



Estimated Additional Expenses Master of Fine Arts

The following lists represent potential out-of-pocket expenses that are not invoiced by ACM (with the exception of the optional Early Start Program fee and the NIU transcript). The figures below are range estimations based on the average student and may vary according to the individual's budget and spending habits. Please note that the summer term is optional for MFA students, and only one J-Term is required over the two-year period, so students are advised to calculate their out-of-pocket expenses accordingly.

One-Time Costs	
Early Start Program	\$1,250
NIU Transcript (<i>Optional</i>)	\$2,400
Visa Fee	\$485
Roundtrip Airfare	\$1,500
Total One-Time Costs:	\$1,985 - \$5,635

Per-Semester Costs	
Meals	\$1,350-\$2,700
Local Transportation	\$300-\$600
Travel	\$1,500-\$3,000
Personal Expenses	\$1,500-\$3,000
Additional Housing Between Terms*	\$200 - \$1,750
Total Semester Costs:	\$4,650 - \$9,300

J-Term Costs	
Airfare	\$1,000
Meals	\$125-\$350
Personal Expenses	\$200-\$400
Textbooks	\$50-\$100
Total J-Term Costs:	\$1,375 - \$1,850

Summer Costs	
Meals	\$325-\$650
Local Transportation	\$75-\$150
Personal Expenses	\$400-\$800
Travel	\$200-\$400
Total Summer Costs:	\$1,000 - \$2,000

**Please Note: Homestay schedules are aligned with the [ACM academic calendar](#). Students living in homestays should be aware that they will need to vacate their homestay during the December/January holiday period and at the conclusion of the Spring term in May. If a student is enrolled in a summer session, they will need to vacate the homestay at the conclusion of that session in mid-July. Students participating in a J-Term program may resume their homestay between the end of the J-Term and the beginning of the spring semester. Any exceptions to this policy will entail an additional housing cost for the student. Any student who would like to stay in a homestay outside of the published academic calendar must contact the Housing Coordinator within one month of beginning their program to determine the availability of the host family.*