6</b>	

3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ANM 256 Concept Development	3	ILLU 203 Illustration: Concept Art
ART 203 Drawing & Composition II	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 204 Colored Pencil <b>or</b> ART 205 Advanced Painting	3	Collegewide Elective*
ART 212 Life Drawing	3	ILLU 204 Figure Drawing
Social Science course	3	Social Science course
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

4 <sup>th</sup> Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course
ANM 173 Storyboarding	3	ILLU 320 Cartooning
ANM 251 Drawing the Figure in Motion	3	ILLU 304 Figure Drawing II
ANM 299 Conceptual Studio Portfolio	3	DSGN 350 Portfolio
ART 140 Watercolor	3	Collegewide Elective*
COM 101 Public Speaking	3	Collegewide Elective*
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Completion of AAS Degree: 66 credit hours**

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II	3
ILLU 212 Figure Drawing and Color	3
ILLU 214 Illustration Studio I	3
ILLU 310 History of Political and Social Illustration	3
ILLU 330 Special Issues in Illustration	1
Humanities course	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
ILLU 313 Illustration Studio II	3
ILLU 314 Digital Illustration	3
ILLU 325 Reading Graphically	3
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Science course	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
COLL 200 Internship	0
ILLU 440 Drawing the Graphic Novel	3
ILLU 441 Children's Book Illustration	3
History course	3
200-level Humanities course with DEI designation	3
Science course with Lab	4
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

## 8<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses

	Credits
ILLU 414 Digital Illustration II	3
ILLU 442 Commercial Illustration	3
ILLU 444 Illustration Studio III	3
200-level Social Science course	3
Literature course	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Completion of BFA Degree: 128 credit hours**

## Internships and Career Opportunities

You may **intern** in a design firm, advertising agency, or art gallery. An internship is especially helpful if you're pursuing a minor or looking for specific work experience.

Illustrators build **careers** in industries such as book and magazine publishing, fashion, advertising, and product packaging. They also contribute to television shows, commercials, and feature films. Many illustrators work independently, so our program emphasizes business skills in entrepreneurship and freelance.

With the **mentorship** of our faculty of professional illustrators and a thriving community of students, you'll develop your voice and chart a career path that makes sense for you.

## Alumni Success

- **Nick Drnaso '11** is the author of *Sabrina*, the first graphic novel to make the longlist for the Man Booker Prize, representing a growing literary movement within the graphic novel scene.
- **Keara McGraw '15** is an illustrator and tattooist. She has worked with clients such as HYPEBAE, WBEZ Chicago, Chronicle Books, Lenny Letter, American Express, and VICE Media.
- **Erik Lundquist '12** creates illustrations that are found on beer bottles, murals across Chicago, skate decks, and the side of vans. He's worked with brands including Juxtapoz, Goose Island Beer Co., Soho House Chicago, and House of Vans.
- **Ali Cantarella '13** creates custom watercolor, coffee, and ink portraits of people and pets. She does live-drawing events for organizations such as PAWS Chicago, Modern Luxury, Bucktown Arts Fest, and the University of Chicago, where she creates unique portraits on-the-spot for guests.

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](mailto: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, and DSGN 110 Design Thinking.

All degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete the Columbia Core which contains the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework in addition to Columbia Experience coursework. Columbia also requires additional mission-specific graduation requirements: Nine credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework and at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

## READY TO APPLY?

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