GET CONNECTED!

Within New York City proper, 5 area codes are in use:
212 and 646 - MANHATTAN
718 and 347 - BROOKLYN, QUEENS, STATEN ISLAND & THE BRONX
917 – Cell phones and beepers/pagers

To dial within your area code, just listen for the dial tone and then dial the phone number. To dial any telephone number – even one in your area code – dial '1', the area code, and then the phone number.

The telephone system in the U.S. is based on a 3-digit area code and a 7-digit phone number. The standard format for writing phone numbers is:

Area code		Exchange
[212]	–	229 - 5592

Each company may have different service options, each with its own limitations and discounts. Shop around. Ask about rates, times when discounted rates are in effect, and what parts of the country and/or world each company serves.

LOCAL SERVICE

You must subscribe to local service to get a telephone line into your apartment. There is a monthly fee for this access.

CALLING CARDS

Calling cards are good for local and long-distance calls (both domestic and international).

CELLULAR SERVICE

There are various local wireless (cellphone service) providers in New York City. You can usually dial any numbers in the United States as well as Canada and other countries if you pay extra. *A list of wireless providers is below.*

SKYPE

Low cost international calling using a computer, monthly plans and pay as you go alternatives. www.skype.com

311 is the phone number for NYC government information and non-emergency services
411 is the directory assistance number
911 is the emergency number [police, fire, ambulance etc.]

When researching internet and phones, internationals should inquire about their specific requirements. Examples of some service providers listed here have been provided for your convenience. ISS strongly recommends you research the kind of service you want, terms and locations, and use this as a general guide.

LOCAL WIRELESS PROVIDERS

There are two types of cellular services in the United States: contract and prepaid. With a contract you usually purchase a cellphone from the wireless company at a lower price with the promise that you will stick their service to a certain period of time, often as long as 2 years. If you wish to withdraw early, there will be a fee. For prepaid service, you purchase a phone at full price with the freedom of leaving the

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service at any time. Instead of receiving bills, you pay for the service at the beginning of each month. The phones for prepaid services are usually more expensive than those that come with service contacts.

AT&T www.att.com

AT&T/Cingular requires all customers that cannot provide a SSN to pay a deposit that will be returned at the end of the first year.

1 E 17th Street	(212) 614-2522
592 6th Avenue	(212) 645-0008

SPRINT www.sprint.com

Sprint does not require an SSN so long as the customer can produce a valid Passport and Visa in addition to a school ID and a valid address.

175 Fifth Avenue	(212) 780-5600
403 Avenue of the Americas	(212) 645-0252

T-MOBILE www.t-mobile.com

T-Mobile has an option for customers without SSN.

595 6th Ave	212-647-7062
732 Broadway	(212) 674-5377

VERIZON www.verizonwireless.com

Verizon Wireless requires all customers that cannot provide a SSN to pay a deposit that will be returned at the end of the first year.

139 5th Ave	(212) 780-7420
859 Broadway	(212) 206-7587

VIRGIN MOBILE www.virginmobileusa.com

Virgin Mobile is based on the Sprint network and offers prepaid cellphone and broadband service (no contract). No documentation needed. Phones range from inexpensive, basic ones to smartphones that can all be ordered online or purchased at Radio Shack, Best Buy and Sprint stores. The cheapest plan starts at $25 a month with 300 talking minutes, unlimited web and texting. *Similar to Virgin Mobile are Boost and Metro PCS.*

INTERNET CONNECTION PROVIDERS

TYPE 1: CABLE CONNECTIONS

Some cable and internet package providers are:

Comcast	www.comcast.com
Time Warner	www.timewarnercable.com

TYPE 2: WI-FI SERVICES

Services like Boingo provide wireless Internet access with a network of thousands of Wi-Fi Hot Spots in the places you go - hundreds of airports, thousands of hotels, cafes, and other public places.

Boingo	www.boingo.com
T-mobile Hotspots	http://hotspot.t-mobile.com/services_about.htm .

TYPE 3: DSL

DSL is a form of internet provider that is over the wires of a local telephone network. This requires a phone line.

DSL providers include Verizon	www22.verizon.com/Residential/HighSpeedInternet

TYPE 4: NEW SCHOOL WIRELESS

A map of hotspots on campus can be found at http://www.newschool.edu/at/network/wireless/hotspots/

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