Columbia
COLLEGE CHICAGO

FOUR-YEAR STUDENT DEGREE PLAN
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	**Credits required for degree:**	120
Major:	Graphic Design	**Credits required in major:**	48
Concentration:	Website 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 110 Drawing I	3
DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3	ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3
ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab	3
Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II (Core)	3
ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I (Core)	3	Columbia Core Requirement	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**
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3	GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form	3
GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3	GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3
GRDE 240 Website Design I	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
Columbia Core Requirement	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 340 Website Design II	3	GRDE 350 Website Design III	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	INMD 114 Web Development I	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3
College-Wide Elective	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
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7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	**Credit Hours**	**8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)**	**Credit Hours**
Total Semester Credit Hours	**15**		**15**
DSGN 350 Portfolio	3	GRDE 325 Packaging Design or GRDE 331 Graphic Design III or GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
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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.

Degree:	Bachelor of Arts	Credits required for degree:	120
Major:	Graphic Design	Credits required in major:	48
Concentration:	Website Design	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
GRDE 136 Design Lab	3	ARTS 110 Drawing I	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	DSGN 110 Design Thinking	3
ARTS 106 Fundamentals of Visual Design	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	GRDE 240 Website Design I	3
College-Wide Elective	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	15	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
ARTH 225 History of Communication Design	3	DSGN 350 Portfolio	3
INMD 114 Web Development I	3	GRDE 325 Packaging Design or GRDE 331 Graphic Design III or GRDE 348 Experimental Typography	3
GRDE 232 Graphic Design II: Semiotics and Form	3	GRDE 350 Website Design III	3
GRDE 238 Typography for Graphic Design	3	College-Wide Elective	3
GRDE 340 Website Design II	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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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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