

# Civic Media (MA)

## Estimated Program Costs

In the **Civic Media MA** program, you'll collaborate with diverse communities to build, deploy, and assess civic media projects. You'll develop the communication, research, leadership, and technology skills needed to create fair and equitable media solutions for local communities.

**To earn an MA in Civic Media at Columbia, you must complete 30 credit hours.**

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

	TOTAL COSTS FOR 12-MONTH PROGRAM
ESTIMATED DIRECT EXPENSES	\$38,920
ESTIMATED INDIRECT EXPENSES	\$28,948

- The estimated **direct expenses** include tuition and fees for the program based on 2024-25 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.

### 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](https://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).