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:

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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
  - 934 6th 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.J. 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
  - 1114 6th Ave. (12th St.)
  - 646.678.5474

### BOOKSTORES
- Barnes & Noble
  - 33 E. 17th St. (Union Square)
  - 212.263.0810
- Strand Bookstore
  - 828 Broadway (12th St.)
  - 212.673.1652
- McNally Jackson
  - 52 Prince St. (Lafayette St.)
  - 212.274.1160

### HOUSEHOLD NEEDS
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
  - 6206th Ave. (18th St.)
  - 212.255.3350
- K-Mart
  - 770 Broadway (8th St.)
  - 212.673.1540
- The Home Depot
  - 40 W. 23rd St. (5th / 6th Aves.)
  - 212.929.9571

### MOVIE THEAVERS
- Angelika Film Center
  - 18 W. Houston St. (Mercer St.)
  - www.angeliakfilmcenter.com
- Cinema Village
  - 22 E. 12th St. (University Pl.)
  - www.cinamavillage.com
- Film Forum
  - 209 W. Houston St. (Varick St.)
  - www.filmmforum.org
- IFC Center
  - 323 6th Ave. (W. 3rd St.)
  - www.ifccenter.com
- AMC Loews Village
  - 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. 16th 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.)
  - 800.975.6722
- TD Bank
  - 905 6th 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.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NYC:

Here are some helpful and interesting websites:
- Alliance for the Arts
  - www.arts.org
- American Museum of Natural History
  - www.amnh.org
- Asia Society
  - www.asiasociety.org
- Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)
  - www.bam.org
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
  - www.bbg.org
- Brooklyn Museum of Art
  - www.brooklynmuseum.org
- Carnegie Hall
  - www.carnegiehall.org
- Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum
  - www.cooperhewitt.org
- The Drawing Center
  - www.drawingcenter.org
- El Museo del Barrio
  - www.elmuseo.org
- Frick Collection
  - www.frick.org
- Guggenheim Museum
  - www.guggenheim.org
- Hispanic Society of America
  - www.hispanicsociety.org
- International Center of Photography
  - www.icp.org
- Jewish Museum
  - www.jewishmuseum.org
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center
  - www.gaycenter.org
- Lincoln Center
  - www.lincolncenter.org
- Lower East Side Tenement Museum
  - www.tenement.org
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
  - www.metmuseum.org
- Museum of Arts and Design
  - www.mad.org
- Museum of Chinese in the Americas
  - www.mocanyc.org
- Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
  - www.moma.org
- Museum of the City of New York
  - www.mocny.org
- National Museum of the American Indian
  - www.nmai.si.edu
- New Museum
  - www.newmuseum.org
- New-York Historical Society
  - www.nyhistory.org
- New York Magazine
  - www.nymag.com
- New York Times
  - www.nytimes.com
- NYC Official Guide
  - www.nycgo.com
- Paley Center for Media
  - www.paleycenter.org
- P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center (Queens)
  - www.ps1.org
- Rubin Museum of Art
  - www.societyofillustators.org
- Studio Museum in Harlem
  - www.studiomuseum.org
- Time Out New York
  - www.timeoutny.com
- Village Voice
  - www.villagevoice.com
- Whitney Museum of American Art
  - www.whitney.org

### 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.