

BFA Online Tuition Overview

What you need to know about the cost of an online degree completion education at Manhattan School of Music (MSM).

The charts below list direct, billable costs for certain subsets of students as well as average potential expenses for most online students for the 2025-2026 school year.

These costs are for the Academic Year (Fall to Summer over twelve months). When reviewing and making financial choices, please take an in-depth look at your own personal situation to determine expenses you might incur in addition to the direct, billable charges you will have from MSM.

2025-2026 | Estimated Direct (Billable) Costs for Online Bachelor of Fine Arts

| Semester | Cost per 3-Credit Hour Course | Maximum No. of Courses Per Term | Estimated Cost for Courses | General Fee** | PLA Fee** | Total Direct Billed*** |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Spring 2026 | \$1,800 | 4 courses | \$7,200 | \$400 | \$475 | \$8,075 |
| Summer 2026 | \$1,800 | 2 courses | \$3,600 | \$400 | - | \$4,000 |
| Estimated Costs | | | \$10,800 | \$800 | \$475 | \$12,075 |

**Rates published above correspond to MSM's Academic Year, which begins in September 2025 and concludes in June 2026. The BFA Online will start in January 2026 and requires a minimum of three semesters for degree completion. The tuition and fee rates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year will be published in late Spring 2026. This document will be updated then.*

***These are one-time fees that will be added to the student's billing account during the first subterm they are enrolled in classes. The General Fee is billed each semester. The PLA Fee will be part of the application process for future years.*

****Full-time study is defined as 12 credit hours per Fall and Spring semesters and 6 credit hours in the Summer. The fee schedule displayed is for students who have earned the maximum credits (90 credits) through Prior Learning Assessment and enroll full-time for Fall, Spring, and Summer terms, as defined above. Additional tuition is to be expected for those whose Prior Learning Assessment is evaluated under 90 credit hours and will need to complete additional credits to meet the full 120 credits required for the degree requirements.*

Potential Additional Estimated Educational Expenses (12 Months)

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| Technology, Books, and Supplies <i>Includes a cost estimate for the purchase of a personal computer</i> | \$1,500 |
| Miscellaneous | \$3,235 |
| Loan Fees | \$35 |
| Total | \$4,770 |