Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What university facilities are open to exchange students?

A. Most facilities that are open to full-time matriculated students are open to exchange students as well. Of course, the university libraries and computer labs are open to all students. Exchange students are also eligible to use the University Health Center and counseling services (fees will vary depending on the student’s specific health insurance policy). In addition, there are a variety of student counseling and tutoring services offered on campus. Help with finding internships or academic-related employment is available at the Wasserman Center for Career Development, which also provides assistance in resume-writing and interview skills.

NYU has a variety of sports teams and intramurals offered to everyone, as well as two fully-equipped sports centers/gymnasiums open to all NYU students (404 and Palladium). Palladium was opened in 2002, and features a great selection of brand new machines, an Olympic swimming pool, a rock climbing wall, and television screens to watch during your work-out. For more information on sports and gym facilities at NYU, please visit their website.

Q. Do exchange students have to purchase a meal plan?

A. The requirement for purchasing a meal plan depends on which hall a student is living in. Many international exchange students have been housed in locations that did not require a meal plan but occasionally students will be placed in housing that does require them to purchase a meal plan. Students living in apartment style housing or off-campus also have the option to have meal plans. There are twelve different dining facilities where meal plans can be used, including one kosher café and five traditional buffet dining halls. There are eleven different meal plans available, ranging in price from $1,335-$2,800 per semester. For more information on meal plans please visit www nyudining com.

Q. Are there clubs and student organizations available at NYU?

A. The university offers a variety of clubs and organizations, including over 300 student run clubs. If you do not find a club that suits your interest you are welcome to get a few other interested students together and form your own unique club. The Office of Student Activities organizes the student run clubs. For more information on current clubs or starting a club, please visit http://www osa nyu edu/.

Q. Are exchange students permitted to work while they are in the United States?

A. Exchange students, who usually have the J-1 visa, are permitted to work on campus only, and not more than 20 hours per week. Please confirm directly with the Office of Global Services before obtaining a position. They also have the option to pursue Academic Training, which must be a direct application of their coursework and/or research to a professional position in their field of study.

Q. Is it possible to extend the expiration date of my visa?

A. Students on J-1 visas are allowed a grace period of up to thirty days after the expiration date of their visa before they must leave the country. Similarly, students may arrive in the U.S. no more than 30 days before the starting date of their visas.

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In some cases, students may petition to have their visas extended if they are engaged in an internship (academic training) or other work project that is intrinsically related to and necessary for their program of study.

For answers to other questions about visas, travel, employment and other issues related to international students in the U.S., please visit the website of NYU's Office of Global Services, [www.nyu.edu/ogs](http://www.nyu.edu/ogs)
Health Insurance:

A specific NYU health insurance policy is required. Exchange students are automatically enrolled in the NYU Comprehensive Plan. Students can choose to downgrade to the NYU Basic Plan by completing an online form.

In 2016-2017 the cost of NYU-sponsored student comprehensive insurance is $4,167 for a full year ($2,697 for the Basic Plan); $1,609 for the fall semester only ($1,043 for the Basic plan); and $2,558 the Spring & Summer semesters combined ($1,654 for Basic).

(Note: the insurance fee for the Spring and Summer semesters is combined; it is not possible to separate this charge into Spring and Summer semesters individually.)

A summary of benefits of the (2016-2017) Comprehensive and Basic Plans is available online here.

For more information visit www.nyu.edu/shc

Health Insurance Waiver. If a student already has medical insurance that offers equivalent or greater coverage than that required by NYU, the student may request to waive the Comprehensive fee online at www.nyu.edu/health/insurance.

To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before it is approved. Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University’s requirements.

Students will be asked to submit a copy of their insurance identification card and insurance policy, translated into English, for evaluation before the waiver can be approved. Before students purchase an insurance plan that may be unacceptable for waiving, they should follow the instructions for waiving the health insurance here: http://www.nyu.edu/life/safety-health-wellness/student-health-center/insurance-patient-accounts/student-health-insurance/international-students.html

Housing:

Exchange students have the option to apply for a room in an NYU managed residence hall and live with other NYU students. Residence halls offered to exchange students vary from apartment-style with shared kitchen areas to traditional hall style, although most will be placed in apartment-style housing.

New York University is committed to the educational and personal development of its students and views the experience of residence hall living as contributing to this development. We provide rewarding residence hall living for about 11,000 graduate and undergraduate students in 21 locations throughout New York City. For more information about on campus housing options, please visit http://www.nyu.edu/life/living-at-nyu/on-campus-living.html.

Exchange students may select if they are interested in living on campus in their exchange program application; they also have another opportunity to indicate interest in housing after acceptance. An online housing application is available to students after they are accepted into the exchange program. Students who enroll at NYU in the spring semester will have their housing assignments e-mailed to their
NYU email address in early January and students who enroll in the fall semester will have their assignments e-mailed to their NYU email address in mid-August.


- On-Campus Housing: $5,528.00 – $10,566.00 per semester. Please visit www.nyu.edu/housing for more information.
- Food/Meals: University meal plans range from $1,335 to $2,800 per semester (2017-2018 rates) depending on the plan. For more meal plan info visit www.nyudining.com. Meal plans are not required.
- Books: ~$300-500 per semester
- Local transport: varies; approximately $25 - $125.00 per month
- In general, you can expect your regular monthly living expenses to be at least $1200.

NYU Office of Residential Life and Housing Services contact:
726 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10003
e-mail: housing@nyu.edu

If students choose to live off-campus, the Off-campus Housing Office provides information on apartments available for rental in New York City and the surrounding area.

Useful Websites

- NYU Website: http://www.nyu.edu
- College of Arts and Science bulletin: http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/page/home
- Graduate School of Arts and Science Bulletin: http://bulletin.gasas.nyu.edu/page/home
- Classes: http://www.nyu.edu/registrar/ (for registration details and a list of courses that are currently being offered at NYU)
- Housing and Dining: http://www.nyu.edu/life/living-at-nyu.html
- Health Insurance: http://www.nyu.edu/life/safety-health-wellness/student-health-center.html (for information on health insurance and the University Health Center)
- Office of Global Services: http://www.nyu.edu/ogs (to learn about student visas and for other information relevant to international students)

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