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FOUR-YEAR STUDENT DEGREE PLAN
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts	**Credits required for degree:**	**128**
Major: Graphic Design	**Credits required in major:**	**72**
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	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3
DSGN 110 Design Thinking	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
Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	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
Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	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
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3	ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	1	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 431 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 ARTS 336 Design Lab II	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	1
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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.

Columbia Core Requirements include English, Mathematics, Sciences, Literature, Humanities, History, Social Sciences and Columbia Experience classes. Students should review their individual Degree Audits for their specific requirements.

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 12-18 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	**12**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**15**
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I	3
DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I	3
GRDE 136 Design Lab	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I	3
		Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3

3rd Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	4th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	**12**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**12**
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	GRDE 340 Website Design II	3
GRDE 317 Photo Communication	3	ANIM 270 Motion Graphics I	3

5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	Credit Hours	6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)	Credit Hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	**12**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**12**
GRDE 332 Graphic Design IV	3	BUSE 130 Business of Design	3
GRDE 431 Graphic Design V	3	DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3	GRDE 480 Graphic Design Practicum	6
GRDE 336 Design Lab II or ARTS 333 Letterpress Studio	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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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.

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