

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



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, Media 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.

Admission

Visit the [Columbia Transfer Admissions](#) website for admission criteria and application process.

Acceptance of AA and/or AS degree

A.A. Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements: Yes. Students who complete the Associate in Arts 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 6 credit hours with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation. These courses must be taken with Columbia.

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 degree due to increased math and science requirements.

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

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

CTE course are evaluated on an individual basis. See [Course Equivalencies](#) and discuss with a Columbia advisor.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

Columbia participates in IAI as a receiving institution meaning it accepts a completed IAI GECC, but does not have its own IAI courses. The IAI GECC may be completed after transfer if 30 or more hours of transfer credit have been earned.

Transfer students who complete the GECC package in lieu of the Columbia Core must still complete the following college-wide degree requirements after transfer:

- Columbia Experience 3 (CCCX 300-level): Innovation and Impact (three credits)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): (six credits)

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student	No minimum. Apply as a transfer student if you've completed high school, home school, or a GED program and have earned (or will earn) college credit at a college or university before your first day at Columbia. <i>This excludes the following types of college credit: exam-based credits (AP, IB, CLEP), dual enrollment credits, courses taken as part of a summer program for high school students, and/or any credits earned during the summer immediately following high school graduation or GED completion.</i>
Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges	75 including AP, IB, CLEP or other transfer credits
Maximum transfer credits accepted from all schools attended	75 including AP, IB, CLEP or other transfer credits
Residency	45 minimum, including the final 12 credits. Of the 45, 15 minimum must be taken at Columbia.
Min. upper division credits (300- and 400-level courses) required to graduate	Contact Columbia
Min. upper division credits required to be taken with the transfer school	Contact Columbia
Taking BHC courses after transfer	Contact Columbia

Grades

Transfer courses must be completed with a C grade or better and must be similar or equivalent in content to those offered by Columbia. The acceptance of transfer credit is at the sole discretion of the college.

Students who meet eligibility requirements for the IAI can transfer courses that apply toward the GECC requirements with a grade of D or better, with the exception of Writing and Rhetoric I and II in which a grade of C or better is required.

Second Language

For admission: None

For graduation: None

BHC prepares Transfer Pointers as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their BHC advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.
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