



**The New School for
Social Research**

**The New School
for Public Engagement**

**Mannes College
The New School for Music**

**The New School for Jazz
and Contemporary Music**

**Eugene Lang College
The New School for Liberal Arts**

The New School for Drama

**Parsons The New School
for Design**

Parsons **The New School** for Design

New Student Orientation / Spring 2012

Welcome to The New School

Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts

Mannes College The New School for Music

The New School for Drama

The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music

The New School for Public Engagement

The New School for Social Research

Parsons The New School for Design

Congratulations on taking the first step toward obtaining a New School degree. The entire community welcomes you. The university staff is here to support your educational endeavors. We look forward to meeting you and introducing you to the student services and resources available at The New School. To this end, I urge you to attend the various events held during New Student Orientation. These programs will help you familiarize yourself with your academic division and the university, providing indispensable information as you begin your studies at The New School.

The New School recognizes that every student is unique and will experience the university in his or her own way. Attending events, participating in committees and other kinds of volunteer work, and joining student organizations should be a major part of your experience here. During orientation, you can develop relationships with your peers, explore our New York City campus and neighborhood, join an existing campus organization and learn how to start your own, and take advantage of volunteer opportunities. There are many opportunities for everyone. Get involved right from the start and stay involved!



Shannon C. Logan
Director of Student Development and Activities

Using This Guide

This brochure contains useful information about services on campus and activities that will take place during New Student Orientation.

All required events are clearly identified in the schedule. Before you plan your week, read the brochure carefully. Once you know which events you must attend, you can choose other orientation activities that suit your interests.

Plan your schedule ahead of time. New Student Orientation is a very busy time, and if you don't prepare, you may miss events you would have liked to attend. Keep this guide and a pen handy during orientation.

This guide contains the orientation programs for your division and a campus map to help you get around.



Parsons Schools and Programs

School of Art and Design History and Theory

Fashion Studies (MA)

History of Decorative Arts and Design (MA)

Sarah E. Lawrence, Dean

School of Art, Media, and Technology

Communication Design (BFA)

Design and Technology (BFA, MFA)

Fine Arts (BFA, MFA)

Graphic Design (AAS)

Illustration (BFA)

Photography (BFA, MFA)

Sven Travis, Dean

Brian Maasjo, Director of AMT Advising

School of Constructed Environments

Architectural Design (BFA)

Architecture (M.Arch)

Architecture and Lighting Design (M.Arch/MFA dual degree)

Interior Design (AAS, BFA, MFA)

Lighting Design (MFA)

Product Design (BFA)

William Morrish, Dean

Jill Corson Lake, Director of SCE Advising

School of Design Strategies

Foundation

Design and Management (BBA)

Environmental Studies (BA/BS)

Integrated Design (BFA)

Transdisciplinary Design (MFA)

Urban Design (BS)

Miodrag Mitrasinovic, Dean

Nikki Cherry, Director of SDS Advising

School of Fashion

Fashion Design (AAS, BFA)

Fashion Design and Society (MFA)

Fashion Marketing (AAS)

Simon Collins, Dean

Priscilla Holcomb, Director of Fashion Advising

Parsons Orientation Introduction

Participation in New Student Orientation is important for successful entry into Parsons, The New School, and New York City. Events and activities are designed to give you essential information about your academic program and introduce you to fellow students, faculty, and administration.

Parsons majors are organized into the following five thematic schools, which support interdisciplinary study: Art and Design History and Theory; Art, Media, and Technology; Constructed Environments; Design Strategies; and Fashion. Orientation events are organized by school within Parsons. University-wide orientation events are listed at the end of the schedule. Please review these events. Your participation is required at some, and all are opportunities to learn more about facilities and resources available to you at The New School and to meet peers from the other divisions of the university.

Use this schedule to identify mandatory and optional orientation activities.

All new students are expected to attend their school's welcome event, their academic program orientation, and other designated events. All international students (anyone in the United States on an F-1 or J-1 visa) must attend both the university International Student Services orientation and the Parsons Academic Workshop for International Students. All students who are not native English speakers must take the English Course Placement examination. Please see pages 9 and 10 for more information.

Orientation Packet Distribution

Packets will be available at your school's welcome event, at the English Course Placement tests, and at the Parsons Academic Workshop for International Students.

Freshman and Freshman Transfer Students

Design and Management, Design and Technology, Environmental Studies, Photography, and Urban Design are direct-entry programs that begin during the first year. Students considering majors in Architectural Design, Communication Design, Environmental Studies, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Integrated Design, Interior Design, Product Design, or Urban Design are normally accepted into the Foundation program during their freshman year. Please check your acceptance letter to identify the program into which you have been accepted and then locate your program in the schedule.

Important Note for Foundation Students

The Foundation program is the first year of study for students who plan to enter the following programs in their sophomore year: Architectural Design, Communication Design, Environmental Studies, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Integrated Design, Interior Design, Product Design, and Urban Design. *Foundation students are advised by Foundation year advisors only.*

Location of Services

Many New School offices are open for extended hours or at special locations during New Student Orientation. All offices not listed below are open during standard hours at the locations listed in the student handbook.

72 Fifth Avenue

Registrar's Office

Tuesday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:45 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Get help with online registration and enrollment verification forms.

Student Financial Services

Tuesday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:45 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Services include financial aid, billing, and payments.

Student Employment

Tuesday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–5:45 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Get help with job searches and the application process for paid on-campus work.

90 Fifth Avenue

Orientation Help Desk and

Student Development and Activities

Tuesday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Staff members are available to answer questions. You can sign up for campus tours and other optional activities.

Academic Technology Services and Support Desk

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Information about on-campus computing facilities and student discounts on technology purchases.

New School Student ID

Tuesday–Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Registered students who have an ID number (N#####) and government-issued photo identification and who have submitted a photo in advance can pick up their official New School ID card (newcard) here during orientation on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

On Thursday and Friday, students can pick up cards at Campus Card Services, 66 West 12th Street, room 409, from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Note: Students who *have not* supplied a photo in advance must have a newcard created at Campus Card Services.

Meal Plan (Declining Balance Plan)

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Information about purchasing a debit card for use at campus dining facilities.

79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor

Recreation and Intramural Sports

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Student Housing

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Career Development

Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

- The New School for Public Engagement (School of Undergraduate Studies, School of Media Studies, School of Writing, School of Languages)
- Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts
- Mannes College The New School for Music
- The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music

6 East 16th Street, lower lobby

International Student Services

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

All students with nonimmigrant visas (F-1, J-1, H-1, O-1, etc.) must report to International Student Services (ISS) within ten days of their arrival in the United States.

80 Fifth Avenue, 3rd floor

Health Insurance Desk

Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Student health insurance information and online waiver station.

Immunization Clinic

Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

New York State law requires that matriculated students born in or after 1957 document their immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Wellness and Health Promotion

Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Student Disability Services

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Campus Map

Schools and Locations

- The New School for Public Engagement **A B C D H I L M N**
- The New School for Social Research **D G**
- Parsons The New School for Design **D E K L M N R**
- Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts **B C**
- Mannes College The New School for Music **J O**
- The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music **I**
- The New School for Drama **Z**

Services

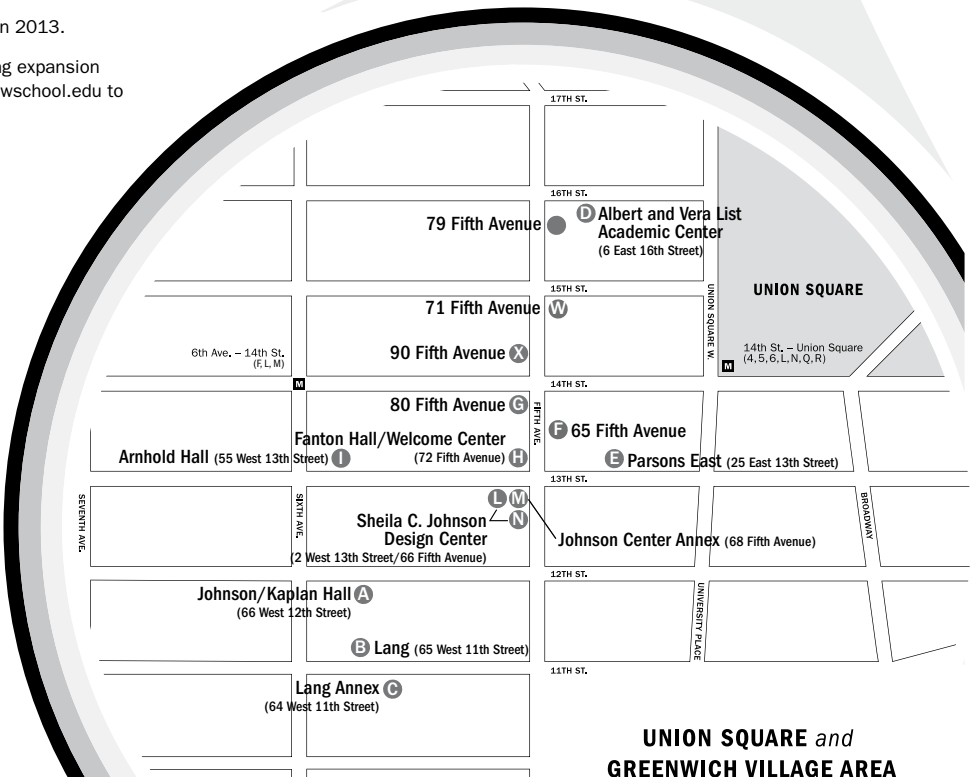
Affiliations

- Beth Israel Hospital 317 East 17th Street
- Cardozo Law Library 55 Fifth Avenue
- Cooper-Hewitt Museum 2 E. 91st Street
- Cooper Union Library Cooper Square
- Elmer Holmes Bobst Library Washington Square S.

- Auditoria** **A B I N**
- Cafeterias** 118 West 13th Street **B I**
- Computing Centers** **I K L**
- Human Resources** 79 Fifth Avenue
- Libraries** **I J L**
- Student Services** 79 Fifth Avenue **G H X**
- Study Center** **X**
- University Administration** 79 Fifth Avenue **A G**
- University Center*** **F**
- University Writing Center** **W**

*Expected to be completed in 2013.

The New School is undergoing expansion and renovation. Visit www.newschool.edu to view updates of the map. Published January 2012.



UNION SQUARE and GREENWICH VILLAGE AREA

Schedule of Activities

Orientation Activities for Parsons Students

Friday, January 13

▲ 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Tour of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center and the Rubin Museum of Art

Meet in the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center Orientation Room, ground floor (enter at 2 West 13th Street).

Relax with a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and take guided tours of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center and the nearby Rubin Museum of Art. The Johnson Center, Parsons' main facility, features an award-winning design by Lyn Rice Architects that combines the ground floors of four historic buildings to form an urban quad and opens up Parsons galleries to public view at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and 13th Street. The Rubin Museum of Art is the premier collection of Himalayan art in the Western world; New School students enjoy free admission with university ID. *Repeated Friday, January 20, 3:15 p.m.*

Tuesday, January 17

▲ 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Parsons Parent Coffee Hour

Sheila C. Johnson Design Center Orientation Room, ground floor (enter at 2 West 13th Street)

Parsons welcomes the parents of incoming students to a coffee hour. Meet the deans of Student Affairs and Advising and representatives of our academic programs.

Wednesday, January 18

▲ 1:00–4:30 p.m.

School of Fashion Welcome and Program Meeting (Mandatory)

David Schwartz Fashion Education Center, 560 Seventh Avenue, 2nd floor auditorium

All new students in Fashion Design (AAS, BFA), Fashion Design and Society (MFA), and Fashion Marketing (AAS) must attend. New School president David E. Van Zandt, Parsons executive dean Joel Towers, and School of Fashion dean Simon Collins welcome new students to Parsons and The New School. The afternoon includes meetings with program directors and school leadership and an advising meeting to address matters such as academic policies and student support.

▲ 2:00–5:00 p.m.

School of Art and Design History and Theory, School of Art, Media, and Technology, School of Constructed Environments, and School of Design Strategies Welcome and Program Meeting (Mandatory)

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

All new students must attend except those attending the School of Fashion welcome. New School president David E. Van Zandt, Parsons executive dean Joel Towers, and the deans of the four schools welcome new students to Parsons and The New School. The afternoon includes meetings with program directors and school leadership and an advising meeting to address matters such as policies and student support.

▲ 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Parsons Dean's Reception

Lobby of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center, 2 West 13th Street

Executive dean Joel Towers and other members of the faculty and staff host a reception for all new Parsons students. Enjoy good food, conversation with new friends, and great sounds provided by students from The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music.

Thursday, January 19

▲ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Visiting and Exchange Student Welcome Breakfast

Parsons Student Affairs Office, 66 Fifth Avenue, room 819

All visiting and exchange students are invited. Meet fellow artists and designers who have come to study at Parsons for the spring semester.

▲ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Parsons Career Services Orientation

Kellen Auditorium, 66 Fifth Avenue, ground floor

It's never too soon to start thinking about what you'll do after you graduate. Meet the staff of Parsons Career Services and learn about the resources they have to offer. *Note for School of Fashion students:* The same information will be presented uptown at the School of Fashion welcome on Wednesday afternoon.

▲ 3:00–5:00 p.m.

School of Fashion Welcome Reception for New Students

David Schwartz Fashion Education Center, 560 Seventh Avenue, 2nd floor auditorium

Enjoy light refreshments and meet other students entering the Fashion programs at this reception hosted by Dean Simon Collins and the faculty and staff.

Friday, January 20

▲ 3:15–7:00 p.m.

Tour of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center and the Rubin Museum of Art

Meet in the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center Orientation Room, ground floor (enter at 2 West 13th Street).

See Friday, January 13, 1:00 p.m., for description.

Special Orientation Activities for International Students

International Student Check-In (Mandatory)

All international students, professors, and scholars must officially check in with International Student Services (ISS) every time they enter the United States and at the beginning of each fall and spring semester.

For more information about international check-in, visit www.newschool.edu/student-services/international.

January 12–27, 2012

▲ 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

6 East 16th Street, lower lobby (entrance on East 16th Street between Fifth Avenue and Union Square West)

After January 27, 2012

▲ 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

79 Fifth Avenue, 5th floor (entrance on Fifth Avenue between East 15th and 16th Streets)

Students must bring originals of the following documents with them when they check in:

- Passport
- Visa
- I-94 card
- I-20/DS-2019

Thursday, January 12

or

Tuesday, January 17

▲ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Academic Workshop for Parsons International Students (Mandatory)

Kellen Auditorium, 66 Fifth Avenue, ground floor

All new Parsons students who entered the United States on an F-1 or J-1 visa must attend. Parsons advisors tell you what to expect in classroom and studio courses, explain English language requirements and ESL course placement, discuss first-year art and design studies courses, and describe support resources for international students.

Tuesday, January 17

▲ 3:00–4:30 p.m.

International Student Orientation (Mandatory)

Tishman Auditorium, 66 West 12th Street, ground floor

All new international students are required to attend this orientation for an introduction to International Student Services, explanations of important immigration regulations, and tips for cultural adjustment.

▲ 4:30–5:30 p.m.

International Student Reception

Lang Café, 65 West 11th Street, ground floor

New students and their parents are invited to attend this reception to meet the International Student Services staff and fellow international students. Light refreshments are served.

Friday, January 20

▲ 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

International Student Experience

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

This interactive session provides information and resources to help international students adjust to New York City and The New School. Learn about on- and off-campus student activities and get tips for successful social and cultural adjustment.

English Course Placement for Non-Native English Speakers (Mandatory)

All students who are not native English speakers must take the English Course Placement test, regardless of previous English coursework, TOEFL scores, or SAT scores. The placement test is composed of listening comprehension (recorded speech followed by multiple-choice questions), grammar (multiple-choice questions), reading comprehension (multiple-choice questions), a 30-minute essay (choice of two topics), and a brief oral interview.

Students receive their placement results and register for an appropriate English class on the following morning. English course instructors and academic advisors will be available to answer questions and assist with registration.

Register to take one test at www.wejoinin.com/sheets/laxko.

English Course Placement Test #1

▲ Thursday, January 12, 12:00–2:30 p.m.

Kellen Auditorium, 66 Fifth Avenue, ground floor

English Course Placement Test #1— Placement Results and English Class Registration

▲ Friday, January 13, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Computer Lab, 66 Fifth Avenue, lower level, room 003

English Course Placement Test #2

▲ Tuesday, January 17, 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Kellen Auditorium, 66 Fifth Avenue, ground floor

English Course Placement Test #2— Placement Results and English Class Registration

▲ Wednesday, January 18, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Computer Lab, 66 Fifth Avenue, lower level, room 003

University-Wide Orientation Activities (Optional)

Monday, January 16

▲ 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Field trip departs from the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue

Join fellow students who are honoring the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday by participating in New York City community service projects. New School students will work in New York City public schools, senior centers, and services that provide food and shelter. The Day of Service is sponsored by the Office of Student Development and Activities. Visit the Orientation Help Desk at 90 Fifth Avenue to learn more and sign up as a volunteer.

Tuesday, January 17

▲ 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Campus Tour

Meet at the Orientation Help Desk in the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue. Space is limited.

▲ 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Academic Technology Orientation

Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, room 303

Learn about all the online and on-site communication and information services that support courses and research at The New School. Find out what resources you have access to and where to go for technology help and support. *Repeated Wednesday, January 18, 3:30 p.m.*

▲ 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Writing Center Orientation

6 East 16th Street, room 1009

The University Writing Center helps students become better writers by offering individual tutoring in every aspect of academic writing. Tutoring can take place face-to-face at the center or over the telephone. The staff describe the resources available and explain how to make the best possible use of the Writing Center. *Repeated Thursday, January 19, 5:00 p.m.*

▲ 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Campus Tour

Meet at the Orientation Help Desk in the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue. Space is limited.

▲ 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Self-Care Workshop: Yoga

Recreation Room, 80 Fifth Avenue, room 808

The Office of Recreation and Intramural Sports offers group fitness programs for students. Yoga enables you to use your body and mind to manage the stresses of school and work. This orientation session is designed for both beginners and experienced yoga practitioners.

Wednesday, January 18

▲ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Library Orientation

6 East 16th Street, room 1009

Learn about the resources and services of the three New School library collections (Fogelman, Gimbel, and Scherman) and the Research Library Consortium. Library staff answer questions and show you how to make the best possible use of our libraries. *Repeated Friday, January 20, 3:30 p.m.*

▲ 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Campus Tour

Meet at the Orientation Help Desk in the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue. Space is limited.

▲ 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Academic Technology Orientation

Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, room 303

See Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 p.m., for description.

▲ 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Jazz Coffeehouse and Open Jam Session

Performance Space, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 5th floor

Relax and enjoy live jazz while meeting New School students and staff members. Students from The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music play. If you play an instrument, bring it along and join in. Light refreshments are served.

Thursday, January 19

▲ 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Campus Tour

Meet at the Orientation Help Desk in the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue. Space is limited.

▲ 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Tour of the University Art Collection

Departs from the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue

Meet the curators, Silvia Rocciolo and Eric Stark, who lead a short tour of The New School's art collection, including important site-specific works by Kara Walker, Sol LeWitt, Martin Puryear, and José Clemente Orozco. Participants receive a map for a self-guided tour of all the art displayed in the landmark building at 66 West 12th Street (designed by Bauhaus architect Joseph Urban). Also visit the re-Collection exhibition in the Kellen Gallery of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center at 2 West 13th Street.

▲ 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Writing Center Orientation

6 East 16th Street, room 1009

See Tuesday, January 17, 3:00 p.m., for description.

▲ 6:00–10:00 p.m.

A Night at the Movies: *The Help*

Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor

Join other new students for a screening of this provocative film and a post-screening discussion. A concession stand offers free soft drinks, popcorn, and other snacks.

Friday, January 20

▲ 3:15–7:00 p.m.

Tour of the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center and the Rubin Museum of Art

Meet in the Sheila C. Johnson Design Center Orientation Room, ground floor (enter at 2 West 13th Street).

See Friday, January 13, 1:00 p.m., for description.

▲ 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Library Orientation

6 East 16th Street, room 1009

See Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 p.m., for description.

▲ 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Rock Climbing at Brooklyn Boulders

Departs from the lobby of 90 Fifth Avenue

The Office of Recreation and Intramural Sports takes new students on an excursion to Brooklyn Boulders, New York City's largest indoor climbing wall, with more than 18,000 square feet of "rocks" for climbers at all skill levels. It's a great place to get in shape and meet new friends from across the university.



ARE YOU NEW SCHOOL?

Share your story at areyou.newschool.edu