AMDA NY Housing
Move-In Information

WELCOME TO AMDA’S RESIDENCE LIFE COMMUNITY!

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WHAT WILL MY MOVE-IN PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

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. 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 unload your car and then find either street or garage parking.

Due to continued safety precautions and in order to limit the possible spread of COVID-19 and COVID-19 variants in our community, you may only arrive with two (2) other people. 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. Additionally, everyone will be required to show identification along with their proof of vaccination.

Student leaders and professional staff will be available to help students move their belongings into the buildings.

1. Arrive at your residence hall at your designated arrival time (link sent in your Housing Assignment email).
2. Unload and move your vehicle (if applicable) to make way for other residents, borrowing an available moving bin if needed.
3. Upon entry into the building you will receive your room key and Move-In Form, which will officially check you into the building.
4. Unload all items into your room and return the moving bin to the designated area in the lobby.
RECOMMENDED SHIPPING AND PACKING LISTS

We strongly recommend that students ship items ahead of time and only bring with them what they can carry. Items should arrive at the residence halls no sooner than the **Monday before move-in**. All students can send items directly to their assigned building once they know their assignment.

We suggest students have the following:

› Linens, sheets, pillows and towels (bed sizes are normal, single twins, not extra-long)
› Non-perishable food
› Seasonal clothing and shoes
› Toiletries
› Books/school materials
› Medical and personal care items (prescription and other medications)
› Trash bags
› Yoga mat and small weights
› Chargers for your devices
› Entertainment items (art supplies, puzzles, E-readers, etc.)
We are excited that you have chosen to live on campus! Living on campus can be one of the most rewarding experiences of a lifetime. It is an opportunity to meet people who may become long-lasting friends and a chance to discover more about yourself. It is a time for new challenges. Through all of this, you will find a supportive and caring group of Residence Advisors to help guide you through your time here at AMDA.

**About the Residence Halls**

Just as you are busy making plans, we are, too! Our residence halls are cleaned and prepared before every incoming semester. Our two residence halls (Stratford Arms and Amsterdam) contain a kitchenette and eating area, Wi-Fi, app-operated laundry facilities, and 24-hour security. All students must swipe into the residence halls using their student ID. Additionally, the Stratford Arms offers an outdoor patio, an acting studio, and a dance studio for all student use.

All residence hall rooms are fully furnished with:

- Twin bed (normal, not extra-long)
- Dresser
- Desk and chair
- Mini Refrigerator
- Sink in room
- Microwave
- Closets
**Typical Room Configurations**

Both housing buildings offer single and double room combinations for students. Standard features include a normal twin-size bed (not extra-long) with three drawers, a dresser, desk and chair, sink, refrigerator, window air conditioner, and closet space. Please do not bring personal furniture until after you arrive and confirm with the office of student housing.

**The Stratford Arms**

Affectionately known as the Strat, this historic New York hotel retains its classic brick exterior while boasting remodeled studio housing within. A short stroll from campus, the 10-story building is located on West 70th Street, a block from Central Park and a stone’s throw from the Metropolitan Opera House.

**Room options:**
- Double rooms
- Single rooms (subject to availability)
- Some single rooms offer a loft bed combination
- Some rooms may have a shared suite bathroom with shower

**Features and amenities:**
- All units are fully furnished with dressers, desk, chair, refrigerator and beds
- Sink in room
- Closets
- Rehearsal studios
- Student lounge (Stratford Hideaway)

**The Amsterdam**

Just a short walk from campus, the Amsterdam stands at the tree-lined intersection of West 85th and Broadway. Though the Amsterdam boasts a neoclassical exterior with keystone details and flowing columns, residents enjoy modern interiors and amenities.

The stately building is located between Central Park and the Hudson River, both mere blocks away. Students can explore the winding pathways and attractions of New York’s best-known park, the vibrant restaurants and boutiques of Hudson’s Riverside Park, and easy access to the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, a 32-mile path around the island reserved for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Room options:**
- Double studio
- Single studios (subject to availability)

**Features and amenities:**
- All units are fully furnished with dresser, desk and chair, refrigerator and bed
- Sink in room
- Closets
- Student lounge

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**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.
Communal Spaces
The Stratford Arms Hideaway Lounge, the Strat back patio, and the Amsterdam basement are open! Students must always wear a mask and practice social distancing while indoors. There may be changes that affect communal space access on campus. Any changes to this will be communicated in as much notice as possible.

Appliances
AMDA provides a microwave as well as a fridge in all student rooms. These items are placed in student rooms ahead of their arrival. Please note that the majority of our fridges are mini fridges with limited freezer space. If you’d like to purchase additional freezer space options please see the room and coordinate with your roommate (if applicable) before purchasing. AMDA is not responsible for maintenance of personal items.

Additionally, please see below for a list of additional approved and non-approved appliances in your residence hall room:

Approved Appliances:
- Crock Pot (no larger than 3 qt)
- Instant Pot (no larger than 3 qt)
- Air Fryer (no larger than 3 qt)
- Small coffee pot
- Toaster
- Keurig

Non-Approved Appliances
- Hot plates, or anything with an open burner
- Toaster Ovens
- George Foreman/ Panini Press
- Waffle Maker

If you have questions about approved appliances please contact NYHousing@amda.edu.
Communal Laundry

The Stratford Arms and Amsterdam laundry rooms are open! The Speed Queen® washers and dryers located in our laundry rooms are now equipped with technology designed to make laundry day easier for our students. Download the Speed Queen app and students will be able to pay for their laundry with their smartphone, see which machines are available without leaving their room and get notified when their laundry is done!

Students must always wear a mask and practice social distancing.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Food delivery:
   - AMDA’s food vendor, Cooking with Corey, will deliver student orders directly to their residence hall rooms CONTACT-FREE, through easy ordering on the Cooking with Corey App (information sent in a separate email)! 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 delivery window. **Students who are not present at the delivery time they selected will not be eligible for refund.**

2. Trash Collection:
   - At the Stratford Arms, all floors have a dedicated trash room where students will remove their trash items. At the Amsterdam Residence, all students will take their trash to the receptacles outside the building.

3. Accessibility and Accommodations: Any student who requires a specific housing accommodation due to a documented disability or medical condition can reach out to NYAccessibility@amda.edu. Please also note that all accommodation requests must be received with full documentation by 60 days prior to move-in date in order to be considered for the following term.

4. Health and Wellness: Your health and wellness is first and foremost in our minds. AMDA’s Mental Health Counselors, Anja, Katie, Jack and Rebecca, can be reached at counselorNY@amda.edu. AMDA’s Athletic Trainers Marissa and Calvin, and our Registered Nurse (RN) will be available to support your mental and physical health needs, as they arise. Please contact them at NYHealth@amda.edu should you need any assistance or support.

5. COVID-19 Updates: For the most updated information regarding COVID-19, please always refer to the Center for Disease Control website as well as New York State’s Coronavirus update webpages.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:

› AMDA partners with NSSI, National Student Services Inc., to offer personal property insurance as well as renter’s insurance for our students. Feel free to follow this link for more information!

› AMDA provides free Wi-Fi throughout the residence halls to allow student access to their AMDA email and student portals. If students need assistance with their Wi-Fi, please contact Helpdesk@amda.edu.

› For information on our COVID-19 Housing Policies click HERE.

› Our two AMDA Student Residential 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.

CONTACTS

The Office of Housing is here to support you throughout your time in the Residence Halls. Please take a moment to read through the following contacts you will need to know.

HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE

Housing NYHousing@amda.edu
When to contact?
If you have any questions regarding move-in, housing accommodations, room measurements, approved appliances, etc.

Student Affairs StudentAffairs@amda.edu
When to contact?
If you have any questions regarding events, campus involvement, etc.

Student Store Akowaiczyk@amda.edu
When to contact?
If you have questions regarding the student store, receiving student IDs, submitting ID photo, questions about ID photo requirements

Student Success NYSStudentSuccess@amda.edu
When to contact?
If you need assistance with general AMDA questions or department referral, student support or the Peer Mentoring Program.