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 in the office. 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	0-3 0° 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 repeats the directions and makes sure the meter is running; it is located on the dashboard. It should coast approximately \$35 from LaGuardia airport and a fixed rate of \$45 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 8.625% 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 Loeb Hall, 135 East 12th Street. 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 closer and more convenient than United Parcel Service (UPS), 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. 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 STORE	S		NYC PARKS	www.nycgovparks.org	
Food Emporium	10 Union Sq. E. (14th St. and Park Ave.) 212.353.3840	Bryant Park	Fifth and Sixth Aves., 40th and 42nd Sts.	
Food Emporium	475 Sixth Ave. (12th St.)	212.242.9763	Central Park	Fifth Ave. and Central Park W., 59th and 110th Sts.	
Trader Joe's	142 E. 14th St. (Third Ave.)	212.529.4612	Madison Square	•	on Ave., 23rd and 26th Sts.
Whole Foods	40 E. 14th St. (Broadway)	212.673.5388	Union Square		Aves, 14th and 17th Sts.
			Washington Square	Intersection of Fifth A	ve. and 4th St.
POST OFFICE					
Cooper Station	93 Fourth Ave. (11th St.)	212.254.1390	WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NYC		
			Here are some helpful and interesting websites:		
PHARMACIES					
Duane Reade	24 E. 14th St. (Fifth Ave. and Univ. Pl.)	212.989.3632	Alliance for the Arts		www.nyc-arts.org
Metro Drugs	7 W. 14th St. (Fifth and Sixth Aves.)	212.627.2300	American Museum of Natural History		www.amnh.org
Rite Aid	501 Sixth Ave. (13th St.)	212.727.3720	Asia Society www.asiasociety.org		
			Brooklyn Academy o	f Music (BAM)	www.bam.org
ART SUPPLY STORES			Brooklyn Botanic Garden www.bbg.org		
A.I. Friedman	44 W. 18th St. (Fifth and Sixth Aves.)	212.243.9000	Brooklyn Museum of Art		www.brooklynmuseum.org
Dick Blick	1-5 Bond St. (Broadway)	212.533.2444	Carnegie Hall		www.carnegiehall.org
• • •	62 Third Ave. (11th St.)	212.473.7705	Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum		www.cooper-hewitt.org
Pearl Paint	308 Canal St. (Broadway)	212.431.7932	The Drawing Center		www.drawingcenter.org
Utrecht Art Supply	111 Fourth Ave. (11 th St.)	212.777.5353			www.elmuseo.org
			Frick Collection		www.frick.org
BOOK STORES			Guggenheim Museu		www.guggenheim.org
Barnes & Noble	105 Fifth Ave. (18th St.)	212.675.5500	Hispanic Society of America		www.hispanicsociety.org
St. Mark's Bookshop	31 Third Ave. (9th St.)	212.260.7853	International Center of Photography		www.icp.org
Shakespeare & Co.	716 Broadway (Washington Pl.)	212.529.1330	Jewish Museum www.thejew Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender		www.thejewishmuseum.org
The Strand	828 Broadway (12th St.)	212.473.1452	Community Center	iai, and Transgender	www daycenter ord
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Bed, Bath & Beyond	620 Sixth Ave. (18th St.)	212,255,3550	Lower East Side Ten	ement Museum	www.lincolncenter.org www.tenement.org
K-Mart	770 Broadway (8th St.)	212.673.1540	Metropolitan Museum of Art		www.metmuseum.org
Surprise! Surprise!	91 Third Ave. (12th St.)	212.777.0990	,		www.africanart.org
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MOVIE THEATERS			Museum of Chinese	•	www.moca-nyc.org
Angelika Film Center		www.angelikafilmcenter.com	Museum of Modern		www.moma.org
Cinema Village	22 E. 12th St. (University Pl.)	www.cinemavillage.com	Museum of the City	,	www.mcny.org
Film Forum	209 W. Houston St. (Varick St.)	www.filmforum.org	•		www.nmai.si.edu
IFC Center	323 Sixth Ave. (3rd St.)	www.ifccenter.com	New Museum w		www.newmuseum.org
Loews Village 7	66 Third Ave. (11th St.)	www.amctheatres.com	New-York Historical Society		www.nyhistory.org
Quad Cinema	34 W. 13th St. (Fifth and Sixth Aves.)	www.quadcinemas.com	New York Magazine		www.nymag.com
Regal Cinema	850 Broadway (13th St.)	www.regmovies.com	New York Times www.nytimes.com		
			NYC and Company		www.nycgo.com
	S AND ELECTRONICS		Paley Center for Med		www.mtr.org
Best Buy	52 E. 14th St. (Fourth Ave.)	www.bestbuy.com		Art Center (Queens)	www.ps1.org
PC Richard & Son	120 E. 14th St. (Third Ave.)	www.pcrichard.com	Rubin Museum of Art www.rmanyc.org		
Staples	5-9 Union Sq. W. (14th St.)	www.staples.com	Society of Illustrators www.societyillustrators.org		
DANKE			Studio Museum in H	ariem	www.studiomuseum.org
BANKS	440 Fifth A (47/1 C)	040 000 7505	TimeOut New York		www.timeoutny.com
Bank of America	116 Fifth Ave. (17th St.)	212.633.7505	Village Voice www.villagevoice.com		
Chase Bank	69 Fifth Ave. (14th St.)	212.255.8121	Union Square Partnership www.unionsquarenyc.org		

To open an account at most banks you will need:

1. A copy of your passport/visa and driver's license/ID

79 Fifth Ave. (16th St.)

90 Fifth Ave. (14th St.)

101 W. 14th St. (Sixth Ave.)

2. Social security card

Citibank

TD Bank

HSBC

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 \$2.25 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.

800.627.3999

800.975.4722

212.381.7900

Whitney Museum of American Art

www.whitney.org