

Curriculum

36 points for degree completion

Combination of on-campus and online instruction

Executive Master's Schedule*

16 months to complete**

Capstone Project

* International students are responsible for ensuring they have read and understand the University's student visa application eligibility and requirements. Please note that it is not permissible to enroll while in B-1/B-2 status. Enrollment in this program does not meet the full-time requirements for an F1 student visa.

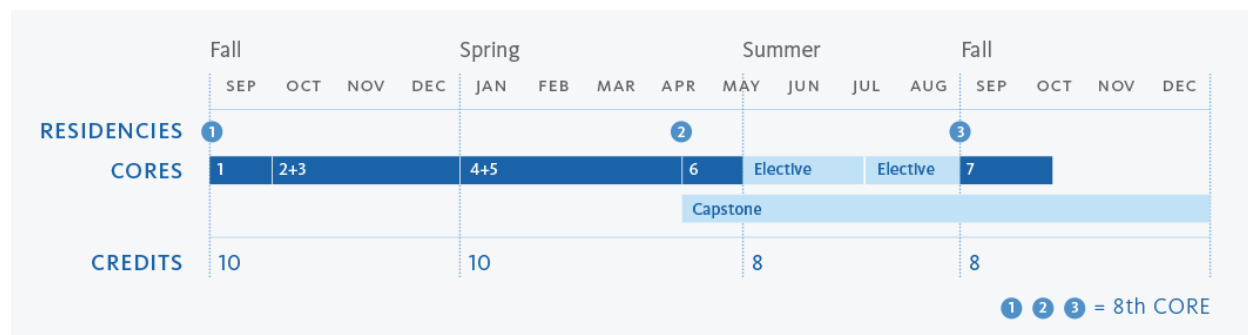
** Three on-campus residencies. See program diagram below.

The M.S. program in Information and Knowledge Strategy is framed by three residencies in New York City.

The residencies offer the opportunity to get to know fellow students, receive individual coaching from faculty, and network with leaders in the field. Each of the three residencies is anchored by core course requirements. Activities during the three five day residencies connect directly to the other program components. Therefore, full participation is critical for degree completion.

Between each residency students complete classes online through a highly interactive innovative distance learning platform. Students and faculty communicate through a unique social networking function in ways that extend and enhance the impact of traditional learning experiences.

Candidates for the master's degree are expected to complete the degree requirements within 16 months (four consecutive terms, including summer) with an overall grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better. The 36-point program consists of eight core requirements (three points each), two electives (three points each), and a capstone project (six points).



This diagram illustrates the program's timeline and sequence of residencies and courses.

This accelerated program demands a considerable amount of time and energy, including three residency requirements. Each of the residencies is anchored by a core course, a portion of which is completed during the residency and the rest of which is completed online. In addition to class work, each residency

features special lectures, seminars, professional workshops, career advisement and coaching sessions, networking events, and more.

Required courses outside of the residencies meet online once a week in the evening during the fall and spring terms. Elective courses meet online once a week in the evening during the summer term. Students should allocate a minimum of 10 to 12 hours per week outside of class times during each term for readings, asynchronous online lectures, exercises and other assignments.

All courses have scheduled weekly synchronous class meetings delivered on a distance learning platform that supports and fosters a high level of interaction between and among students and faculty. Electives are offered online during the summer using the same model and platform. The capstone projects are launched during the second residency in April and students continue working on their projects throughout the remaining months of the program.

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a diploma bearing the name and seal of Columbia University.