Columbia
COLLEGE CHICAGO

FOUR YEAR DEGREE PLAN
2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree:	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Credits required for degree:	128
Major:	Graphic Design	Credits required in major:	73

1st Semester Courses	Credit Hours	2nd Semester Courses	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	**16**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**16**
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3
DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3	Select 3 ONE credit Foundation Skills Courses	3
ARTS 210 Drawing I	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II (Core/LAS)	3
FEXP 1** Columbia Experience (FSE/Core)	3	Columbia Core / LAS Requirement (Math)	3
ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I (LAS Core)	3	Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	1	College-Wide Elective	1
3rd Semester Courses	**Credit Hours**	**4th Semester Courses**	**Credit Hours**
Total Semester Credit Hours	**16**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**16**
GRDE 136 Design Lab	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
GRDE 231 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II	3
GRDE 240 Website Design I	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3	Columbia Core / Columbia Experience	3
College-Wide Elective	3	Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	1	College-Wide Elective	1
5th Semester Courses	**Credit Hours**	**6th Semester Courses**	**Credit Hours**
	16	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**16**
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design IV	3
GRDE 305 Publication Design	3	GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
ADAD 317 Photo Communication	3	ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective	3
Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3	Columbia Core / Columbia Experience	3
College-Wide Elective	1		
7th Semester Courses	**Credit Hours**	**8th Semester Courses**	**Credit Hours**
Total Semester Credit Hours	**16**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**16**
GRDE Graphic Design V	3	GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum	6
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3	BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3	ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio or GRDE 336 Design Lab II	3
COLL 200 Internship	0	Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3
Columbia Core/LAS Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective	1
Columbia Core /LAS Requirement	3		
College-Wide Elective	1		

Notes:

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

The 42 credits required in the Columbia Core include the Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences (33 LAS Credits) and the Columbia Experience (9 credits).

Students are advised to complete their Writing and Rhetoric and Mathematics Requirements by the time they earn 45 credits (or within the first 3 semesters).

Major Electives include courses required 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/Electives.

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 term, but the cost of tuition is the same for 12-16 attempted credits.

Students are encouraged to attempt 15-16 credits each term for financial reasons and also to complete their degree (120-128 credits) in a timely fashion.

All degree-seeking undergraduate students are required to complete the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Requirement (6 credits) and a minimum of 9 credits at the 200 or higher level in the Columbia Core.