



AMIDA

NEW YORK CITY
Welcome and Orientation Guide

ALL ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES ARE
MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS

CAMPUS MAP



1 61ST Street (Main Campus)

Enterprise: NY 61 • 211 West 61st Street

CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, STUDENT SERVICES
CLASSROOMS:
 Rooms 100 - 407/408
 Voice Rooms: 2A - 4F

1st FLOOR:
 Performance Theatres (101 & 104)
 Reception

2nd FLOOR:
 Student Lounge
 Vending Machines

3rd FLOOR:
 Student Success
 Cooking With Corey

4th FLOOR:
 Student Store
 Health and Wellness (inc. LMHC) Offices

2 AMDA at 250 W54th Street

Enterprise: NY 54
 250 West 54th Street

CLASSROOMS, VOICE ROOMS, OFFICES
 1001 - 1312
 Floors 10, 11, 12, 13

9th Floor: Library (Coming Spring 2022)
 12th Floor: Student Success

3 The Ansonia

Enterprise: NY Ansonia
 2109 Broadway, Entrance on 73rd Street

CLASSROOMS, OFFICES
 Classrooms:
 Studio 1-6
 Voice Rooms: 3A - 3D

Performance Theatre (located in Studio 1)
 Reception
 Student Employment Office

4 The Stratford Arms Residential Hall

117 West 70th Street

CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, STUDENT HOUSING
CLASSROOMS:
 SA1, SA2

1st FLOOR:
 Stratford Arms Front Desk
 Reception

AMENITIES:
 24 Hour Security
 Hideaway Lounge
 Outdoor Patio Space
 Communal Kitchen
 Laundry Room

5 The Amsterdam Residential Hall

207 West 85th Street

STUDENT HOUSING
AMENITIES:
 24 Hour Security
 Student Lounge

Vending Machines
 Communal Kitchen
 Laundry Room

6 Administrative Offices

421 West 54th Street, 2nd Floor

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
 Admissions
 Education Services
 Student Accounts

IT
 Financial Aid
 Int'l Student Services



INFORMATION

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! With StarRez, all of the existing steps to secure housing at AMDA will now move 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 and Course Catalogue Acknowledgement Form before the first day of class.

You will either receive copies of these publications or can download them from amda.edu.

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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 Fall 2021 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 virtual 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>

COVID-19 INFORMATION

AMDA is committed to reopening 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 and direct responses and 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.

All return to campus information, including the information we present below, is available to the public on the AMDA Website at: <https://www.amda.edu/coronavirus>.

Policy for Wearing Personal Protective Equipment

When on AMDA's campus, students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear masks inside all campus buildings, at all times, unless specifically instructed (voice lesson, singing in a musical theatre class, etc.). When students, faculty, and staff do take off masks to sing, for example, other solutions for safety, such as the one below, will be provided:

AMDA will provide a plexiglass divider for use in classrooms when a student is required to remove their

mask for performance purposes or a faculty member is required to remove their mask to provide specific instruction.

If a student has a disability or medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, the student will be asked to contact AMDA's Office of Accessibility Services. The Office of Accessibility Services will evaluate student documentation and work with the student to find a long-term solution. While this evaluation is in progress, students must wear an alternate face covering such as a clear face shield

Education and Training

All faculty, staff, and students returning to campus will be required to complete training that outlines basic background COVID-19 Information, AMDA's health measures, including effective hand washing, physical distancing, proper use and care of face coverings, and taking personal responsibility while caring for yourself and others. The course content is broken into units which can be accessed through your canvas portal.

This will be an on-line course that will be monitored, graded, and which students will be required to complete to ensure understanding of AMDA's updated on-campus procedures and protocols.

AMDA's updated code of conduct, communication and the required education will emphasize that health and well-being are a shared responsibility among students, faculty, staff, visitors, and surrounding community members.

AMDA COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY POLICY

AMDA will continue to monitor the current state of the pandemic and set community re-entry policies for the Fall semester based on the most up to date state and local guidance. Information regarding health requirements for all students will be communicated with them directly in the weeks leading up to campus arrival.

All students, faculty, and staff members are required to be tested through AMDA provided on campus testing. All AMDA Community members will be provided a free COVID-19 Test administered on campus in the week prior to in-person learning. It is required that all community members have the results of this test on file in order to be able to gain entry to Academic Spaces. The main focus of this required testing is to identify individuals who may be incubating infection and to make sure that they do not come to campus until they are COVID-free, thereby reducing risk to the wider AMDA community.

AMDA community members will be asked to submit vaccination records when the final dose of either the Moderna, Pfizer, or J&J vaccines are received. The final dose would be considered to be your 2nd dose of either Moderna or Pfizer or your 1st dose of the J&J vaccine. You will be considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks following your final dose. All new community members will be required to complete a COVID-19 Health and Safety Training located in their Canvas account. This course will provide general information about COVID-19 as well as AMDA's on-campus safety policies and procedures. Information about how to access this course will be e-mailed to each student.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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.

All travelers must complete the [Traveler Health Form](#) unless the traveler has left New York for less than 24 hours or is coming to New York from a contiguous state. Contiguous states to New York are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.

Irrespective of quarantine, all travelers must:

- Monitor symptoms daily from day of arrival in New York through day 14;
- Continue strict adherence to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including hand hygiene and the use of face coverings, through Day 14 (even if fully vaccinated); and
- **Must immediately self-isolate** if any symptoms develop and contact NYERT@amda.edu to determine if they should seek COVID-19 testing.

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:
 - Complete a COVID-19 Health Safety & Hygiene training.
 - Submit completed health paperwork including a COVID-19 screening questionnaire.
 - Perform a daily self-screen/wellness check via mobile app 1 week leading up to arrival.

In-Classroom Capacity

Each Classroom will operate with a reduced capacity of students in addition to one or two necessary faculty members. This number takes into consideration both the room capacity and the activities which will be occurring within the defined space.

All of AMDA's individual voice studios will be limited to one person per room at all times for singing purposes. Since only one person at a time will be using these voice studios for singing, AMDA students will be isolated and able to sing in these voice rooms safely. For enhanced cleaning measures, advanced air filtration units are installed in these studios.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PLAN (SFP)

AMDA's food service will be provided via delivery service to our residential students only. We recognize this is a significant change to our standard of having easily accessible food at our 61st Street building.

In an abundance of caution, and in order to reduce the amount of congregate settings on campus, all three Cooking with Corey locations will be closed for the fall semester. Non-residential students will not be able to participate in the Supplemental Food Plan for the Fall 2021 semester, and should plan accordingly by bringing their meals to campus.

We are excited to announce that Cooking With Corey will provide the same excellent product and service to residential students directly to their residence hall rooms at dates / times of their choosing.

How Will Delivery In The Residence Halls Work?

Students will download the CWC app (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):

Resident Halls

Mon-Fri 4pm-8pm • Sat & Sun 11am-4pm

Cafe

Mon-Fri 8am-6pm • Sat & Sun Closed

Coffee Shack

Mon-Fri 10am-2pm • Sat & Sun Closed

NOTE: The Food Plan is required for first year residential students. Second year students may opt in [here](#)

Contact Free-Food Delivery:

Food delivery will be CONTACT-FREE. Cooking with Corey staff will deliver student orders directly to their residence hall rooms at the designated date and time of their choosing. 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 they selected will not be eligible for refund.

Please reach out to Robert Manganaro for any questions at rmanganaro@amda.edu.



MOVE-IN AND HOUSING

AMDA residence halls are located on the prestigious 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 recognize that your move-in may be different than you imagined, but 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, caring

group of Resident Advisors to guide you every step of the way. AMDA is creating daily virtual and in-person programs (with required mask wearing and social distancing for any in-person event) for all our students, including, but not limited to, fitness classes, meditation sessions, themed hangouts, shared reflective spaces, academically-focused offerings, skill-building activities, and other fun and useful options. AMDA Orientation Leaders and Resident Advisors will also convene smaller virtual groups of students to help build friendships and community.

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

Led by the Office of Student Affairs, 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 Residential Safety Officer (RSO) is on duty overnight and available to assist students and staff as needed.

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 the AMDA Residential Halls, there are a small number of original tenants living in their original apartments.

Move-In Day

All students will be sent specific information on their move-in day and time in a separate mailing.

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 yourself, but no larger than what can fit into one moving 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.

Students are now permitted to have a **maximum of two (2) 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 must wear a mask for the entirety of the time they are in the building. All guests will be required to exit the building by the conclusion of the one-hour time period each student is assigned for move-in (check your Sign-Up Genius link for this information).

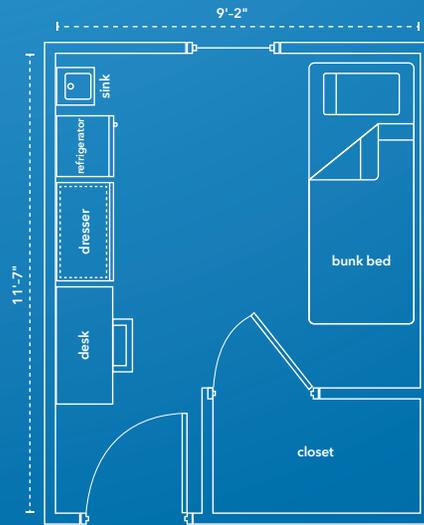
You'll be given your room key when you check in, Move-In Form, and you'll head up to your new room. Double-check your room, note anything that needs attention on the move-in form, and immediately submit to the front desk of your building. This form helps us document who's moved in and any maintenance 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.

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

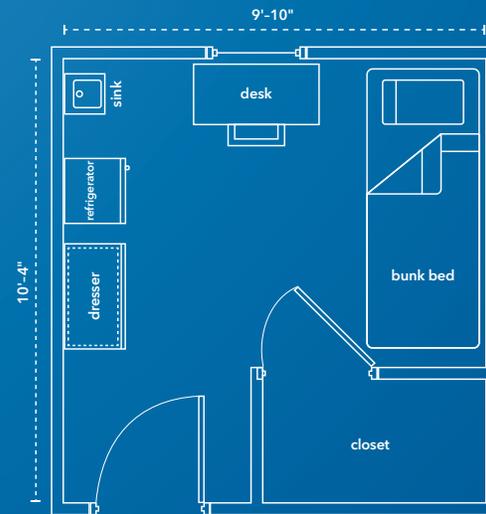
117 West 70th Street, New York, NY, 10023



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

THE AMSTERDAM

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



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

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

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 the Novel Coronavirus (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 **MUST** be fully vaccinated. There are no exemptions permitted for on campus residents.
- Masks and other CDC recommendations (frequent hand-washing, etc.) will be expected during the move-in process. Face coverings are currently required for all public spaces. Note that wearing of face coverings (mask) is required in all AMDA campus buildings for students, staff, and faculty.

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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.studentloans.gov so we can process these funds and post them to your student account. Please note that disbursement of Stafford loans for incoming first semester students does not proceed until after the required 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.studentloans.gov.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

AMDA offers a limited amount of on campus student employment, but most positions are hired before school begins. Look for applications around week 7 of the semester for the following semester.

In order to apply, one must be in good standing academically and financially, and follow all campus and COVID protocols. Domestic students must complete a FAFSA, though you need not qualify for Federal Work Study to be hired. International students must be on an F-1 Visa.

While on campus employment is not guaranteed each semester, be sure to check your Weekly Emails 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 smiller@amda.edu.



FALL 2021 ORIENTATION

The Fall 2021 Orientation will take place virtually! Incoming students will be joined by Orientation Leaders in AMDA's online platform, Canvas. 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 Team is eager to get to know you and welcome you to our incredible community!

- **October 6th:** Week 1 of Virtual Orientation begins. Students will be sent an email with login credentials and instructions for our Virtual Orientation platform
- **October 11th :** Week 2 of Virtual Orientation
- **October 18th:** Fall 2021 Semester begins

Please note: Virtual Orientation will include pre-recorded sessions, live presentations, and group or departmental meetings. Schedules will be available to students on the first day of Orientation. It is recommended that each student dedicates between 2-4 hours each week for Orientation assignments and meetings. A small portion of each day should also include logging in to the online platform for emails, notifications, etc.

The orientation program is key to a successful transition to AMDA, participation is required.

For Return to Campus FAQ:

<https://storage.amda.edu/media/documents/NY-Return-to-Campus-FAQ.pdf>

BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL

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 have verified your billing address; and that the Student Accounts Office is up-to-date on stipend and refund 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

The mission of AMDA's Accessibility Services Office is to ensure that all students are afforded an equal opportunity to fully participate in and benefit from 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 provide accommodations that remove access barriers and 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 with Accessibility Services as soon as possible by calling (646) 823-5297, or emailing NYAccessibility@amda.edu.

Mental Health Counselors

We have licensed Mental Health Counselors who provide free and confidential mental health services 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 and students can be seen on-site if deemed more suitable for appointment needs. . Please email any questions or concerns to NYHealth@amda.edu.

Student Store

Students will be able to purchase textbooks, school merchandise, and dance attire via the student store. The pop-up student store will be open during the week of COVID testing; you will be able to get your COVID-19 test and your materials simultaneously. During this time, students will also be sent a link to complete the ID cards. Only credit cards will be accepted for the online store. Once classes resume, the student store will be open at 61st for all transactions. For any questions, please email the store manager Eric Armstrong at earmstrong@amda.edu.

International Students

F1 International Students should make sure to show your I-20 certificate and your valid passport with F-1 student visa to the Customs Officer at the airport. Inform the officer you are coming to the US to attend a full time program at AMDA and you have a F1 student visa. This is especially important for people with valid tourist visas in their passports!

There will be a required International Student Orientation for all F1 international students that will go over the rules and regulations you must follow while studying in the US as well as information on work options, opening a bank account, getting a NY state ID, following the laws in the US, etc...

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Leslie Cummings, Director, International Student Affairs at LCummings@amda.edu

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

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.

Student Email and Wi-Fi Information

All AMDA Student housing has Wi-Fi Internet, you should retrieve your Wi-Fi Log-in information before arriving to campus. You can find your AMDA Net-ID Username and password in your Student Portal: <https://portal.amda.edu>

To access your AMDA email and Wi-Fi login:

From Desktop / Laptop:

1. On the left-side menu, click **My Profile**.
1. Click **My Information** to access your account information.
1. Click **My IT Information** to access your personal AMDA email and Wi-Fi login:
 - The top half of the page contains your AMDA Email information.
 - The **second half** contains Wi-Fi login information

From Mobile device:

1. Tap on the 3 line Menu icon on the top right
2. Tap on **My Profile**
3. Tap on **My Information**
4. Tap on **My IT Information**
5. The top half of the page contains your AMDA Email information. The **second half** contains Wi-Fi login information.

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 the guide below for specific information needed for 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 go through the modules prior to the first day of classes and continue to use the course as a reference for any questions they may have throughout the semester.

Integrated Students

Musicianship Placement: You are required to take an online musicianship test. This test will assist us in placing each student in the appropriate level of Musicianship 1. All students are required to take Musicianship 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.

RETURN TO CAMPUS NEEDS

RETURN TO CAMPUS PACKING LIST	RECOMMENDED QUANTITIES FOR EACH PROGRAM		
	Acting (Studio)	Dance Theatre	Musical Theatre (Integrated)
PERSONAL ITEMS			
Yoga Mat	1	1	1
Myofascial Release Ball (i.e. Tennis, Lacrosse ball) Recommendations	1	0	0
Foam Roller or Myofascial Release Tool Recommendations	0	1	1
Personal Small Towel (for perspiration) Recommendations	3	5-7	5
Personal Full Size Bath Towel (for classroom use) Recommendations	1	1	1
ADDITIONAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) Recommended to <u>purchase</u> in addition to provided PPE			
Personal Oral Thermometer Recommendations	1	1	1
Reusable Cotton Masks (Everyday Wear) Recommendations	3-4	3-4	3-4
Reusable Active Masks (Increased Activity Wear) Recommendations	3-4	3-4	3-4
Reusable Vocal Enhancement Masks (Vocal Work or Speaking Activities) Recommendations	1-2	1-2	1-2
Face Shield Recommendations	1	0	0
Gallon Ziploc Bags (Face Mask Storage)	1 box	1 box	1 box
Additional Pillowcases (Face Mask Washing)	2	2	2
Disinfectant Wipes (Container)	1-2	1-2	1-2
Hand Sanitizer (Full Size Bottle)	1-2	1-2	1-2
Antibacterial Hand Soap (Full Size Bottle)	1-2	1-2	1-2

The recommendations made in this packing list are based upon the cumulative need of your coursework, taking into consideration what is being provided to you by AMDA. Descriptions of each type of face covering are below:

- **Reusable Cotton Masks:** Designed for everyday wear, these double layer cotton masks provide a safe and comfortable fit for you to wear around campus. Our reusable cotton masks have the AMDA Logo on one side, and can be worn reversible to a solid black mask for any of your performance or in class needs. AMDA will be providing you two (2) of these face coverings upon arrival to campus.
- **Reusable Active Masks:** Designed for wear during increased activity, these masks have adjustable ear loops and are made of a dri-fit material to wick away moisture and sweat. Custom made for AMDA students, these masks are black with the AMDA logo on the side. AMDA will be providing you one (1) of these face coverings upon arrival to campus.
- **Reusable Vocal Enhancement Masks:** Designed for wear during speaking or singing activities, these masks have structured design, standing approximately two inches away from the mouth, to allow for a clearer production of sound. Custom made for AMDA students, by AMDA Staff and Alum, these masks will come in both the AMDA Logo and Solid Color Designs. AMDA will be providing you one (1) of these face coverings upon arrival to campus.

Additionally, the recommended mask type to be used in each class can be found [here](#).

Note: It is encouraged that students pack additional masks, dance wear and classroom attire so that you always have a fresh, clean layer ready for use.

FACE COVERING POLICY

When on AMDA's campus, students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear face masks inside all campus buildings, at all times, unless specifically instructed (voice lesson, singing in a musical theatre class, etc.). When students, faculty, and staff do take off face masks to sing,

for example, other solutions for safety will be provided. Face masks are not required inside individual residence hall rooms or apartments, but are required in all public and common spaces.

All face coverings (whether [disposable](#) or reusable) must:

- Be made with at least two layers of breathable material
- Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops and allow the individual to remain hands-free

NOTE: At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind are not acceptable face coverings.

AMDA reserves the right to identify masks that do not meet these standards and require the individual to procure a mask within the parameters outlined. The individual will be provided with a disposable mask for the day so they may continue their work while not putting other community members at risk.

In the case of a disability or medical condition that prevents you from wearing a face mask, please contact the Accessibility Services Office (students) or Human Resources Department (staff/faculty). These departments will engage in an interactive review process to assess supportive documentation and establish a reasonable solution. While this evaluation is in progress, the individual must wear an approved alternate face covering.

PART OF WEARING A MASK IS WASHING A MASK.

To encourage a clean environment, both in and out of the classroom, we ask that in addition to wearing a mask, washing your hands, and practicing social distancing, students are continually washing their masks and clothing. It is important to get into a healthy habit of washing your reusable face mask after each use as this is essential to avoid the transmission of germs.

Click [here](#) for instructions on How to Properly Wear and Clean your Reusable Face Covering.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

You are required to have specific items for your first day of classes, including textbooks, dancewear, dance shoes, and basic classroom supplies.

Please budget accordingly for these materials. You may already own some materials, such as dancewear, so be sure to bring them with you to school. Other materials will be requested per specific class/instructor throughout the term.

REQUIRED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

- spiral notebook
- 1.5" 3-ring binder
- Yoga Mat
- recording device (a cell phone may be used at the discretion of the instructor)
- pens and pencils
- highlighters
- small hand mirror (for Voice Production and Speech class)
- **Smart phone or Tablet/Laptop Device**

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- daily planner (can be electronic)
- Stylus/ Pen
- Yoga Mat Strap
- rolling carry-on suitcase or duffle bag (to carry dancewear and/or props)

RECOMMENDED PHONES

- iPhone SE 2 (2020)
- Google Pixel 3a
- iPhone 10 or newer
- Samsung Galaxy S10 or newer

PHONE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 1080p Video recording
- 20+ GB of free storage for video recording

RECOMMENDED COMPUTERS

- Low end:
 - Lenovo Chromebook S330 Laptop
- Mid-Range:
 - HP Chromebook 15-Inch Laptop
- High-End:
 - Microsoft Surface Laptop 2 (Windows)
 - MacBook Pro 13

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. 3 Student copy machines are located in the Library. Other resources for locating material include NYPL, the Drama Bookshop, Inc. (dramabookshop.com), or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

Costumes and Props

For 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:

- An elegant dress outfit, such as a skirt and top or a dress with dress shoes, or a sport coat or blazer with dress slacks, and black hard-soled shoes such as loafers or dress shoes.

TEXTBOOKS

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. 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>.

TITLE	AUTHOR(S)	AMDA PRICE	ISBN NUMBER	PROGRAM(S)
Broadway: The American Musical	Laurence Maslon & Michael Kantor	\$35.00	978-1-42349-103-3	Integrated
Pocket Music Dictionary	Hal Leonard	\$8.00	978-0-7935-1654-4	Integrated
The AMDA Musicianship, Sight Singing, and Theory Workbook (7th Ed.)	Peter M. Susser, DMA	\$15.00	Available on-campus only.	Integrated
The AMDA Musicianship, Sight Singing, and Theory Workbook Vol. 2	Peter M. Susser, DMA	\$10.00	Available on-campus only.	Integrated
Voice Production and Speech Textbook	AMDA will communicate textbook needs for VPS courses prior to the start of the semester			
The Compact Bedford Introduction to Drama: 8th Ed.	Lee A. Jacobus	\$127.00	978-1-4576-0633-5	Studio
They Say / I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing (4th Ed.)	Cathy Birkenstein and Gerald Graff	\$26.13	978-0-3936-3167-8	Studio
The Natural Speaker (9th Ed.)	Randy Fujishin	\$71.20	978-1-1387-0091-8	Dance Theatre and Musical Theatre
Moral Theory at the Movies: An Introduction to Ethics	Dean Kowalski	\$85.44	978-0-7425-4787-2	Required for 3rd Semester Students
Technical Manual and Dictionary of Classical Ballet, 3rd Revised Ed.	Gail Grant	\$5.95	0-486-21843-0	Recommended for Dance Theatre Conservatory
ACTIONS: The Actors Thesaurus	Marina Caldarone & Maggie Lloud-Williams	\$16.00	978-0-7935-1654-4	Recommended for all students
Appreciating Dance (4th Ed.)	Harriet Lihs	\$25.00	978-0871273185	Recommended for Dance Theatre Conservatory

VISIT THE STORE: AMDASTUDENTSTORE.COM

ALL PROGRAMS: REQUIRED ATTIRE AND FOOTWEAR FOR MOVEMENT AND DANCE COURSES

All students are required to have the appropriate dance attire. Below you will find the attire required for each program. On the first day of class, be sure to follow the guidelines on the syllabus and your teacher 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



Convertible/Transition Tights: Recommended for wear with leotards; to be worn inside shoe or slipper. Transition opening allows the tight to be worn as a full foot or footless and should be the same color of the shoes or slippers you are wearing in class.

Black Full-Length Dance Theatre Tights: Recommended for male dancers. Must be worn inside 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 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 should have regular solid taps with no jingle and 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.



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

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.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Student Health Insurance (SHIP)

Health insurance is required for all enrolled students. Medical diagnosis and treatment must be found outside of AMDA; we have a full-time Registered Nurse on campus who can assist with the referral process if needed. To assist students with this requirement, 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. Plan materials can be found at 4studenthealth.com/AMDA. If you have questions about enrollment, please call Relation 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 wellbeing 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 will offer remote counseling services in the form of phone or video sessions
- Video sessions will be offered through a HIPAA-compliant platform. Limitations of video and phone sessions as well as the limits of confidentiality will be discussed with each student during the first session
- Mental Health Counselors will remain available by email to schedule sessions, answer questions, and assist with referrals
- Mental Health Counselors will also be available in case of an emergency

Athletic Performance Services: Physical Health & Wellness

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 wellbeing 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 via email, phone and video conference
- The Athletic Trainer will remain available by email and phone to schedule sessions, answer questions, and assist with referrals
- In person appointments will be scheduled with the health and safety of the student and clinician in mind

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
- Wellness management
- Health Education

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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, Suit 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 preexisting 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 to Manhattan have a set flat rate of \$52 plus tolls and tip. Cabs originating from LaGuardia 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: From JFK, 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](https://www.mta.info).

FROM LAGUARDIA: Take the M60 Bus and ask the driver for a transfer to the "A" train at 125th Street. Take the "A" train Downtown and 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.

FROM JFK: Take the "A" train to Manhattan. Exit the train 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.

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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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 parking/towing fines are considerable. Garages are located 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.



AREA HOTELS

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](https://www.hotels.com), [expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com), and [roomkey.com](https://www.roomkey.com).

Comfort Inn Central Park West
31 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023
(212) 721-4770
[comfortinn.com](https://www.comfortinn.com)

Fairfield Inn and Suites
538 West 58th Street,
New York, NY 10019
(212) 757-8550
[marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com)

[*Click for AMDA Discount Rate](#)

Hudson Hotel
356 W 58th Street
New York, NY 10029
(866) 539-8430
[hudsonhotel.com](https://www.hudsonhotel.com)

Hotel Belleclaire
250 West 77th Street
New York, NY 10024
(212) 362-7700
[Hotelbellclaire.com](https://www.hotelbellclaire.com)

Salisbury Hotel New York City
123 W57th Street
New York, NY 10019
(888) 692-5757
[Nycsalisbury.com](https://www.nycsalisbury.com)

The Lucerne Hotel
201 West 79th Street
New York, NY 10024
(800) 492-8122
[Thelucernehotel.com](https://www.thelucernehotel.com)

The Watson Hotel
440 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
(212) 581-8100
[ihg.com](https://www.ihg.com)

New York Inn
765 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10036
(212) 247-5400
[newyorkinn.com](https://www.newyorkinn.com)

Hotel Beacon
2130 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
(212) 787-1100
[beaconhotel.com](https://www.beaconhotel.com)

The Manhattan Club
200 West 56th St, NY, NY 10019
212-707-5000
[manhattanclub.com](https://www.manhattanclub.com)
[*Click for AMDA Discount Rate](#)

You may also want to consider short term rentals such as private rooms, studios, or even entire apartments. You can find rentals on these sites: [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com), [9flats.com](https://www.9flats.com), and [roomorama.com](https://www.roomorama.com)

CONTACTS

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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