

Searching for Courses

The new registration system offers three different places to search for courses in the **Course Catalog**. This guide will walk you through each of these search methods to help you find courses that fit your semester plan.

As you search, you'll also have the ability to refine your results using additional filters. For example, you can choose to display only open sections or include open/waitlisted sections or specify the instruction type— such as in-person, online, or hybrid formats. These options help ensure that the courses you select are not only a good academic fit, but also work with your personal schedule and learning preferences.

The screenshot shows the Columbia College Chicago Course Catalog search page. At the top is the college's logo and navigation links for 'Academics' and 'Course Catalog'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Search for Courses and Course Sections' with a placeholder 'Search for courses...'. Three callouts point to different search methods: 'Option 2' points to the 'Subject Search' tab, 'Option 1' points to the 'Advanced Search' tab, and 'Option 3' points to the search bar. The 'Advanced Search' tab is active, showing a form with fields for 'Term', 'Meeting Start Date', 'Meeting End Date', and three rows for 'Courses And Sections' (each with 'Subject', 'Course number', and 'Section' fields).

Option 1: Advanced Search. This is best for searching courses that fit your specific academic requirements and schedule preferences using detailed filters.

Option 2: Subject Search. This is ideal for browsing all courses within a particular subject area if you're exploring options or planning within a major or minor.

Option 3: Course Search. This is great when you know the exact course title, subject, or course code and want to find it quickly.

The Advanced Search

The Advanced search is the most detailed and customizable way to search for courses. It allows you to apply multiple filters to narrow down your results based on your academic and scheduling needs. You can search for courses that fulfill specific degree requirements (such as Core, Major, or Minor requirements), filter by days and times that fit your schedule, and even specify course types (such as courses that fulfill Core Requirements or courses that run during the various subsessions within the semester). This option is ideal if you have a clear idea of what requirements you need to fulfill or if you're building a schedule around other commitments.

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Search for Courses and Course Sections

Search for courses...

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Catalog Advanced Search

Term

Select Term

Meeting Start Date

M/d/yyyy

Meeting End Date

M/d/yyyy

Courses And Sections

Subject

Course number

Section

Subject

Course number

Section

Subject

Course number

Section

+ Add More...

Days Of Week

☐ Sunday

☐ Monday

☐ Tuesday

☐ Wednesday

☐ Thursday

☐ Friday

☐ Saturday

Academic Level

Select Academic Level

Time Of Day

Select Time Of Day

Time Starts by

hh:mm AM/PM

Time Ends by

hh:mm AM/PM

Course Type

Select Course Type

Clear

Search

The Subject Search

The Subject Search lets you browse all the courses being offered within a particular subject area. For example, if you're interested in Animation, selecting "Animation" from the list of subjects will show you every Animation course available that term. This is a great way to explore course options within a major, minor, or area of interest—especially if you're open to discovering new classes you may not have known about.

Search for Courses and Course Sections

Search for courses...

Subject Search

Advanced Search

Search for a course subject:

Type a subject...

[Ad Art Direction](#)

[Advertising](#)

[American Sign Language](#)

[Animation](#)

[Anthropology](#)

[Arabic](#)

[Art](#)

[Art & Material Conserv](#)

[Art History](#)

[Audio](#)

[Biology](#)

[Business & Marketing](#)

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Filter Results

Hide

Availability

☐ Open and Waitlisted Sections

☐ Open Sections Only

Subjects

☒ Animation (3)

Locations

☐ Main Campus (2)

Terms

Days of Week

Filters Applied: Animation

ANIM-110 History of Animation (3 Credits)

Add Course to Plan

The course examines the origins of animation, visu

Requisites:

None

Locations:

Main Campus

Offered:

Fall and Spring Only

ANIM-120 Visual Storytelling (3 Credits)

Add Course to Plan

This course explores the fundamental principles of

Requisites:

None

Offered:

Spring Only

The Course Search

The Course Search is best when you're looking for something specific. You can search using keywords from course titles, subject names, or even enter the exact course code. This is a fast and efficient way to find a particular class if you already know what you're looking for.

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Search for Courses and Course Sections

ENGL-111

Subject Search **Advanced Search**

Catalog Advanced Search

Term: Meeting Start Date: Meeting End Date:

Courses And Sections:

Search by Course Code- If you already know the exact course you want to register for, simply enter the course code (e.g., ENGL-111) into the search bar. The system will return detailed results, including course descriptions, available sections, meeting times, and instructors.

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History

Filters Applied: Fall 2025

Filter Results Hide

Availability

☐ Open and Waitlisted Sections

☐ Open Sections Only

Subjects

☐ Art History (2)

☐ Television (1)

Locations

☐ Main Campus (1)

Terms

☒ Fall 2025 (3)

Days of Week

TELE-110 The History of Television (3 Credits) Add Course to Plan

No description available.

Requisites:
None

[View Available Sections for TELE-110](#)

ARTH-111 Visual Arts Survey: 1800 (3 Credits) Add Course to Plan

This introductory course is a global survey

Requisites:
None

Locations:
Main Campus

Offered:
Fall and Spring Only

[View Available Sections for ARTH-111](#)

Search by Subject or Keywords- You can also search using keywords related to the course title or subject (e.g., "History" or "Game"). The system will display all relevant courses that match your search terms, making it easy to explore topics you're interested in or find electives that align with your goals.