

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Credits required for degree:	120
Major:	Graphic Design	Credits required in major:	48
Concentration:	General Graphic Design	Estimated semesters to complete this degree plan:	8

1st Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	2nd Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	ARTS 210 Drawing I	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3
ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I (Core)	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II (Core)	3
CCCX 1** First Semester Experience (Core)	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
ARTS 1** Foundation Skills	3	College-Wide Elective	3
3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
GRDE 136 Design Lab	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	CCCX 2** Creative Communities	3
College-Wide Elective/Minor Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
GRDE 240 Website Design I	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity and Narrative	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact (Core)	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective/Minor Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective/Minor Requirement	3
7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3	GRDE 325 Packaging Design or GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective/Minor Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective /Minor Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
COLL 200 Internship	0		

Notes on the Four-Year Student Degree Plan:

This degree plan is a suggested sequence only. Students should consult with their Academic Advisors and Academic Departments to develop their unique individual plans.

Essential LAS Core Requirements include English, Mathematics, Sciences, Literature, Humanities, History, and Social Sciences. **Columbia Experience Core Requirements** include First-Semester Experience, Creative Communities, and Innovation and Impact courses.

Major Electives include courses required to be completed to finish a major, and students will choose from a list of Major Electives in the course catalog.

College-Wide Electives include all courses and credits not specifically applied towards the Columbia Core or Major Requirements.

All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to complete 6 credits of **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** coursework. All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to complete 9 credits of **advanced (200 or higher level)** coursework in the Columbia Core.

Students are encouraged to consider declaring a Minor to complete their required College-Wide Elective credits.

Full-time status at Columbia College Chicago is a minimum of 12 attempted credits per semester, but the cost of tuition is the same for 12-16 attempted credits. Students are encouraged to attempt 15-16 credits each semester for financial reasons and to complete their degree (120-128 minimum credits) in a timely fashion.

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Credits required for degree:	120
Major:	Graphic Design	Credits required in major:	48
Concentration:	Graphic Design General	Estimated semesters to complete this degree plan:	4

1st Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	2nd Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab	3
ARTS 210 Drawing I	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3
ARTS 1** Foundation Skills	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I	3
College-Wide Elective	3	CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact (Core)	3
3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III: Visual Identity and Narrative	3
GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3	GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3	GRDE 315 Book Design	3
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
COLL 200 Internship	0	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	3		

Notes on the Transfer Student Degree Plan:

This degree plan assumes a student is starting at Columbia with a **minimum of 60 credits in transfer** and the completion of the Essential LAS Core Requirements. **This degree plan is a suggested sequence only.** Students should consult with their Academic Advisors and Academic Departments to develop their unique individual plans.

Essential LAS Core Requirements include English, Mathematics, Sciences, Literature, Humanities, History, and Social Sciences. **Columbia Experience Core Requirements** include First-Semester Experience, Creative Communities, and Innovation and Impact courses.

Major Electives include courses required to be completed to finish a major, and students will choose from a list of Major Electives in the course catalog.

College-Wide Electives include all courses and credits not specifically applied towards the Columbia Core or Major Requirements.

All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to complete 6 credits of **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)** coursework. All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to complete 9 credits of **advanced (200 or higher level)** coursework in the Columbia Core.

Students are encouraged to consider declaring a Minor to complete their required College-Wide Elective credits.

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