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American Academy of Art College

American Academy of Art College, located in Chicago, Illinois has ceased operations and will no longer offer classes from fall 2024. Please see the [closure announcement](#) for more details. American Academy of Art College has been in operation in Illinois since 1923 and institutionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Transcripts

To request a transcript, please complete the [transcript request form](#). Requests sent without a self-addressed STAMPED envelope will not be processed.

Transfer:

Columbia College Chicago entered into a Teach-Out Agreement with the American Academy of Art to support Academy students to successfully complete their degree requirements.

1098-T-Questions and Important Information:

The Academy has partnered with ECSI who will be preparing your 2023 1098-T's. The forms will be mailed before the end of the year to the address in the system as of June 1, 2024. The 1098-T's will also be available on-line at <https://heartland.ecsi.net> before the end of the year.

VA Benefits: GI Bill students may contact the VA's Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551 (Mon-Fri, 7 am-6 pm CT). The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs may be able to assist you with veteran benefits questions. If you require additional assistance, please reach out to Dan Wellman at DAN.WELLMAN@illinois.gov or 217.782.7838.

US Department of Education Resources:

Students can find their federal student loan information by accessing the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at <https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/login>. You can access the site using your Federal Student Aid (FSA) User ID and qualifying personal identification information.

Repayment Questions

Federal Loan Discharge and Forgiveness:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Visit this [link](#) to evaluate the eligibility requirements for discharge of Federal Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. This information **does not apply to non-federal student loans**. For those loans, please contact lenders directly for options and to understand repayment obligations.



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Students who attended a school who believe they were defrauded or that their school otherwise violated applicable state law may be eligible for discharge (loan forgiveness). Please visit this [link](#) for assistance.

Assistance from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC):

Former students can find Closed College Information at <https://www.isac.org/students/after-college/repaying-your-student-loans/closed-colleges-information.html> or <https://www.isac.org>.

Student Complaints/Hotline:

The Illinois Attorney General's office created the Student Loan Helpline (1-800-455-2456; Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach the AG's office by using the 7-1-1 relay service) to provide student borrowers with free resources about repayment options and information on avoiding default. Here is the [link to file a complaint](#).

Employee Complaints:

Employees with questions or complaints regarding their employment rights may contact the [Illinois Attorney General's Workplace Rights Bureau](#) (hotline 844-740-5076).

General Questions for the Illinois Board of Higher Education: Please email info@ibhe.org.