

2020-21 Consumer Information Disclosure
Master of Fine Arts Degree in European Devised Performance Practice
Columbia College Chicago

This consumer information disclosure is intended for students who are interested in enrolling in the Master of Fine Arts Degree in European Devised Performance Practice at Columbia College Chicago (Columbia). This MFA program, offered in partnership with Arthaus Berlin International Training and Research Center for Devised Theater and Performance (ARTHAUS), requires that students complete the first year of their degree program (25 credit hours) in Berlin, Germany, and the second year of their degree program (26 credit hours) at Columbia's campus in Chicago, Illinois. Columbia and ARTHAUS have entered into a written agreement so that students participating in this program will be eligible for funding through Title IV (federal financial aid) programs.

Columbia College Chicago is a private, nonprofit college located at 600 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL, 60605. Columbia College Chicago is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Arthaus Berlin International Training and Research Center for Devised Theater and Performance is a private educational entity. ARTHAUS's business address is 1a Chelsfield Gardens, London, SE26 4DJ, United Kingdom. ARTHAUS's teaching address is c/o Eden Studios, Breite Strasse 43, 13187 Berlin, Germany.

Under this agreement:

- Students who enroll in the Master of Fine Arts Degree in European Devised Performance Practice at Columbia will be eligible for federal financial aid if they meet all eligibility criteria.
- The first year of the program requires students to live in Berlin from September 21, 2020, to June 18, 2021. The second year of the program is located at Columbia's campus in Chicago, Illinois, and meets according to Columbia's published academic calendar.
- Students will have the option of participating in a 10 day immersion experience in London in either year of this program. The estimated cost of this optional immersion experience is \$2,348, which would be added to the student's Spring term bill in the year that they decided to participate. This estimated cost is subject to change according to Columbia's tuition and fees at the time of the student's participation. This fee includes a hotel in London, daily breakfast at the hotel, theatre tickets, guest artist instructors, and other excursions. Students who participate in this optional immersion experience are responsible for all transportation costs related to the experience and all meals other than breakfast at the hotel. More detailed information will be provided to students interested in participating in this optional experience.
- Students will be charged tuition by Columbia for both years of the program. Tuition rates are subject to change annually in Columbia's sole discretion, and current tuition rate information is available at <https://www.colum.edu/columbia-central/where-to-start/tuition-fees/index>
- The below-listed tuition refund policy applies for year one of the program only. To withdraw from any term of year 1 of the program, written notice must be provided to the Office of the Registrar at registrar@colum.edu. The written notice must come from the student's Columbia email account and include the student's Columbia ID number. Columbia will then notify ARTHAUS of the student's withdrawal. Failure by the student to provide such notice in this manner may result in a delayed withdrawal. The tuition charged will be based on official notice of withdrawal being received by Columbia at registrar@colum.edu according to the following schedule:

	Term 1 (9/21/20 – 12/11/20)	Term 2 (1/11/21 – 5/14/21)	Term 3 (5/24/21 – 6/18/21)
Last day to withdraw from term with full refund	8/8/20	11/18/20	4/6/21
Withdrawal will result in student being responsible for \$1,000 of the total bill	8/9/20– 8/21/20	11/19/20 – 12/5/20	4/7/21 – 4/18/21
Withdrawal will result in student being responsible for 50% of the total bill	8/22/20 – 9/20/20	12/6/20 – 1/10/21	4/19/21 – 5/23/21
Student is responsible for 100% of the total bill for withdrawals on or after this date	9/21/20	1/11/21	5/24/21

- Students will be able to withdraw from year 2 of the program through their Columbia student portal, and Columbia’s regular tuition refund policy will apply. The tuition refund policy for year 2 of the program is available at <https://www.colum.edu/columbia-central/where-to-start/semester-dates-deadlines>
- If a student withdraws during any term of the program, he or she will not be able to enroll in the next term of the program because all coursework is sequential. Students who decide to withdraw from a term of the program are encouraged to discuss their withdrawal with the program director prior to making the request to withdraw.
- Students enrolling in this program must be eligible to enter Berlin under a student visa. If a student is denied entry to Berlin, he or she will be withdrawn from the program with a refund of tuition and the registration fee for any portion of the program that has not started, according to the year 1 refund schedule above. Columbia will not reimburse travel related expenses to students who are not admitted to Berlin or Chicago or under any other circumstance.
- Students will be required to arrange their own housing for both years of the program.
- Students will be required to submit proof of insurance to Columbia to demonstrate that they have sufficient health insurance according to the standards of the German government. Columbia will provide informational resources on German insurance to students.
- Students will be required to purchase International Travel Protection and Mental Health Insurance for the first year of the program. This cost of approximately \$220 per semester will be included on the student’s bills from Columbia College Chicago for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 terms.
- Students may be permitted to work during year 1 of the program while residing in Berlin and should review their citizenship and visa status to determine their eligibility to work in Berlin. Students with a German National Student Visa may work part-time, but are not permitted to freelance or be self-employed.
- Students will be registered for classes at Columbia for the duration of the program. Most classes will require in-person attendance for both the Berlin and Chicago portions of the program, and some classes may be offered online.

- Columbia’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy will apply to students who enroll in this program. Information regarding Columbia’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is available at <https://www.colum.edu/columbia-central/how-to-pay/sap-graduate>

Estimated program costs include the following:

Year 1

Expense	Estimated Cost in U.S. Dollars
Tuition charged by Columbia (25 credit hours x \$1,278)	\$31,950*
Registration fee	\$150*
Books and supplies	\$2,800
International Travel Protection and Mental Health Insurance	\$440*
Room and board in Germany	\$26,650
Transportation costs in Germany	\$1,100
Miscellaneous personal costs	\$2,700
Total Estimated Costs	\$65,790**

*Charged to your Columbia bill

**Estimate does not include the roundtrip cost of the flight from the student’s home to Berlin.

Year 2

Expense	Estimated Cost in U.S. Dollars
Tuition charged by Columbia (26 credit hours x \$1,278)	\$33,228*
Registration fee	\$100*
Student Activity Fee	\$300*
Health Center Fee	\$170*
Technology Fee	\$300*
U-Pass Fee	\$306*
Graduation Fee	\$175*
Books and supplies	\$1,900
Transportation costs in Chicago	\$850
Room and board in Chicago	\$16,456
Miscellaneous personal costs	\$2,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$55,785

*Charged to your Columbia bill

Estimated Total Program Costs

	Direct Costs Billed by Columbia	Indirect Costs (Estimated)	Total
Year 1	\$32,540	\$33,250	\$65,790
Year 2	\$34,579	\$21,206	\$55,785
Total	\$67,119	\$54,456	\$121,575

Note: All estimated program costs are based on published 2020-21 tuition and fees. These costs do not include the optional London immersion experience.

If you have any questions regarding this disclosure, please contact program directors Michael Brown at micbrown@colum.edu or 312-369-6892, or John Green at jgreen@colum.edu or 312-369-6160.