

# Cinema and Television Producing (MFA)

## Estimated Program Costs

Creative producers drive the cinema, television, and interactive industries. As a master's candidate in the **Cinema and Television Producing** program, you'll learn the entire process of making films, television and related media—from finding great material, learning screenwriting and hiring talent to juggling financial and legal issues. You'll produce a short thesis film and spend the final five weeks of your coursework in Los Angeles packaging a long-form narrative or feature film.

**To earn an MFA in Cinema and Television Producing at Columbia, you must complete 53 credits.**

The below chart reflects the typical costs of a full-time student in this program:

	YEAR 1 FALL AND SPRING	YEAR 2 FALL AND SPRING	TOTAL COSTS
ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENSES	\$36,960	\$33,301	\$70,261
ESTIMATED INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$24,236	\$29,236	\$53,472

- The estimated **direct expenses** include tuition and fees for the program based on 2020-21 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 and include 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.
- Students in this program typically incur expenses related to film projects. You can expect to spend approximately \$3,000 in your first year and \$8,000 in your second year on such projects. These approximate costs are reflected in the estimated indirect expenses above.

### 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 FAFSA ([fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.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).