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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.

Admission Criteria: Must submit the following: All college transcripts, high school transcript (if under 24 college credits earned), Application fee (\$25 for domestic and \$75 international). Recommended materials: ACT / SAT scores, Digital portfolio / audition, and FAFSA.

Application Deadlines for Transfer Students: Columbia operates on rolling admissions, admitting students beginning in early Fall. For Bachelor of Arts and Science programs, the fall priority deadline is January 15 and spring is December 14. Decisions are made within four weeks of sending all required materials to complete the application file. For Bachelor of Fine Arts and Music programs, the fall deadline for application, audition / portfolio, and all materials is January 31, 2020.

Scholarships: Automatic consideration for Columbia College Chicago scholarships when admitted to the college. Additionally, renewable scholarships may be offered based on academic achievements, artistic talent and financial need. To be considered: submit FAFSA and a digital portfolio or video audition demonstrating best creative work by the January 15th deadline. Submit work that adheres to the [guidelines for the intended major or field of study](#).

- **A.A. Satisfies Lower Division General Education Requirements:** Yes. Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Within the 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 AS degree due to increased math and science requirements.
- **Financial Aid:** February 1st is the priority filing date for financial aid.
- **Foreign Language:** Not required for admission or graduation.
- **IAI Participant:** Yes, as a “Receiving only” institution. 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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