

# Acting and Contemporary Performance Making (MFA)

## Estimated Program Costs

Columbia's **Acting and Contemporary Performance Making MFA** program offers a practice-based international theatre experience in the fields of physical theatre and devised performance. You'll take courses in Chicago and Berlin, Germany, that focus on creating original works for the stage, drawing inspiration from dance, the visual arts, and traditional theatre.

**To earn an MFA in Acting and Contemporary Performance Making, you must complete 51 credits.** The below chart reflects the typical costs of a full-time student in this program:

	YEAR 1 FALL AND SPRING	YEAR 2 FALL, SPRING, AND SUMMER	TOTAL COSTS
ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENSES	\$41,593	\$37,108	\$78,701
ESTIMATED INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$30,592	\$34,842	\$65,434

- The estimated **direct expenses** include tuition and fees for the program based on 2025-26 tuition rates. Tuition rates are subject to annual increases. You will be billed by Columbia for direct expenses after you register for each semester of the program.
- The estimated **indirect expenses** reflect the average cost of attending college full time in Chicago in year 1 of the program and in Berlin in year 2 of the program. This includes estimates for books and supplies, room and board, and transportation. You will not be billed by Columbia for indirect expenses, and your actual expenses may vary.
- The first year of your program will be in Chicago, Illinois, and the second year of your program will be in Berlin, Germany. The specific start date will be confirmed by the program director.
- View our full consumer information for this program at [colum.edu/gradadmissions](https://colum.edu/gradadmissions).

### Financing Your Graduate Degree at Columbia

Columbia will work closely with you to create a plan to finance your graduate program. We recommend that you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**studentaid.gov**) with the Columbia school code of 001665 for the academic year that you plan to begin your graduate program. For additional information on financing your graduate program, please visit [colum.edu/columbiacentral](https://colum.edu/columbiacentral).