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Columbia College Chicago (CCC) is a private, nonprofit college offering a distinctive curriculum that blends creative and media arts, liberal arts, and business for nearly 7,000 students in more than 100 undergraduate and graduate [degree programs](#). Broad subject areas include Business and Management, Communication and Writing, Medial and Digital Arts, Music and Sound, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. Students with training in these creative areas and students who have a strong interest in them but lack formal training are invited to apply.

Dedicated to academic excellence and long-term career success, Columbia College Chicago creates a dynamic, challenging and collaborative space for students who experience the world through a creative lens. CCC is [accredited](#) by the Higher Learning Commission. Specialized accreditations are held by programs in American Sign Language, Interior Architecture, and Dance/Movement Therapy.

- **A.A. Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements:** Yes. Students who complete the Associate in Arts (AA) degree prior to transferring will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Within the AA's General Education Core Curriculum (GECC), students should attempt to complete 9 credit hours at the 200 level.

After transfer, students will also complete six credit hours with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation. These courses must be taken with Columbia.

Note: Special topics courses, independent study courses, and internships taken as electives in the AA are evaluated on a case-by-cases basis and may not be transferrable.

- **A.S. Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements:** Discuss with a CCC advisor. Some majors may better prepare students for transfer by completing the Associate in Science (AS) degree due to increased math and science requirements.
- **Foreign Language:** Not required for admission or graduation.
- **IAI Participant:** Yes, as a "Receiving only" institution. Columbia College Chicago accepts a completed IAI General Education Core Curriculum package.
- **IAI GECC may be Completed After Transfer:** Yes, if the student has earned 30 or more hours of transfer credit from one or more IAI participating institutions.
- **Maximum College Credits Accepted in Transfer:** 75 credit hours – this includes AP, IB, CLEP or other transfer credits.
- **Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student without High School Transcript and ACT:** 24 credits. A transfer student needs to indicate they have completed the required number of college credits and a form will be added to their file to self-report their high school information and graduation date. This DOES NOT include home-schooled or GED high school students

This guide is provided as a service to BHC students and information is subject to change. Students should work with a BHC advisor and the transfer school to keep informed of changes. Responsibility for complying with all transfer information rests with the student.

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