

Columbia College Chicago
TRANSFER GUIDE
2022-2023

600 S Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60605-1996
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www.colum.edu

Tuition: \$29,270 per year
Room & Board: \$11,000 per year (approximately)
Enrollment: 6,568

THIS TRANSFER GUIDE CONTAINS IMPORTANT TRANSFER INFORMATION THAT CAN IMPACT A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO TRANSFER AND COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

The information on this sheet is subject to frequent change; students should contact the four-year school to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

- There is no minimum number of hours required for admission to Columbia.
- Generally, if a student is in good standing at the last institution attended, admission to Columbia is assured. Contact the Admissions Office for more detailed information.
- Columbia and Harper have articulation agreements in:
 - Advertising
 - Arts Management
 - Fashion Design
 - Fashion Merchandising
 - Fine Arts
 - Graphic Design
 - Interaction Design
 - Marketing
 - Music Business
 - Public Relations

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer courses must be completed with a C grade or better and must be similar or equivalent in content to those offered by Columbia. Grades of D and higher are accepted for IAI GECC coursework with the exception of the English Composition sequence. All transfer students will receive an official transcript evaluation as part of the admissions process and all admission decisions are made by Columbia.

- 75 total credits will be accepted from any combination of regionally accredited two-year and four-year institutions, advanced placement, CLEP, military, and/or Life Experience.
- All students must complete at least 45 credit hours at Columbia with the final 12 credits needed for graduation taken at Columbia College Chicago.

APPLICATION

Students are required to complete the Columbia College Chicago Transfer Application (www.colum.edu/apply).

The application requires:

- One brief essay
- \$25 application fee (\$50 for International applicants). Fee waivers can be requested within the application
- High School transcripts are required if you:
 - Graduated from a high school outside of the United States, or
 - Earned your General Education Development diploma (GED), or
 - Were Home Schooled.
- All official college transcripts – even if you did not earn any credit.

Highly suggested:

- Portfolio of creative/artistic work (required for BFA applications and some scholarships)

ILLINOIS ARTICULATION INITIATIVE (IAI)

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) as a receiving institution. The IAI is a statewide agreement that allows transfer students coming from participating Illinois institutions who meet certain criteria to complete the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) in lieu of the Columbia College Chicago Liberal Arts and Sciences Core. Transfer students who are accepted to Columbia College Chicago and who meet at least one of the following criteria will be eligible for the IAI:

1. Earned Associate's degree from a participating Illinois institution
2. Completion of the GECC package at a participating Illinois institution
3. Completion of 30 transferable credits from one or more participating Illinois institutions

Students who meet 1. or 3. above and have not yet completed the GECC package will be permitted to do so while enrolled at Columbia College Chicago. In the event that the Columbia College Chicago Liberal Arts and Sciences Core leads to faster degree completion, the student may choose it instead of the GECC. Columbia's academic advisors can assist students in reviewing both options.

Transfer students who complete the GECC package in lieu of Columbia College Chicago's Liberal Arts and Sciences Core must still complete the following college-wide degree requirements, which may or may not be fulfilled in transfer:

- 9 credits of 200-level or higher Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences courses, and
- 6 credits of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion designated courses, and
- 3 credits of Innovation and Impact (Columbia Experience) designated coursework

Transfer students entering Columbia College Chicago from participating Illinois institutions with 29 or fewer transferrable credits are required to complete the full Columbia Core curriculum.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music:

Fall only*: January 15 with required portfolio or pre-screening materials as required (www.colum.edu/bfa)

*Except Interior Architecture, BFA which admits for Fall and Spring.

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science:

Fall Term: Priority – January 15

Spring Term: December 14

Summer Term: May 1

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Columbia offers significant scholarships based on grade point average (GPA), talent, and financial need. The scholarships are generally renewable, and you can be awarded multiple scholarships. There are no separate applications for most scholarships.

The Fall-only **Faculty Recognition Award** requires a portfolio review. You may upload your portfolio and make any changes to it until 11:59 PM on the deadline posted at www.colum.edu/fra.

Harper students may qualify for the **Chicagoland Transfer Award** (CTA) if they have earned 30 transferable credit hours with a GPA of 3.00 or higher. By completing the application and thoughtfully answering the essay prompt, students will be considered for one full-tuition scholarship and ten others will receive \$12,000 scholarships each.

Columbia also offers an additional minimum of \$2500 per year **Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship** to transfer students that are proven members of PTK (must be on official Harper transcript or submit proof of PTK membership).

More information on the above scholarships as well as additional scholarships outside of Columbia College Chicago can be reviewed at <https://www.colum.edu/columbia-central/scholarships/index>.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Advising Services
Building A, Room A364
847-925-6220

Columbia College Chicago Transfer Admissions
312-369-7130
<https://www.colum.edu/transfer>
transfer@colum.edu

**Columbia College Chicago
Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum Requirements**

Below is the Columbia College Chicago Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum. Students can opt to complete the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC), Groups 1-5 of Harper's 1998 or later AA degree (1998-2015 AS Degree) in lieu of this curriculum. By completing the IAI GECC, students will have met the general education requirements of Columbia College Chicago. Individual majors may require additional course work for admission and/or additional general education course work for graduation. Students transferring with the IAI GECC must still fulfill the requirements below in gray. Final decisions regarding the acceptance of credit rest with Columbia College Chicago.
Must be completed with a 2.0 GPA in the Core courses to be eligible for certification on transcript.

Columbia College Chicago		Harper College
Communication	6 hrs.	Communications
Writing and Composition I		ENG 101 & 102 (Grade of C required in each)
Writing and Composition II		
Mathematics*	3 hrs.	Mathematics
One course (3 hrs.) in college level mathematics or higher		MTH 101 or Higher
Science	6 hrs.	Science
Two courses of science; one course must have a laboratory component		Any College Level AST, BIO, CHM, GEO, PHS, PHY, GEG 111 or GEG 112, ANT 205;
Humanities	9 hrs.	Humanities
At least one humanities course (3-6 hrs.)		Any IAI designated Humanities course(s)
At least one literature course (3-6 hrs.)		Any IAI designated Literature course(s)
History and Social Sciences	9 hrs.	
At least one history course (3-6 hrs.)		Any College-Level IAI designated History course(s)
At least one social science course (3-6 hrs.)		Any College-Level IAI designated Social Science course(s)
TOTAL	33 hrs.	

Columbia College Chicago	
200-level Essential Liberal Arts and Sciences coursework (may be completed at Harper)	9 hrs.
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion designated coursework	6 hrs.
Columbia Experience coursework (students may have up to 6 hours waived based on transferable credit)	9 hrs.

College wide electives: Any College Level ACC; ART; ATE; FAS; IND; MCM; MGT; MKT; MUS; KIN (up to 4 hours); SPE; ENG 103, 130; LNG 105; SGN.

*Some Columbia majors require specific Math courses for graduation. Students can work with their Transfer Admissions Specialist to plan their transfer.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO MAJORS

Learn more about Columbia's majors at www.colum.edu/academics

Audio Arts and Acoustics

Acoustics* (BS)
Audio Arts* (BS)
Music Technology* (BS)

American Sign Language – English Interpretation (BA)

Audio Arts (BA)

Art and Art History

Art History (BA)
Fine Arts (BA | BFA)

Business and Entrepreneurship

Arts Management (BA)
Design Management (BA)
Marketing (BA)
Music Business (BA)

Cinema and Television Arts

Documentary (BA)
Film and Television (BA | BFA)
Television Writing and Business (BFA)

Communication

Advertising (BA)
Communication (BA)
Journalism (BA)
Photojournalism (BA)
Public Relations (BA)
Radio (BA)
Social Media and Digital Strategy (BA)

Creative Writing (BA)

Cultural Studies (BA)

Dance (BA | BFA)

Design

Graphic Design (BA | BFA)
Illustration (BA | BFA)
Interior Architecture (BFA)

English (BA)

Environmental and Sustainability Studies* (BA)

Fashion

Fashion Studies (BA)
Fashion Design (BFA)

Interactive Arts and Media

Computer Animation (BA | BFA)
Game Art (BA)
Game Design (BA)
Immersive Media (BA)
User Experience and Interaction Design (BA)
Programming* (BA | BS)
Traditional Animation (BA | BFA)

Music

Music (BA)
Composition and Production (BMus)
Contemporary, Urban, and Popular Music (BMus)

Photography (BA | BFA)

Theatre

Acting (BA | BFA)
Comedy Writing and Performance (BA)
Musical Theatre (BA | BFA)
Theatre (BA)
Theatre Design and Technology (BA)