

Degree:	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Credits required for degree:	128
Major:	Graphic Design	Credits required in major:	73
Concentration:		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	16	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I	3
ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab	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
College-Wide Elective	1	College-Wide Elective	1
3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
GRDE 231 Graphic Design I	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
GRDE 240 Website Design I	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II	3
CCCX 2** Creative Communities (Core)	3	ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
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College-Wide Elective	1	College-Wide Elective	1
5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
GRDE 331 Graphic Design III	3	GRDE 332 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 Requirement	3	CCCX 3** Innovation and Impact (Core)	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	1		
7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	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 Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	College-Wide Elective	1
College-Wide Elective	3		
College-Wide Elective	1		

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.

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Concentration:		Estimated semesters to complete this degree plan:	6

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	ARTS 110 Drawing I	3
GRDE 136 Design Lab	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I	3
ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	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	16
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II	3	GRDE 331 Graphic Design III	3
GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3	GRDE 305 Publication Design	3
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3	ADAD 317 Photo Communication	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	3	ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	4
COLL 200 Internship	0	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	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 332 Graphic Design IV	3	GRDE 431 Graphic Design V	3
BUSE 130 Business of Design	3	DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3	GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum	6
GRDE 336 Design Lab II or GRDE 333 Letterpress Studio	3	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.

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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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