ALL ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS
Please refer to the following sources for more information regarding AMDA policies and student life.

**HOUSING APPLICATION THROUGH STARREZ**
Students will access AMDA's online housing portal, StarRez, after receiving their AMDA emails (approximately 60 days before the start of the term)! With StarRez, all steps to secure housing at AMDA are completely online. Additionally, complete policies for those residing in AMDA housing, including those regarding security, maintenance, conduct, appliances and more, may be accessed through StarRez. Students must complete this housing application every term they are in housing.

**AMDA Catalog**
The Catalog is the primary source of information on academic life at AMDA: academic policies, financial aid and student accounts, program information, and course descriptions.

**Student Handbook**
The essential guide for student life at AMDA. It contains information on living in the city, transportation, AMDA departments and resources, and our Code of Conduct. All students are required to complete the Student Handbook.

**INFORMATION**

**61st Street (Main Campus)**
211 West 61st Street
CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, STUDENT SERVICES
CLASSROOMS:
Rooms 100 - 407/408
Voice Rooms: 2A - 4F
1st FLOOR:
Media Room
Performance Theatres (101 & 104)
Reception

**W. 54th Street Offices**
421 West 54th Street, 2nd Floor
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Admissions
Education Services
Financial Aid
Student Accounts

**The Ansonia**
2109 Broadway, Entrance on 73rd Street
CLASSROOMS, OFFICES
CLASSROOMS: Studio 1-6
Voice Rooms: 3A - 3D

**The Stratford Arms Residential Hall**
117 West 70th Street
CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, STUDENT HOUSING
CLASSROOMS: SA1, SA2
1st FLOOR:
21FRI|6WX|GHQW$1IDLUV
Reception

**The Amsterdam Residential Hall**
207 West 85th Street
STUDENT HOUSING
AMENITIES:
24 Hour Security
Student Lounge

**NY 54th Street Studios**
250 West 54th Street
CLASSROOMS, LIBRARY, STUDENT SERVICES, OFFICES
CLASSROOMS:

**CAMPUS MAP**

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**Student Campus Map – May 2022 Updated**

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WELCOME TO AMDA

Congratulations on starting your education and performing arts career at AMDA! We are eagerly anticipating the start of our Spring 2023 Semester, and sincerely look forward to welcoming you to the AMDA family.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, our official AMDA Safety Task Force has been tracking current updates daily both domestically and globally to ensure that we take every precaution necessary in preparing our campus to be a safe and healthy learning environment for our faculty and student body. We pledge to train, develop, and equip you with the tools, knowledge, and experience needed to be competitive and successful in today's industry.

During your hybrid orientation, you will be introduced to AMDA’s resources and the tools available to you to help you be successful.

We encourage you to read this guide prior to orientation and to share this information with your parent, guardian or support team. If you have questions regarding orientation or any information contained in this guide, do not hesitate to contact your Admissions Advisor.

For additional orientation schedule information, visit: https://www.amda.edu/student-life#orientation
AMDA is committed to operating our campus in a safe and healthy way, following all guidance and recommendations from our New York State and New York City government agencies, as well as guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO).

AMDA has assembled an Emergency Response Team (ERT) on campus in order to create direct responses to ensure that safety and health are the top priorities for our community. The ERT is composed of staff members from every department to reflect the needs of our entire campus. The ERT's responsibility is to create processes and responses that are effective in mitigating the risk of contracting COVID-19.

AMDA's Emergency Response Team can be reached at NYERT@amda.edu.

Vaccination Policy

The COVID-19 vaccination, including a booster or 3rd dose for those who are eligible, will be required for all students, faculty, and staff who will be present on campus. All AMDA community members are required to submit vaccination records when the final dose of their vaccine is received. At the same time, we understand fully that there are legitimate reasons that certain individuals may not be able to receive the vaccination. Participation in weekly random campus COVID-19 testing will be required for anyone who has an approved COVID-19 vaccination exemption on file with AMDA.

Please note that AMDA will accept COVID-19 vaccinations that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as well as those approved by the World Health Organization.

To ensure the safety of the entire AMDA community, our efforts will be put towards:

- Communicating and encouraging community members to engage in safe practices (social distancing, PPE use, etc.) leading up to arrival at AMDA.

All community members will be required to:

- Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Submit completed health paperwork.

Masks and Other PPE

AMDA will be operating as a mask optional campus. Please note that you are welcome to wear a mask at all times but are not required to while on campus.
SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PLAN (SFP)

We are excited to announce that our third party vendor, Cooking With Corey, will continue to power AMDA’s food service via delivery service at our resident halls and in person at 61st.

How Will Delivery In The Residence Halls Work?

Students will download the Saavor app for CWC (details will be sent before students arrive on campus) and place an order. Much in the same way a Seamless or GrubHub order works, CWC will deliver that order ASAP to the student room. Depending on volume of orders placed at one time, orders should be delivered far sooner than the aforementioned services, as CWC will be operating from, and within, each residence hall. The “contact-free” delivery process will remain the same as previously described to ensure maximum safety.

CWC will deliver to student rooms seven days a week at the following times (we will work out a holiday schedule, which is yet to be determined; expect most holidays CWC will be in service from 10am-2pm): Stratford Arms and Amsterdam

- Monday – Friday: 4pm – 8pm
- Saturday & Sunday: 11am – 4pm

NOTE: The Food Plan is required for first year and second semester students.

Contact Free-Food Delivery:

Food delivery will be CONTACT-FREE. Food delivery will be CONTACT-FREE. During delivery times, Cooking with Corey staff will deliver student orders directly to their residence hall rooms. CWC staff members will knock on students’ doors, leave food at the door, and back away from the room. CWC staff will wait to ensure the student opens the door and receives the food delivery prior to leaving. Students must be present in their residence hall room during the entire 1-hour delivery window. Students who are not present at the delivery time will not be eligible for refund.

Please reach out to Robert Manganaro for any questions at rmanganaro@amda.edu. For app issues contact: contactus@saavor.com for orders & meals contact: info@cookingwithcorey.com.

Stratford Arms and Amsterdam

Mon-Fri 4pm-8pm • Sat & Sun 11am-4pm

NOTE: 7KHXRG3DQLVUHTXUHGRUIUVWHDUDQG
AMDA residence halls are located on the Upper West Side of Manhattan where students have access to city markets (including Zabar’s, Fairway, Whole Foods and Trader Joe’s), the American Museum of Natural History, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the famed Lincoln Center—home of the Metropolitan Opera and New York Philharmonic—and of course the Broadway Theatre District.

AMDA New York Residence Life

Welcome to AMDA’s Residence Life community! We are excited to welcome you to campus! We have worked hard to provide you with support, interactive programming and resources to ensure that the transition to your new “home away from home” will be just that, a place you can call home!

Residence life is the experience of a lifetime, a rewarding opportunity to meet lifelong friends and share incredible experiences. As you encounter each new challenge, AMDA offers a supportive, and caring group of Resident Advisors to guide you every step of the way. AMDA is creating events, spaces, academically-focused offerings, skill-building activities, and other fun and useful options.

While preparing for Orientation, take a few moments to review the following information. As always, don’t hesitate to contact your Admissions Advisor with any questions or concerns.

About Our Residence Halls

AMDA’s residential life is structured to foster a sense of community through student leadership and program planning in which learning is supported and extended beyond the classroom.

All of AMDA’s residential halls are staffed with 24-hour front desk staff and security guards, 365 days a year. A life of assistance and security is available to all students.

The Stratford Arms and Amsterdam Residence buildings are historic buildings converted from residential hotels. New York City housing regulations require that when a residence building undergoes a change in ownership and tenancy, the original residents may choose to stay in their housing units. Therefore, in each of AMDA’s Residence Halls, there are a small number of original elderly tenants living in their original apartments throughout both buildings. These tenants are well-known within our community.

Move-In Day

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On move-in day, please report directly to your assigned residential hall at your scheduled appointment time to begin the process of moving into your room. Please limit what you bring for move-in to what you can carry cart (dimensions are 34 inches deep x 28 inches wide x 38 inches long). Please note that the Amsterdam Residence does not offer moving bins due to limited space in the lobby and elevator areas.

Additionally, cars cannot be left unattended in front of the residence halls while students are moving in. Double parking is only permitted for unloading student belongings but not while moving items into student rooms. Please parking.

Students are permitted to have guests accompany them into the residence hall on move-in day. Guests will be required to check in with their student at their residence hall, and cannot leave cars unattended outside the building. Please note that there may be changes that affect housing move-in and visitor access on campus. If there are any changes to this they will be communicated in as much notice as possible.

You’ll be given your room key when you check in, Move-In Form, and you’ll head up to your new room. Double-check your room, note anything that needs attention on the move-in form, and immediately submit to the front desk of your building. This form helps us document who’s moved in and any maintenance the room might need. If you see anything in the room that needs attention please let the front desk know and we will address it immediately.
COVID-19 Health and Safety Adjustments to Move-In Day

AMDA is committed to the health and safety of our entire community, and we have taken immediate steps to address how a COVID-19 outbreak may impact our residential halls. You can find the latest information on our policies and procedures to ensure our residential community remains safe while we do our part to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus detailed below:

This semester’s move-in process is for all (new or returning) residents living in the residence halls. An email containing move-in information and instructions will be sent to all residents prior to move in.

- If you plan to live in AMDA campus housing, you are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. In order to meet this requirement you must:
  - Have received a COVID-19 Vaccination that is approved by the CDC or WHO, additionally if you are eligible for a booster dose that must be received within 30 days of eligibility.
  - Should you have a medical or religious exemption, please contact Marissa Adams at madams@amda.edu.

Asymptomatic travelers entering New York from another country, U.S. state, or territory are no longer required to test or quarantine as of April 10, 2021. Symptomatic travelers must immediately self-isolate and contact the local health department or their healthcare providers to determine if they should seek COVID-19 testing.

Typical Room Configurations

Both buildings offer rooms which include a normal twin-sized bed (not extra-long), dressers, desk and chair (on request), sink, mini refrigerator, air conditioner and closet. For any questions regarding this, please contact the NY Housing Manager.

THE STRATFORD ARMS
117 West 70th Street, New York, NY, 10023

THE AMSTERDAM
207 West 85th Street, New York, NY, 10024

Stratford Arms Room Option: (blueprint)
106 sq. ft.

Amsterdam Room Option: (blueprint)
101.6 sq. ft.

Size of rooms, location of furniture, closets, and other details may vary from sample floorplans above.
FINANCIAL AID

For Students:
If you are receiving Federal Direct Stafford Loans, AMDA will not be able to process your Stafford loan funds until you submit your Federal Stafford Master Promissory Note (MPN), and Stafford Entrance Counseling. These are required federal documents that must be submitted prior to disbursement of your loan funds.

For Parents:
If you are receiving Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan, parent borrowers must also complete a Federal PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). If there is a co-signer on the loan, parent borrowers must also complete Federal PLUS Loan Credit Counseling.

Please submit these documents as soon as possible at www.studentaid.gov so we can process these funds and post them to your student account. Please note that 30 day hold period. If these documents are not received prior to the scheduled disbursement date of your loans, your loans may be canceled. If canceled, you will be billed for these full loan amounts.

In order to complete the Stafford and/or PLUS Master Promissory Note and Stafford Entrance and/or PLUS Credit Counseling, you will need to have your US Department of Education federal login information, which you used to sign your FAFSA. Once you have your federal login information, please follow the below link to complete these forms: www.studentaid.gov

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

AMDA offers a limited amount of on campus student employment, but most positions are hired before school begins. Production applications may be available the FRIDAY before the semester begins, applications around week 7, that begin the following semester.

In order to apply, one must be and remain in good standing and complete a Federal PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). If there is a co-signer on the loan, parent borrowers must also complete Federal PLUS Loan Credit Counseling.

While on campus employment is not guaranteed each semester, be sure to check the Weekly Digest for opportunities that may arise. If you are eligible to work off campus, we can be a good resource for you. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Stefani Miller at
SPRING 2023 ORIENTATION

The Spring 2023 Orientation will be hybrid! Incoming students will be joined by Orientation Leaders on AMDA’s online platform, Canvas as well as in-person. Throughout this journey, you’ll have a chance to hear from various departments at AMDA, connect with your Orientation Leaders and peers, meet with a variety of staff and learn about the resources available to you for success at AMDA NY! The Orientation Committee is eager to get to know you and welcome you to our incredible community!

- **Tuesday, February 14th-Friday, February 17th:** Virtual Orientation
- **Thursday, February 23rd-Sunday February 26th:** Mandatory In-person Orientation
- **Thursday, February 23rd:** Housing Move-in and Orientation Check-in
- **Thursday, February 23rd 9:00AM-3:00PM:** Mandatory Orientation Check-In: 211 West 61st Street
- **Thursday, February 23rd at 3:30PM:** In-person Parent Q&A

Please note:
Parents should not schedule activities with their students during the Orientation week(s) and weekend(s) beginning WKHtUWGD\R12ULHQWDWLRQWKURXJKxQGDOHEUXDUWK Above dates are subject to change.

Hybrid Orientation will be a mix of pre-recorded sessions, Zoom presentations, group or departmental meetings DQGLQSHUVRQDFWLWVLSUWLHQWDWLRQVFKGHXOHVZLOOEHYDLODEOHWRVWXGHQVRQWKHtUWGD\R12ULH recommended that each student dedicate between 4-6 hours each week for Orientation assignments and meetings, DVZHOODVSHQQLJDWOHDDVWDVPDOOSRUWLRQRIHDFKGD\ORJLQJLQWRWKHRQOLQHSDWIRUPIRUHPDLOVQRWLT etc.). Our Hybrid Orientation will also include optional activities to introduce students to a wide variety of resources to help prepare them for the rigors of classwork.

For Return to Campus FAQ:
https://storage.amda.edu/media/documents/NY-Return-to-Campus-FAQ.pdf
Student Email and Wi-Fi Information
All AMDA buildings plus Student housing have Wi-Fi. It is recommended that you set up your Wi-Fi connection before you arrive on campus. Please visit it.amda.edu/wireless/setup for setup instructions.

AMDA Students receive an @amda.edu email address used to access many services including Wi-Fi, Canvas and StarRez.

To access your AMDA email information:
From Desktop / Laptop:
• Log into Portal.amda.edu
• 2QWKH0HIWVLGHPHQXFOLFN0\3URt0H
• Click My Information to access your account information.
• Click My IT Information to access your personal AMDA email login.
• The top half of the page contains your AMDA email information.

From Mobile Device:
• Log into Portal.amda.edu
• Tap on the 3 line Menu on the top right
• 7DSRQ0\3URt0H
• Tap on My Information
• Tap on My IT Information
• The top half of the page contains your AMDA email information.

Financial Aid
Please make sure to complete your Stafford Entrance Counseling and Stafford MPN (Master Promissory Note) at www.studentloans.gov prior to Orientation. Financial Aid counselors will be available for any questions.

Student Accounts
Please be sure that your payments are current; that you KDHHYHULHGI\RXUELOQLDGGUHVVDQGWKDWWH6WXGHQW $FFRXQWV21FHLVXSWRDWHQVWLSQGDQGUHIXOG contacts before your arrival. If you have not done this prior to your arrival, you will need to check in with Student Accounts. A Student Accounts representative will be available to answer questions.

Accessibility Services
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is to ensure that all students are afforded an equal RSSRUWXQLW\WRIX0\SDUWLFLSDWHLDQGHEUH7WIURP AMDA’s unsurpassed performing arts education and diverse community of creative artists. We believe that disability is an integral part of the diversity of experience that fuels creative excellence. Therefore, it is our goal to remove access barriers to allow every student to reach their fullest potential. If you feel you may need accommodations while you are at AMDA, or if you have any accessibility concerns, please get in touch ZLWKWHITFHE\HPDLO\0Accessibility@amda.edu.

Mental Health Counselors
We have licensed Mental Health Counselors who SURYLGHtUHDQFRO\QVHQLDOPHQWDOKHDOWKVHUYLFHV to help meet the emotional and psychological needs of our students. Services include programming/workshops, crisis response, assistance with referrals, and individual short-term counseling sessions. Please email any questions or concerns to CounselorNY@amda.edu.

Health and Wellness Center
We have a full-time Registered Nurse on campus who is available to provide emergency care, injury consultation and assessment, health education, and referral to our Athletic Trainers and outside physicians. Appointments are available in person or virtually via Zoom. Please email any questions or concerns to NYHealth@amda.edu.

Athletic Performance Services
Our Athletic Performance team provides free injury consultations, injury prevention, and performance enhancement services. Appointments are available virtually via Zoom or in person on-site. Please email any questions or concerns to NYHealth@amda.edu.
BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL

Student Store

International Students
PREPARING FOR SUCCESS
READY FOR DAY 1 OF CLASS

Orientation is designed to prepare you for success for your entire AMDA journey as well as your first day of class. Your training for the performing arts path you have chosen begins the moment that you walk onto campus. Student Success seminars detailing how to negotiate your safety, health, awareness, and academics are a critical part of the AMDA experience.

We ask that all students approach orientation with an open mind and ready for a flood of helpful information. Students must prepare for the AMDA experience with the same preparation required for a professional audition or rehearsal, both in terms of work preparation and personal appearance. Additionally, please use orientation and for the initial class meetings so that you are fully prepared to begin your program successfully.

PASSPORT TO CANVAS

All students will receive an invitation to our Canvas training course: Passport to Canvas. Passport to Canvas consists of eight modules of content that takes students through everything they need to know about using Canvas as a student. We encourage students to and continue to use the course as a reference for any questions they may have throughout the semester.

Within canvas students have the ability to indicate their pronouns, as well as change their Full Name, Display Name, and Sortable Name. This is available under Account, Settings, Edit Settings. Students are encouraged to review this information to be certain their name and pronouns appear exactly as they would like to be referred to in the classroom. Full Name: This name will be used by instructors for grading. Display Name: Faculty and classmates will see this name in discussions, messages and comments. Sortable Name: This name appears in grade reporting by faculty & staff.

Integrated Students

Musicanship Placement: You are required to take an online musicanship test. This test will assist us in placing each student in the appropriate level of Musicanship 1. All students are required to take Musicanship 1. If you haven’t already, please complete that here.

Dance Placement: At this time, all students have participated in Dance Placement and the submissions have been closed. This placement will be used by our Dance Department to place you in the appropriate levels for your dance coursework. If you did not submit a placement, you will be placed in beginner level courses across all disciplines. If you have questions about your Dance Placement, please reach out to your Admissions Representative.

DANCE THEATRE STUDENTS

Dance Placement: At this time, all students have participated in Dance Placement and the submissions have been closed. This placement will be used by our Dance Department to place you in the appropriate levels for your dance coursework. If you have questions about your Dance Placement, please reach out to your Admissions Representative.

STUDIO STUDENTS

Studio students are required to make their elective selection prior to arrival. The selection process is currently closed. If you have not submitted an elective choice at this time, Education Services will place you in an elective based on enrollment. If you have any questions about your elective selection, please reach out to your Admissions Representative.
PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

ACTING FOR CAMERA STUDENTS

ALL STUDENTS: FOUNDATIONS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM
Sheet Music and Plays
Throughout the semester, you will be required to read plays and/or acquire sheet music. The AMDA Performing Arts Library has a wide selection of sheet music, plays, and various additional collections available for in-house reading, copying or borrowing, depending upon the item. Copies of material can be made for classroom or personal use at $.05/page in black and white and $.10/page in color. Three student copy machines are located in the Library. Other resources for locating material include NYPL, the Drama Bookshop, Inc. (dramabookshop.com), or Amazon.

Costumes and Props
For acting scene, camera scene and musical theatre work, you will need to bring or purchase costume and prop materials. Materials will vary depending on the scene or song chosen. Students are responsible for the storage of all costumes and props used for any class work. These are suggested standard costume guidelines:

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You are able to purchase all books at the AMDA Student Store during Orientation Week. Additionally, most are available for purchase via Amazon and other major booksellers.

Students are only required to purchase the books listed for your program under the “Program(s)” column. There are four required textbooks for Integrated students, two for Studio students, and three recommended (but not required) for Dance Theatre students. All students may need to purchase additional textbooks in their 2nd and 3rd semesters. For 1st Semester Studio Students in Stage Combat, it is required that you also purchase the following: [https://amzn.to/2ZRBerD](https://amzn.to/2ZRBerD).

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<td>Broadway: The American Musical</td>
<td>Laurence Maslon &amp; Michael Kantor</td>
<td>$35.00</td>
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<td>Technical Manual and Dictionary of Classical Ballet, 3rd Revised Ed.</td>
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AMDA Online Store
Visit the store: [amdastudentstore.com](https://amdastudentstore.com) The AMDA Online Store offers you the opportunity to purchase AMDA merchandise.
ALL PROGRAMS: REQUIRED ATTIRE AND FOOTWEAR FOR MOVEMENT AND DANCE COURSES

Below you will find the attire required for movement and dance courses within each program. On the first day of class, be sure to follow the guidelines on the syllabus, instructors will announce in class if they will permit you to wear other colors or items. You may already own some of the items listed, so be sure to bring them with you. Though some language is gendered, students are encouraged to wear items that best fit their identity. Most items are available for purchase at the AMDA Student Store: amdastudentstore.com.

Please note that students in all programs will take a Dance & Movement/Theatre Dance course during their first semester, while Integrated and Dance Theatre students can expect to take other listed disciplines within their program.
THEATRE DANCE/DANCE & MOVEMENT

ACTING FOR CAMERA, STUDIO, INTEGRATED, & DANCE THEATRE

Character shoes or jazz oxfords; leotard with tights or form fitting tank/tee with form fitting leggings or jazz pants. Required during later semesters: Black Rehearsal or Character Skirt (knee-length and circular, 24" in length is recommended).

BALLET

INTEGRATED & DANCE THEATRE

Leotard with tights that match ballet slippers, form fitting tank/tee with tights that match ballet slippers, or form fitting tank/tee with form fitting leggings. Skirts will not be worn in AMDA ballet classes. Pointe shoes are recommended only for Dance Theatre students who already own them.

JAZZ

INTEGRATED, DANCE THEATRE & STUDIO

Leotard with tights that match jazz oxfords or form fitting tank/tee with form fitting leggings or jazz pants (no bell bottoms or baggy legs).

TAP

INTEGRATED & DANCE THEATRE

Leotard with tights or form fitting tank/tee with form fitting leggings or jazz pants (no bell bottoms or baggy legs).

MODERN TECHNIQUE/IMPROVISATION

DANCE THEATRE

Leotard and footless or transition tights or form fitting tank top with leggings or fitted jazz pants.

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

DANCE THEATRE

Sneakers with clothing that the dancer can move in easily.

THEATRICAL GYMNASTICS

DANCE THEATRE

Leotard and footless or transition tights or form fitting tank top with leggings or fitted jazz pants. Sneakers may be worn.

HIP-HOP & HEELS

DANCE THEATRE

Leotard and tights or form fitting tank top with leggings or fitted jazz pants. Sneakers, as well as heels or boots (minimum 2" heel) will be required for students of all genders.

*Jazz is offered as an elective within the Studio program.
Convertible/Transition Tights: Recommended for wear with leotards; to be worn inside the shoe or slipper. Transition opening allows the tights to be worn as a full foot or footless and should be the same color as the shoes or slippers you are wearing in class.

Black Full-Length Dance Theatre Tights: Recommended for male dancers. Must be worn inside the shoe or slipper. Must be “men’s tights,” which are thicker than “women’s tights.” An elastic waistband with suspenders is recommended to keep tights in place.

Solid Black Leotards and Form-Fitting Tees/Tanks: While some instructors may permit other colors, black will be required for midterm and final performance days. Dance shorts may be permitted at instructor’s discretion.

Supportive Undergarments, including dance belts, sports bras, etc. as needed. Multiple straps should not be visible. If students are unfamiliar with the function of a dance belt, we recommend this resource: https://dancejox.com/purpose-of-dance-belts

All shoes should be black or skin-toned with the exception of ballet slippers, which may be pink.

Character Shoes can be either oxford or heeled. Oxford style should be black. For heeled style, the shoe should be black or skin-toned and have either a single strap or T-strap that buckles over the instep. Heels must be a minimum of two inches. Rubber must be added to the bottom sole, which can be done at any shoe repair shop. Bracing heels for additional support is recommended.

Tap Shoes can be either oxford or heeled, and should have regular solid taps with no jingle. Heeled shoes should have either a single strap or T-strap that buckles over the instep. Heels should be between two inches and two and a half inches.

Jazz Oxfords can be either lace-up or slip-on.
EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AT AMDA

AMDA is committed to dismantling existing structures that historically exclude and oppress minoritized groups. This commitment requires each of us to take responsibility to actively grow and preserve AMDA’s diverse community and culture. AMDA will actively elevate and prioritize equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging in our curriculum, creative productions, services, and administration. Most crucially, we will continue to work towards the recruitment, retention, and advancement of students, faculty, and staff from underrepresented populations in higher education and the performing arts.

As an integral part of our mission, AMDA expects all of its community members to exemplify the following principles:

**Accountability:** We build trust with others by following through on our mission and commitments. We endeavor to normalize giving and receiving feedback in the inevitable areas of growth in this work and continue to confront implicit biases and systems of oppression.

**Collaboration:** We acknowledge that our work is a shared responsibility and we best achieve our goals when we work together in an effort to create a more equitable and inclusive campus.

**Innovation:** We empower our community to define and own their unique artistry, connecting our personal experiences to our creative work. Through intentional representation, narrative reframing, and personal agency, we allow the art we create to increase our understanding of one another.

**Integrity:** We live our institutional values in our work across campuses and with each other. We show up authentically when challenged, and acknowledge that part of our wholeness is the continuation of growth and learning.

**Transparency:** We develop healthy relationships by sharing information, policies, and procedures openly with each other, while protecting confidentiality where needed.

AMDA recognizes that honoring this commitment requires us to create and maintain campus resources, offer frequent EDI-focused learning opportunities and establish consistent and clear systems of accountability for all community members. Accordingly, AMDA rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, wrongful discrimination, and violations of our values.

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THE OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

The Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (OEDI) is committed to and responsible for institution-wide leadership to build, strengthen, and sustain a culturally conscious and responsive environment. The office provides resources, coaching, consultation, and strategies to help lead the college and conservatory and its diverse community toward a more equitable and just future through policy, classroom practices, activities and addressing workplace climate.

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PHILOSOPHY AND STANDARDS REGARDING CASTING PRACTICES

AMDA is committed to dismantling existing structures that historically exclude and oppress minoritized groups. This commitment requires each of us to take responsibility to actively grow and preserve AMDA’s diverse community and culture. AMDA will actively elevate and prioritize equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging in our curriculum, creative productions, services, and administration. Most crucially, we will continue to work towards the recruitment, retention, and advancement of students, faculty, and staff from underrepresented populations in higher education and the performing arts. Click here to view our full casting policy.
REPORTING HATE-BIAS INCIDENTS

A hate-bias incident is a hostile act of conduct, speech, or expression motivated, in whole or in part, by intolerance, bias, or prejudice against another. Unlike a hate crime, the hostile act is not a criminal act; like a hate crime, the hostile act is motivated by prejudice. It differs from a hate crime in that no criminal activity is involved but its effect is to discriminate, demean, embarrass, assign stereotype, harass, or exclude individuals because of their identities, including but not limited to: race, ethnicity, national origin, language, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, or religion.

It should be noted that the mere expression of viewpoints and disagreements on political or social issues as protected under the First Amendment, and which does not create a material disruption to the operations of AMDA or the rights of individuals, does not constitute a hate-bias incident.

AMDA is committed to addressing incidents of hate-bias and needs your assistance in bringing these incidents to our attention. To report information about hate-bias related incidents please email oedi@amda.edu. By documenting incidents, we can better protect and educate our community, and best enable the college and conservatory to prevent this behavior and to address it properly when it occurs.

If you have any questions about the form, its use, or the Hate-Bias Incident Protocol, please contact & K L D Q W L % O D F N P R Q 9 L F H ^ U H V L G H Q W R I W K H 2 I 5 H R I ( T X L W \ Y H U V L W ) . O E D I @ A M D A . E D U. Once an incident is reported, you will receive an acknowledgement of the report either from the Vice President of Equity,
HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Student Health Insurance (SHIP)
AMDA requires that all full-time students maintain active health insurance to cover medical diagnosis and treatment. To ensure this, AMDA automatically enrolls each student in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), an affordable service that offers students access to mental and physical healthcare services throughout New York City. Whether it’s a physical or a psychological need, SHIP provides vital resources to ensure AMDA students are healthy in body and mind for continued success in their education. We have a full-time Registered Nurse on campus who can assist with the referral process, if needed. Plan materials can be found at www.4studenthealth.com/AMDA. If you have any questions about enrollment, please call Relation Insurance directly at 800-955-1991.

Mental Health Counseling
AMDA offers free mental health services with licensed Mental Health Counselors to help meet the emotional and psychological needs of our students. Some of these services include individual sessions (30-40 minutes long) and help with referrals. Our goal is to create a campus environment that facilitates the health and well-being of all of our students while advancing our academic and performance mission. Please email counselorNY@amda.edu to get in contact with a licensed Mental Health Counselor or to make an appointment.

- AMDA NY’s Mental Health Counselors offer remote counseling sessions on a video platform
- Counselors may be available in person for urgent PDWWHUV7KHLUR1FHVDUHORFDWHGRQWKHVK)ORRUH the 61st street building.
- Video sessions will be offered through a HIPAA-FRPSOLQWSODWIRUPPLPLVLWRIFRQGQWGDOLWZLQ
- Mental Health Counselors will remain available by email to schedule sessions, answer questions, and assist with referrals

Athletic Performance Services: Physical Health & Wellness (COVID Adjusted)
Our Athletic Performance team provides free injury consultation, injury prevention, and performance enhancement services. Our mission is to empower students to become active participants in their well-being and support a vibrant, healthy and engaged campus community. Please email NYHealth@amda.edu to get in contact with an Athletic Trainer or schedule an appointment.

- NY Athletic Training Services will be available for injury prevention, new injury evaluation and management, strength and conditioning programming as well as general health and nutrition concern support.

Health & Wellness Center: Nursing Services
The primary goal of our nursing service is to promote the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of each student so they can achieve academic success. Please email NYHealth@amda.edu to get in contact with our nurse or to schedule an appointment. Our nurse provides the following services:

- First Aid
- Emergency Care
- Injury Assessment
- Referral’s
- Wellness Management
- Health Education

Off Campus Community Resource Locations
Northwell Health-GoHealth Urgent Care is located a few blocks from AMDA’s Stratford Arms building; AMDA has a relationship with their physicians. This facility — open 7 days a week —is ideal for common illnesses, injuries and minor emergencies. It is fully equipped with x-ray machines and other equipment necessary for immediate evaluation. They accept SHIP and most major providers.

NY Counseling Center
160 West End Avenue, Suite 1N, New York, NY 10023
(212) 362-1086
www.nycgs.com

CityMD West 88th Urgent Care
2398 Broadway, New York, NY 10024
(212) 721-2111
www.citymd.com
For emergencies requiring more than a primary care physician or an urgent care center, **Mt. Sinai Roosevelt Hospital** is located two blocks from our main campus at 58th Street and Amsterdam Ave. Please speak with Student Affairs during Orientation for additional resources for pre-existing medical, mental health, and specialist needs or concerns.

J's Cleaners has been providing full-service dry cleaning in New York City for over 30 years. They process all clothes in their state-of-the-art facility and offer services such as, dry cleaning, wash and fold, pick up service and more. All AMDA students will receive a 20% discount for any services provided by J's Cleaners.

J Cleaners  
155 West 70th Street (and Broadway)  
New York, NY 10023  
212-501-9431
GETTING TO AMDA

FROM REGIONAL AIRPORTS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

From LaGuardia and JFK Airports
TAXI OR YELLOW CAB: A cab should cost approximately $45–$60 plus tip and tolls to get to AMDA. All cabs originating from JFK will run on the meter and should cost approximately $45. Depending on the best available route your driver might have to go over a toll bridge or through a tunnel, which should cost approximately an additional $8.00–$13.00. A standard tip for cab drivers is 15-20% of the fare. Cabs should only be picked up at designated cabstands. Do not accept a ride from a driver who solicits you outside of a cabstand or is not a NYC Yellow cab driver.

UBER / LYFT: these apps will charge you around $65. From LGA, the price comes down to around $50. The prices will vary depending on the demand when you request your car and the traffic during that specific time.

PRIVATE CAR COMPANY OR LIMO SERVICE: There are many private companies through which you can arrange a curbside or baggage claim area pickup. It is advisable to ask for a rate in advance when scheduling the pickup. Two companies you might contact are High Bridge at 212.927.4600 or Dial-7 Car Service at 212.777.7777. Many others are available and can be found online.

SUBWAY OR PUBLIC BUS: Cost and instructions of use can be found on the NYC Public Transportation Information section of this guide or at mta.info.

From Penn Station
TAXI OR YELLOW CAB: A cab should cost approximately $25 plus tip to get to AMDA. A standard tip for cab drivers is 15-20% of the fare.

SUBWAY: Take the “A” train Uptown. Exit at 59th Street/Columbus Circle. Walk west on 60th Street to Amsterdam Ave. Turn right on Amsterdam Ave., head north one block, then turn left onto 61st Street. AMDA is on the right/north side on 61st Street. Cost and instructions of subway use can be found on the NYC Public Transportation Information section of this guide or at mta.info.

From Port Authority Bus Terminal:
TAXI OR YELLOW CAB: A cab should cost approximately $20 plus tip to get to AMDA. A standard tip for cab drivers is 15-20% of the fare.

SUBWAY: Take the “A” train headed Uptown. Exit at 59th Street/Columbus Circle. Walk west on 60th Street to Amsterdam Ave. Turn right on Amsterdam Ave., head north one block, then turn left onto 61st Street. AMDA is on the right/north side on 61st Street. Cost and instructions of subway use can be found on the NYC Public Transportation Information section of this guide or at mta.info.

From Grand Central Terminal:
TAXI OR YELLOW CAB: A cab should cost approximately $30 plus tip to get to AMDA. A standard tip for cab drivers is 15-20% of the fare.

SUBWAY: Take the “S” (Shuttle) train to 42nd Street/Port Authority. Then transfer to the “A” train headed Uptown. Exit at 59th Street/Columbus Circle. Walk west on 60th Street to Amsterdam Ave. Turn right on Amsterdam Ave., head north one block, then turn left onto 61st Street. AMDA is on the right/north side on 61st Street. Cost and instructions of subway use can be found on the NYC Public Transportation Information section of this guide or at mta.info.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO AMDA NEW YORK CITY

Approaching from the South or West
1. Take I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike) to the Lincoln Tunnel (Exit 16E)
2. Go thru the Lincoln Tunnel (toll)
3. Exit to the left 40th Street/ West Side Highway (Joe DiMaggio Hwy)
4. Follow signs to West Side Highway North (follow Dyer Ave and turn left onto 42nd Street)
5. Follow 42nd Street to the entrance of the West Side Highway North.
6. Exit West Side Highway at 79th Street (exit is to the right)
7. Turn right onto West End Avenue to 61st Street
8. Turn left onto 61st Street

Approaching from the Northwest
1. Take I-95 (New Jersey Turnpike) south to the George Washington Bridge
2. Go over the George Washington Bridge (toll)
3. Exit onto Rt. 9A/ Henry Hudson Parkway/ 178th Street
4. Merge onto Henry Hudson Parkway/ Rt. 9A South
5. Take the West 79th Street exit
6. Go around rotary to West 79th Street
7. Turn right onto West End Avenue
8. Turn left onto 61st Street

Approaching from the Northeast
1. Take I-95 South/ I-678 South
2. Take Exit 6A (towards the George Washington/ Whitestone Bridge)
3. Merge left onto I-95/ Cross Bronx Expressway
4. Exit at the Rt. 9A/ Henry Hudson Parkway (towards 181st Street)
5. Take Rt. 9A/ Henry Hudson Parkway South
6. Take the West 79th Street exit
7. Go around rotary to West 79th Street
8. Turn right onto West End Avenue
9. Turn left onto 61st Street

Parking
Street parking is at your own risk. Please read parking signs carefully! NYC tows illegally parked cars frequently and SDUNLQWRZLQQHVDUHFQVQLGHUDEOHH*DUDJHVUDUHORE near AMDA housing and main campus.

Helpful Hints When Driving or Cabbing in New York City
Most streets in Manhattan (at least the ones on the Upper West Side) are set up as a grid. Most avenues run north or south. Broadway is an avenue that runs both north and south. Streets run east to west. Generally, even numbered streets run west to east; odd numbered streets run east to west. They are numbered sequentially south to north from 1 to 214 (in Manhattan). For example 42nd Street is 30 blocks south of 72nd Street. AMDA is located at 211 West 61st Street between West End Avenue and Amsterdam. West End Avenue runs north and south; Amsterdam runs only north.

AMDA is located on the Upper West Side. Manhattan is divided into two halves or sides by 5th Avenue (below 59th Street) and Central Park (Above 59th Street). This creates the East Side and the West Side. Addresses therefore read as 112 West 72nd Street or 222 East 59th Street. These two locations are on opposite sides of town. The lower the building number, the closer to the center dividing line the location will be. Building addresses increase as they get further from the east/west divide.

When looking for any location (e.g. a restaurant or hotel) make sure to ask for cross streets. Finding a location is simple when you know the cross streets involved. Two examples: AMDA is located on 61st Street between Amsterdam and West End Avenue. The Stratford Residence is located on 70th Street between Broadway and Columbus Ave. The Amsterdam Residence is located on 85th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam.
The following is a list of some hotels near AMDA. You are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible. You may also visit websites that list availability of hotels and room rates, such as: hotels.com, expedia.com, and roomkey.com.

**Comfort Inn Central Park West**
31 West 71st Street  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 721-4770  
comfortinn.com

**Fairfield Inn and Suites**
538 West 58th Street,  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 757-8550  
marriott.com  
*Click for AMDA Discount Rate*

**Hotel Belleclaire**
250 West 77th Street  
New York, NY 10024  
(212) 453-4036  
hotelbellclaire.com

**Salisbury Hotel New York City**
123 W 57th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
1(800) 760-7718  
nycsalisbury.com

**Washington Jefferson Hotel**
318 W 51st Street  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 246-8458  
http://www.wjhotel.com

**Warwick New York**
65 West 54th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 247-2700  
http://www.warwickhotels.com

**Newton**
2528 Broadway  
New York, NY 10025  
(212) 678-6500  
https://www.thehotelnewton.com

**Hotel Beacon**
2130 Broadway  
New York, NY 10023  
(212) 787-1100  
beaconhotel.com

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CONTACTS

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

The Office of the Registrar’s mission is to provide students, faculty, and staff with accessible and timely
services. Students will find our Office helpful throughout their careers at AMDA. Our team is readily available to assist our students with registration, program changes
and course changes.

The New York Registrar Staff:

Tara Kent • Director, Office of the Registrar

Doina Lawit • Registrar

Stephanie Hock Logan • Assistant Registrar

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