

PLANNING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

HOUSING IN NEW YORK CITY

Housing in Manhattan is difficult to find and can be expensive. You should allow six to eight weeks to find an apartment or other housing arrangement (apartment share, residential hotel, etc.). Student Housing and Residence Life maintains an off-campus housing search database that is available to students. Contact Student Housing and Residence Life at 212.229.5459 for more information.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING NEEDS

New York City has four distinct seasons:

Winter	December–February	0–30 °F	-13–2 °C
Spring	March–May	40–70 °F	7–22 °C
Summer	June–August	70–100 °F	22–37 °C
Fall	September–November	20–60 °F	-3–17 °C

Heavy rain and snow are common during winter. There are moderate periods of rainfall during spring, summer, and fall. Summers are hot and humid. An umbrella, gloves, waterproof coat, and boots are essential. Lightweight jackets and sweaters are practical year round.

TRAVELING INTO NEW YORK CITY FROM AIRPORTS

It is most convenient to take a taxi cab from the airport. Look for the curbside taxi stands with lines of yellow cabs. Tell the driver the address of your destination. Knowing the cross streets is helpful. For example: “Fifth Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets.” Request that the driver repeat the directions and make sure the meter is running; it is located on the dashboard. It should cost approximately \$35 from LaGuardia airport and a fixed rate of \$52 from JFK airport (plus tolls and tip) to Manhattan. Cab drivers may not accept bills over \$20.

If you choose to drive into the city, study a road map carefully. Most streets are one-way. Traffic is generally light after the morning commute. Parking garages are located near the residence halls. Do not leave valuable items in your car, or leave your vehicle or belongings unattended while unloading.

PERSONAL ITEMS AND THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

Space is at a premium in New York City, so consider your living situation before bringing large pieces of equipment or furniture. You can buy practically anything here. Bear in mind that there is an 8.875% sales tax on most purchases. If you are living in the residence halls, you will receive information about what to bring and what not to bring. Contact Student Housing and Residence Life at 212.229.5459 if you have any questions.

HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Take care of personal medical needs before moving (prescribed medications, eyeglasses, etc.). Contact Student Health Services to help you arrange any medical and psychological care you anticipate needing while at school. Student Health Services offers medical and counseling services to all degree-seeking students who have paid the health services fee. Student Health Services is located at 80 Fifth Avenue, 3rd floor. Please call 212.229.1671 and select option 2 for medical services, option 1 for counseling services, or option 3 for student health insurance.

MONEY AND IDENTIFICATION

It is imperative that you bring two forms of identification (such as a valid driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification card). They are necessary to open a bank account, cash a check, set up cellular telephone service, etc.

Banks in New York are restricted from cashing money orders and checks unless you have an account with that bank. An out-of-town check usually takes ten days to clear. Check cashing services are not available on campus. Be sure to arrive with enough cash to cover transportation, living expenses, initial supplies, and make an initial deposit to open a bank account.

LUGGAGE AND BAGGAGE

There are no storage facilities available for baggage. Do not leave luggage unattended while at the airport or allow anyone other than uniformed airport employees to assist you. If you are shipping boxes, consider using the U.S. Postal Service as it is usually more affordable and convenient than United Parcel Service (UPS) or Federal Express (FedEx), especially if no one is available to receive packages at your new location.

YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE

Upon arrival, notify family and friends of your new address and telephone number (if it has changed). The university cannot release student contact information, regardless of relationship. This is done for your protection. Have any correspondence sent directly to your new address.

UPON YOUR ARRIVAL

LOCATED NEAR THE NEW SCHOOL AND THE RESIDENCE HALLS

GROCERY STORES

Food Emporium	10 Union Sq. E. (14th St.)	212.353.3840
Trader Joe's	142 E. 14th St. (3rd Ave.)	212.529.4612
Whole Foods	4 Union Sq. E. (Broadway)	212.673.5388
Garden of Eden	7 E. 14th St. (5th Ave. / Union Sq. W.)	212.255.4200

Post Office

Cooper Station	93 4th Ave. (11th St.)	212.254.1390
Peter Stuyvesant	335 E. 14th St. (1st / 2nd Aves.)	212.228.8413

PHARMACIES

CVS	65 5th Ave. (14th St.)	212.255.0293
Duane Reade	52 E. 14th St. (Broadway / 4th Ave.)	212.358.8206
Rite Aid	501 6th Ave. (13th St.)	212.727.3720

ART SUPPLY STORES

A.I. Friedman	44 W. 18th St. (5th / 6th Aves.)	212.243.9000
Blick Art Materials	21 E. 13th St. (5th Ave. / Univ. Pl.)	212.924.4136
Jerry's Palette Shop	111 4th Ave. (12th St.)	646.678.5474

BOOKSTORES

Barnes & Noble	33 E. 17th St. (Union Square)	212.253.0810
Strand Bookstore	828 Broadway (12th St.)	212.473.1452
McNally Jackson	52 Prince St. (Lafayette St.)	212.274.1160

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Bed, Bath & Beyond	620 6th Ave. (18th St.)	212.255.3550
K-Mart	770 Broadway (8th St.)	212.673.1540
The Home Depot	40 W. 23rd St. (5th / 6th Aves.)	212.929.9571

MOVIE THEATERS

Angelika Film Center	18 W. Houston St. (Mercer St.)	www.angelikafilmcenter.com
Cinema Village	22 E. 12th St. (University Pl.)	www.cinemavillage.com
Film Forum	209 W. Houston St. (Varick St.)	www.filmforum.org
IFC Center	323 6th Ave. (W. 3rd St.)	www.ifccenter.com
AMC Loews Village 7	66 3rd Ave. (11th St.)	www.amctheatres.com
Quad Cinema	34 W. 13th St. (5th Ave.)	www.quadcinema.com
Regal Cinema	850 Broadway (13th St.)	www.regmovies.com

OFFICE SUPPLIES AND ELECTRONICS

Best Buy	52 E. 14th St. (4th Ave.)	www.bestbuy.com
P.C. Richard & Son	120 E. 14th St. (3rd / 4th Aves.)	www.pcrichard.com
Staples	5 Union Sq. W. (14th St.)	www.staples.com

BANKS

Bank of America	36 E. 14th St. (Union Sq. W.)	212.542.1002
Chase Bank	69 5th Ave. (14th St.)	212.255.8121
Citibank	52 E. 14th St. (Broadway / 4th Ave.)	917.746.4471
HSBC	15 Union Square W. (15th St.)	800.975.4722
TD Bank	90 5th Ave. (14th St.)	212.381.7900

To open an account at most banks you will need:

1. A copy of your passport/visa and driver's license/ID
2. Social security card
3. Proof of your local address, such as a utility bill.

More information on bank services and requirements will be provided upon your arrival.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA)

The MTA manages the bus and subway system that serves New York City. The fare is \$2.75 for any destination within the five boroughs. Please note that there is no reduced rate for college students. Information about MTA fares as well as subway and bus maps is available at www.mta.info.

NYC PARKS

Bryant Park
Central Park
Madison Square
Union Square
Washington Square

www.nycgovparks.org

5th and 6th Aves., 40th and 42nd Sts.
5th Ave. and Central Park W., 59th and 110th Sts.
Broadway and Madison Ave., 23rd and 26th Sts.
Broadway and 4th Aves, 14th and 17th Sts.
Intersection of 5th Ave. and 4th St.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NYC

Here are some helpful and interesting websites:

Alliance for the Arts
American Museum of Natural History
Asia Society
Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Brooklyn Museum of Art
Carnegie Hall
Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum
The Drawing Center
El Museo del Barrio
Frick Collection
Guggenheim Museum
Hispanic Society of America
International Center of Photography
Jewish Museum
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender
Community Center
Lincoln Center
Lower East Side Tenement Museum
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Museum of Arts and Design
Museum of Chinese in the Americas
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
Museum of the City of New York
National Museum of the American Indian
New Museum
New-York Historical Society
New York Magazine
New York Times
NYC Official Guide
Paley Center for Media
P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center (Queens)
Rubin Museum of Art
Society of Illustrators
Studio Museum in Harlem
TimeOut New York
Village Voice
Union Square Partnership
Whitney Museum of American Art

www.nyc-arts.org
www.amnh.org
www.asiasociety.org
www.bam.org
www.bbg.org
www.brooklynmuseum.org
www.carnegiehall.org
www.cooperhewitt.org
www.drawingcenter.org
www.elmuseo.org
www.frick.org
www.guggenheim.org
www.hispanicsociety.org
www.icp.org
www.thejewishmuseum.org

www.gaycenter.org
www.lincolncenter.org
www.tenement.org
www.metmuseum.org
www.madmuseum.org
www.mocanyc.org
www.moma.org
www.mcny.org
www.nmai.si.edu
www.newmuseum.org
www.nyhistory.org
www.nymag.com
www.nytimes.com
www.nycgo.com
www.paleycenter.org
www.ps1.org
www.rmanyc.org
www.societyillustrators.org
www.studiomuseum.org
www.timeoutny.com
www.villagevoice.com
www.unionsquarenyc.org
www.whitney.org