Columbia
COLLEGE CHICAGO

FOUR-YEAR STUDENT DEGREE PLAN
2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Degree:	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Credits required for degree:	128
Major:	Photography	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**
PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II*	3	PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	GRDE 136 Design Lab	3
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture (Fulfills Major and Core)	3	Columbia Core Requirement	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**
PHOT 205 Principles of Light	3	PHOT 209 Principles of Light II	3
PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3	PHOT 436 Photo Social Practice	3
PHOT 251 History of Photography I	3	PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3
Columbia Core Requirement CCCX	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
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**
PHOT 365 Video for Photographers	3	Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3
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COLL 230 Internship: Professionalism and Creativity	3	Columbia Core Requirement (CCCX)	3
ARTH 210 20th Century Art History (fulfills Major and Core)	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	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**
Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3	Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3
Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3	PHOT 401 Photography Seminar	3
ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio (or Graphic Design Practicum)	3	PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3
Columbia Core Requirement	3	Columbia Core Requirement	3
College-Wide Elective	3	College-Wide Elective	3
College-Wide Elective	1	College-Wide Elective	1

Notes on the Four-Year Student Degree Plan:

*Students will need department permission to start in PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II. Students who need to start in PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I should work directly with their Academic Advisor and Department to revise this 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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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**	**12**
PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II	3	PHOT 202 Photographic Practice III	3
ARTS 105 Foundation Studio	3	ARTH 210 20th Century Art History	3
ARTH 105 Introduction to Visual Culture	3	GRDE 231 Graphic Design I: Form and Structure	3
GRDE 136 Design Lab	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	**9**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**12**
PHOT 205 Principles of Light	3	PHOT 209 Principles of Light II	3
PHOT 251 History of Photography I	3	PHOT 436 Photo Social Practice	3
PHOT 362 Image Strategies	3	Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3
		PHOT 252 History of Photography II	3
5th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	**Credit Hours**	**6th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)**	**Credit Hours**
Total Semester Credit Hours	**9**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**6**
PHOT 365 Video For Photographers	3	Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3
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COLL 230 Internship: Professionalism and Creativity	3		
7th Semester Courses (Typically the Fall Semester)	**Credit Hours**	**8th Semester Courses (Typically the Spring Semester)**	**Credit Hours**
Total Semester Credit Hours	**9**	**Total Semester Credit Hours**	**6**
PHOT 406 Professional Practice	3	Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3
Photography Major Elective (see list in Degree Audit / Catalog)	3	PHOT 401 Photography Seminar	3
ARTS 450 Senior Fine Arts Studio	3		

Notes on the Transfer Student Degree Plan:

*Students will need department permission to start in PHOT 102 Photographic Practice II. Students who need to start in PHOT 101 Photographic Practice I should work directly with their Academic Advisor and Department to revise this 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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