

PLANNING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

HOUSING IN NEW YORK CITY

Housing in Manhattan is extremely 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 has information sessions to assist you in your search, explain credit checks, leases, guarantors, etc. An off-campus housing search database is available in the office. Contact Student Housing and Residence Life at 212.229.5459.

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. 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 \$45 from JFK airport (plus tolls and tip). 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 the 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 in New York City for most items. 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 assist you with setting up medical and/or 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. Information was sent to you regarding Student Health Services and the Student Health Insurance Plan. If you didn't receive any information in the mail, please call 212.598.4796 for medical information or 212.229.1671 for counseling and insurance information.

MONEY AND IDENTIFICATION

It is imperative that you bring two forms of identification (valid driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification card). This will facilitate opening a bank account, check cashing, 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. Arrive with enough cash and/or traveler's checks to cover taxis, tips, living expenses, initial supplies, and to open a bank account. A major credit card is also recommended. Most banks offer student credit cards. Consider leaving money in your home account as automated teller machines (ATMs) allow access to out-of-town banks. Remember to bring your bankcard. Utility services (telephone, electric, etc.) require a deposit on new services. You must present your Social Security card when starting a new job.

LUGGAGE AND BAGGAGE

There are no storage facilities available for baggage. If you are flying, it is best to bring essentials and consider paying for extra baggage charges with the airline. Do not leave luggage unattended at the airport or allow anyone other than uniformed airport employees to assist you. If you are shipping boxes, consider the U.S. Postal Service parcel post 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 addresses and telephone numbers, regardless of relationship. This is done for your protection. Have 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. (at 14th St. and Park Ave.)	212.353.3840
Food Emporium	475 Sixth Ave. (at 12th St.)	212.242.9763
Gristedes	5-19 W. 14th St. (b. Fifth and Sixth Ave.)	212.691.6555
Trader Joe's	138 E. 14th St.	212.529.6326
Whole Foods	40 E. 14th St.	212.924.5969

POST OFFICES

Cooper Station	93 Fourth Ave. (at 11th St.)	212.254.1389
Patchin Station	70 W. 10th St. (b. Fifth and Sixth Ave.)	800.ASK.USPS

PHARMACIES

Duane Reade	24 E. 14th St. (b. Fifth Ave. and Univ. Pl.)	212.989.3632
Metro Drugs	7 W. 14th St. (b. Fifth and Sixth Ave.)	212.627.2300
Rite Aid	501 Sixth Ave. (at 12th St.)	212.727.3720

INEXPENSIVE RESTAURANTS

Murray's Bagels	500 Sixth Ave. (at 13th St.)	212.462.2830
Six and Twelve	469 Sixth Ave. (at 12th St.)	212.242.0581

ART SUPPLIES

A.I. Friedman	44 W. 18th St. (b. Fifth and Sixth Ave.)	212.243.9000
Pearl Paint	308 Canal Street	212.431.7932
Utrecht Art Supply	111 Fourth Ave. (b. 11th and 12th St.)	212.777.5353

DORMITORY NEEDS

Bed, Bath & Beyond	620 Sixth Ave. (at 18th St.)	212.255.3550
K-Mart	770 Broadway (at 8th St. and Lafayette)	212.673.1540
Surprise! Surprise!	91 Third Ave (at 12th St.)	212.777.0990

BOOK STORES

Barnes & Noble	122 Fifth Ave. (at 18th St.)	212.633.3300
Strand Bookstore	828 Broadway (at 12th St.)	212.473.1452

ELECTRONICS

Best Buy	60 W. 23rd St. (at Sixth Ave.)	www.bestbuy.com
Circuit City	52 E. 14th St. (at Broadway)	www.circuitcity.com
PC Richard and Son	120 E. 14th St. (at Third Ave.)	www.pcrichard.com
Staples	5-9 Union Sq. W. (at 14th St.)	www.staples.com

MOVIE THEATERS

Loews Village VII	66 Third Ave. (at 11th St.)	www.amctheatres.com
Cinema Village	22 E. 12th St.	www.cinemavillage.com
Quad Cinema	34 W. 13th St. (b. Fifth and Sixth Ave.)	www.quadcinemas.com
Regal Cinemas	850 Broadway (and 13th St.)	www.regmovies.com

PARKS

Bryant Park	Between 42nd and 44th St. and Fifth and Sixth Ave.
Central Park	Between 59th and 110th St. and Central Park West and Fifth Ave.
Madison Square	Intersection of 23rd St., Broadway, and Fifth Ave.
Union Square	Intersection of 14th St., Broadway, and Park Ave.
Washington Square	Intersection of Fifth Ave. and 4th St.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Subway and bus maps can be found in the Orientation packet, in the Office of Student Development and Activities, Student Housing and Residence Life, and subway stations. Fares are \$2.00. The MetroCard, a convenient weekly and monthly pass, is available at most subway stations, MetroCard vending machines, and some neighborhood merchants. There is no reduced rate for college students. www.mta.nyc.ny.us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK

Here are some helpful and interesting websites:

The Alliance for the Arts	www.nyc-arts.org
Asia Society	www.asiasociety.org
Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum	www.si.edu/ndm
El Museo de Barrio	www.elmuseo.org
Guggenheim Museum	www.guggenheim.org
The Hispanic Society of the Americas	www.hispanicsociety.org
International Center for Photography	www.icp.org
The Jewish Museum	www.jewishmuseum.org
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center	www.gaycenter.org
The Museum for African Art	www.africanart.org
The Museum of Modern Art	www.moma.org
The Metropolitan Museum of Art	www.metmuseum.org
New York City Dept. of Park and Recreation	www.nycgovparks.org
The New York Times	www.nytimes.com
NYC and Company	www.nycvisit.com
Society of Illustrators	www.societyillustrators.org
The Studio Museum in Harlem	www.studiomuseuminharlem.org
TimeOut New York magazine	www.timeoutny.com
Village Voice magazine	www.villagevoice.com
Union Square Partnership	www.unionsquarenyc.org
Whitney Museum	www.whitney.org