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GUIDE TO FIRST-YEAR LIVING

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WHAT IS THE **FIRST YEAR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE?**

At NYU, we believe New York is more than just the city where you live. It is a vital partner in your educational experience. It demands you look closely at the critical issues facing you—not only in your academic work, but in the community and world around you. As a new student living in one of the residence halls, you will be part of the First Year Residential Experience (FYRE).



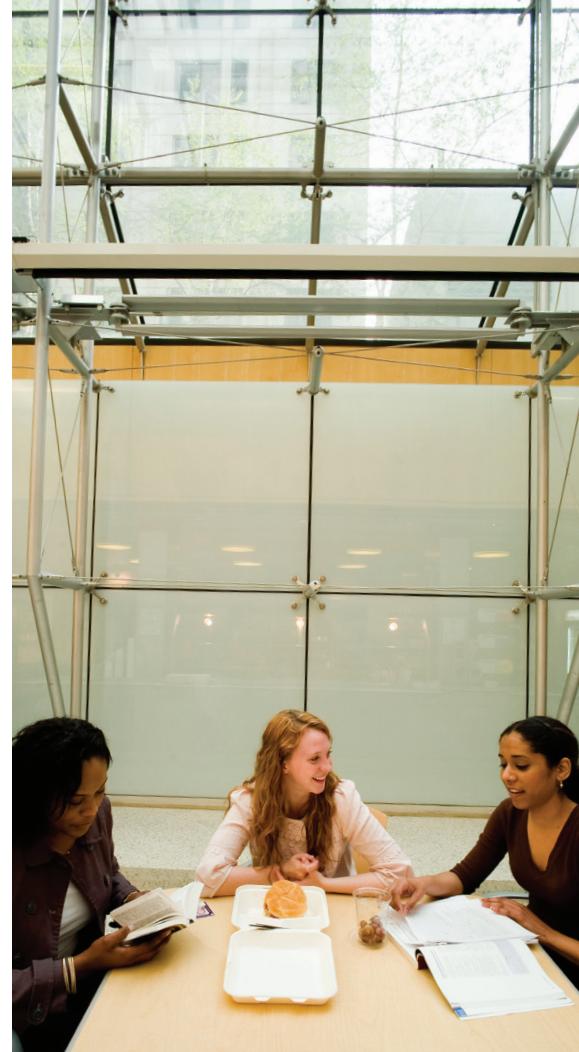


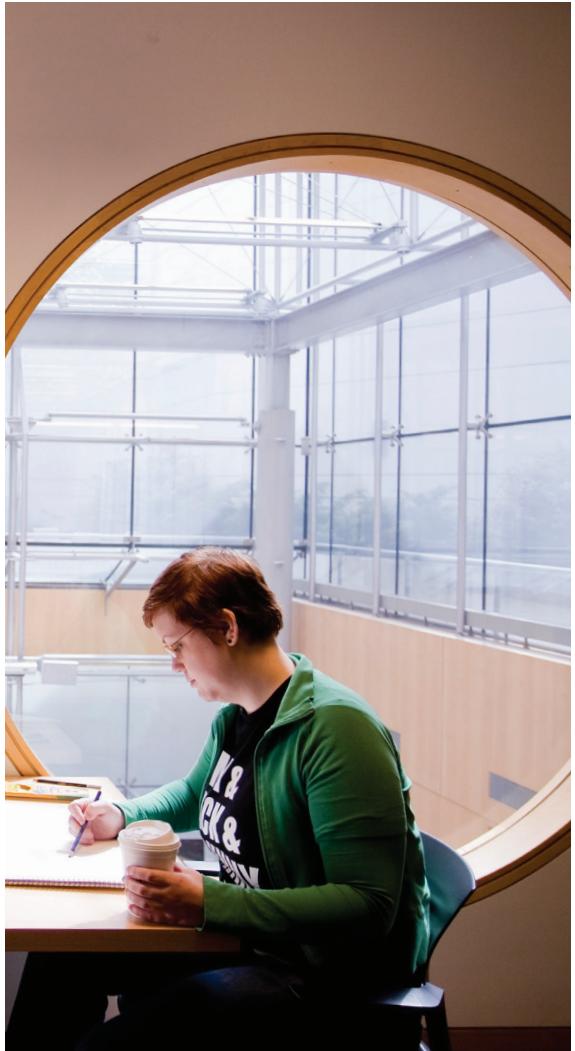
FYRE provides opportunities to attend programs and activities designed to help you transition smoothly into your first year of college. Each hall has passionate faculty, professional, and student team members equipped with the knowledge and skills to help you make the most of your first year at NYU. The experiences provided in your residence hall will help you connect to new friends, NYU, and New York City. Each hall has a strong hall government for students so it's easy to get involved, become a part of NYU's best traditions, and gain experience as a student leader on campus.

WHAT ARE EXPLORATIONS COMMUNITIES?

Explorations communities put students into an environment where living and learning is dynamic and constant. Faculty Affiliates and Resident Assistants, together with residents, work to offer programs throughout the year in order to explore the specific themes in the building, as well as other themes that emerge of interest to the residents. This expansive programming inside the residence halls responds to the overwhelming desire of our residents to feel fully connected, building an overall sense of belonging in our residence halls.

All themed engagement communities across NYU will have a similar look and feel. Students are assigned across several floors so as to help generate interest across themes in a particular residence hall. And, all students in the residence hall are invited to participate in programs generated by the themed communities. We are looking forward to an engaging year with the deep connections and learning that are hallmarks of our NYU community.





Applying for these communities simply means you will fill out the themed engagement community section of your NYU Housing application. It is well worth the effort!

Each hall has a culture all its own, guided by the faculty, staff, and students living in the building. Explorations communities are available in all of the halls. The next few pages will give you a snapshot of each hall, what Explorations communities it has to offer, and some of its amenities and traditions.

When you apply to NYU Housing you indicate up to four preferences. Usually, we are able to accommodate students' top choices. It is important to know that if you apply for a Themed Engagement Community, it will be considered your first choice and dictate your NYU Housing assignment. For more information, visit our website or call us at 212-998-4600.

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BRITTANY HALL



WHAT'S IN BRITTANY?

**FACULTY FELLOWS
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EXPLORATIONS

PENTHOUSE LOUNGE

**LOWER COST OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**

Brittany Hall is located across from the renowned Grace Church on the corner of Broadway and East 10th Street. This beautiful and historic building has a diverse community of 579 first-year residents with two explorations communities and Faculty Fellows-in-Residence. Each student suite has a small microwave-refrigerator unit provided by the University to be shared by residents within the suite. There are many common areas within the building for residents to utilize including the Rhodes Room, a large lounge and performance space. There is also a dance room, music room, common kitchen, recreation room, and Penthouse Lounge where residents can study while enjoying the views of Greenwich Village.





1/ **BLACK VIOLETS**

The Black Violets community serves to uplift Black-identifying students by creating a safe-space within residence halls in order to foster a stronger Black community at NYU. Residents committed to celebrating the diverse facets of Black culture through curated social and cultural programming are welcome to apply. Events will include visits to museums, Black-owned restaurants, historical landmarks, and culturally related art shows. While this community's intent is to shine a light on the fruits of the Black diaspora, it will also explore the very real everyday implications of being Black in America with a spotlight on maintaining wellness while being socially aware. Our hope is that this will be a space of celebration and connection for students in search of representation across campus.

2/ **F.A.M.E. (FEATURING ALL MUSICAL ENDEAVORS)**

Ever wonder what the Eagles meant by in a "New York Minute" or why the Beastie Boys crooned "No Sleep 'till Brooklyn?" Come and learn about musical movements, examine emerging trends, and share your appreciation of music with others. Whether it's a classical concert from the NY Philharmonic or seeing The Weeknd at the Barclay's Center, this community has a place for every kind of music lover. Emphasis will be placed not only on external sources of musical influence but also on student expression through opportunities like playlist making, open mic nights, and songwriting seminars. No formal musical training is necessary to participate but you should have an active interest in musical expression and appreciation.



FOUNDERS HALL

WHAT'S IN FOUNDERS?

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Located in Union Square/East Village, Founders is home to more than 700 first-year students. It was built on the site of the former St. Ann's church where the historic facade and fence have been preserved as an architectural feature as you enter the building. Founders offers a large outdoor courtyard, a community garden, two TV lounges, one study lounge, and spacious rooms with beautiful views. Additionally, each suite has a small microwave-refrigerator unit provided by the University to be shared by residents within the suite. Founders hosts Faculty Fellows-in-Residence with specializations in sports management and social justice and two Explorations communities focused on sustainability and health & wellness in NYC.





1 / BIG CITY, SMALL FOOTPRINT

Climate change is the greatest challenge of our time. What can you do to contribute to a healthier, greener, more just world? As a member of this community, you will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss how innovative ideas and impassioned activism lead to sustainable solutions in New York City and beyond. Activities may include environmental stewardship opportunities, guest speakers, plant-forward community dinners, and more. At NYU, there are many ways to learn more about and get involved in supporting sustainability on campus and in NYC; this is just the start. Be part of this community to consider the various ways that you can meet like-minded individuals, and work together to step up, speak up, and act up to build a sustainable future.

2 / LIVING WELL

The transition to college can always be tough when it comes to personal wellness and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Luckily, the Living Well community is here to help students stay physically active, stress-free, and healthy and is for anyone who wants to learn how to practice self-care in New York City through programs and activities themed around mindfulness, fitness, nutrition and more. This community is open to everyone, no matter your fitness level or experience with nutrition and health. All you need to have is an interest in self-care. Together we will explore a vast number of ways to stay healthy and well in NYC. Get ready for an exciting year of fitness classes, healthy snack workshops, mindfulness exercises, and fun excursions to trendy wellness spots in the city!



LIPTON HALL



WHAT'S IN LIPTON?

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EXPLORATIONS

HALAL CERTIFIED DINING HALL

LOWER COST OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Lipton Hall is a thriving building housing 700 first-year students. Many of the rooms feature unparalleled views of the city and its Washington Square Park location means easy access to classes, subways, and all the Village has to offer. Lipton Hall offers a common room with a community kitchen, dance room, game room, music practice rooms, multiple study lounges, and an excellent dining hall that is halal certified and focuses on locally grown food and a commitment to sustainability. With Faculty Fellows-in-Residence and an array of cultural Explorations communities, this hall is always a highlight for students in their first year.





1 VIVIR EN ESPAÑOL (SPANISH INTEREST COMMUNITY)

Vivir en Español is being offered as an exciting partnership between Residential Life & the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures. This community will give you the opportunity to connect with a group of friends who share a common passion for the languages and cultures of Spain and Latin America and related cultures, all of which have representative communities here in New York City. Open to speakers of all levels of Spanish from beginner to advanced, this community will take advantage of the wide range of Spanish-language activities in the city from cinema, theatre, and concerts to conferences, festivals, and restaurants. From NYU's own Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and its King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center to a number of unique NYC resources such as the Instituto Cervantes, the Hispanic Society of America, the Museo del Barrio, the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, and the Repertorio Español, this floor will take advantage of all NYC has to offer.

2 NYU SHOW

As you sit in front of your TV do you ever wonder about the work behind the screen? NYU Show is the perfect community if you are passionate about television and want to learn more about the industry. NYC is home to all different genres of TV from late night talk shows like the Daily Show, Saturday Night Live, and the Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon to sitcoms like Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and Broad City. With so many possibilities in NYC, you're bound to discover something new and exciting in the world of TV. This community will explore

everything NYC has to offer including talk show tapings, the Museum of the Moving Image, and more. You will also have the chance to shape the NYU community by working with NYU TV to film movie trailers and work on various TV related projects. Join our crew and discover the many channels of New York City!

3 L'ETAGE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH INTEREST COMMUNITY)

L'Etage Français gives you the opportunity to live with others who share a common passion for the French language and the vast array of Francophone cultures found worldwide, almost all of which have representative communities here in New York City. This community is open to all levels of French speakers, from beginner to advanced, and it will take advantage of the wide range of French-language activities and events in the city. This includes cinema, theatre, poetry slams, concerts, exhibits, festivals, restaurants, NYU's own cultural showcase La Maison Française, Brooklyn's Little Haiti, and more. Some examples of past programs include outings to Les Misérables and An American in Paris on Broadway, the Metropolitan Opera House to see the famous French opera Les Contes d'Hoffman, and dinner at a local crêperie!



RUBIN HALL



WHAT'S IN RUBIN?

**FACULTY FELLOW
IN RESIDENCE**

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**LOWER COST OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**

NON-AIRCONDITIONED

Located at a swanky address on 5th Avenue, Rubin is a bustling community comprised of approximately 680 first-year students. Rubin has two amazing Explorations communities and a great Faculty Fellow-in-Residence. There are several amenities for residents to take advantage of including: a large air conditioned second floor lounge, a black box theatre, a study lounge, a dance room, a piano room, ping pong, and billiards. We know you will enjoy calling Rubin your home!





INEQUALITY & JUSTICE

"Poverty is not a certain small amount of goods, nor is it just a relation between means and ends; above all, it is a relation between people. Poverty is a social status." -Marshall Sahlins.

The USA has one of the most unequal national distributions of wealth in the world. Manhattan has the highest degree of wealth inequality in the US. So, the juxtaposition of extreme wealth and extreme poverty is going to be such a defining feature of your life in NYC that it might start to seem like a normal state of affairs. However, students who join this community choose not to normalize this strange situation, but rather to examine it more closely. Through service-learning, participation in cultural events, and compelling conversations with professionals, activists, and each other, you will create opportunities to learn and to educate. We will think about how the distribution of resources is determined not only by the dynamics of the market, but also by the gendered and racialized status-structures we have inherited. We'll think about the immediate material consequences of economic inequality on poorer New Yorkers and its longer-term impact on the social cohesion, peace, and health of the entire community. Above all, you'll think about how things could be different and might be changed.

**As a member of the Inequality & Justice floor, you will have the unique experience of being able to take your first-year Writing the Essay (WTE) course in the Rubin classroom with your Faculty Affiliate who will lead activities outside of the class throughout the city and connect to work in the class. If you are required to take WTE, we will register you for the course and inform you prior to academic registration.



THIRD NORTH



WHAT'S IN THIRD NORTH?

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DINING HALL

**LOWER COST OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**

Third North provides a welcoming and inclusive community for over 950 students in apartment style suites with kitchens. There are a wide range of amenities in Third North including a dining hall, a newly renovated basement that includes a mini-theatre, dance studio, music practice rooms, game room, TV lounge, and computer lab, many study lounges throughout the building, and an incredible outdoor courtyard at the center of it all. Third North includes terrific Faculty Fellows-in-Residence and two Explorations communities.





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3N THEATRE ARTS COMPANY (3NTAC)

New York City is home to every kind of theatre you can imagine. Broadway, off-Broadway, experimental theatre, Shakespeare in the Park, and everything in between makes NYC arguably the greatest theatre city in the world. Join this community to meet other theatre lovers, explore the diverse range of theatre opportunities in NYC, and learn about all things theatre related. Activities will include public play readings, field trips to see plays and musicals, meetings with working artists, and more. This community is open to all students regardless of school or major - so join us and become part of the New York theatre scene!

2/

BIG APPLE, BIG SCREEN

Countless films have been set in New York City whether it's a classic like The Godfather or the recent Academy Award winner for Best Picture, Birdman. Talented filmmakers like NYU alumni Martin Scorsese and Spike Lee are known for their work filming in the NYC streets. This community seeks to capture this cinematic spirit of NYC by building a community among film lovers through unique film related outings around the city. You will be encouraged to actively learn about, engage in, and discuss cinema. As a member of this community you may visit famous locations in film such as Sleepy Hollow and various cinemas and studios like the Little Airplane animation studio. Other activities include outings to see the newest film releases, documentary screenings, film seminars, and discussions about cinema over food.

“ Starting college can be scary. You most likely don't know anyone and everything around you seems so different from what you're used to. That is why when you first get here, you should get involved on your campus. You shouldn't be afraid to meet new people. By getting involved (either joining a club, your halls hall council, or other social groups) it forces you to meet and spend time with others from all different backgrounds. You'll probably even share similar interests, values, and goals with many of the people you come across. This will allow you the opportunity to form friendships and expand your social circle. In this way, you will get closer contact with faculty, members of the community, and fellow students. You'll also begin to build a connection with your school and the university. So don't be afraid to branch out of your comfort zone and discover what the University has to offer.”



Kimberly Marrera
Resident Assistant



UNIVERSITY HALL

WHAT'S IN UHALL?

EXPLORATIONS

FACULTY FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

UHALL COMMONS LOUNGE

DINING OPTIONS

University Hall (affectionately referred to as UHall) is home to 620 residents living in apartment style suites with kitchens, two Faculty Fellows-in-Residence, and one great Explorations community. The staff and Faculty Fellows are here to create and maintain a vibrant and exciting community. UHall has a large common space, a TV lounge, a music practice room with a piano, and a study lounge available to all of our residents. It's also home to the Commons Café & Market and a Dunkin' Donuts that can all be used with your meal plan. Best of all, we're located in the very convenient and bustling Union Square neighborhood!





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GEEKS IN THE CITY

Geeks in the City calls forth those who have what some people call “geek interests” but what we personally think of as “awesome interests.” This community is for people who are passionate about everything from TV shows about Time Lords and Targaryens to books and movies set in sci-fi and fantasy realms to everything that art and entertainment has to offer. NYC is a hub of activity for this subculture. Past adventures include attending midnight screenings and premieres, hosting TV marathons and book clubs, video game nights, Dungeons & Dragons game night, zombie laser tag, trips to comic book stores, and more. Geeks in the City, assemble!



WEINSTEIN HALL



WHAT'S IN WEINSTEIN?

FACULTY FELLOW IN
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DINING HALLS

Weinstein was one of the first undergraduate residence halls at NYU. Conveniently located less than a block away from Washington Square Park, the majority of the academic buildings are located in the vicinity. This residence hall has a dynamic and diverse community consisting of 570 first-year students. Weinstein has multiple reservable spaces including a music practice room with a piano, a dance/rehearsal room, multiple classrooms, and study lounges. It also has a large lounge complete with a common kitchen, pool table and flat screen TV. Weinstein is also home to four major dining hall locations including an all-you-care-to-eat dining hall as well as a food court, a grab and go market, and a Kosher cafeteria.





1/ LAUGHING MATTERS

Get ready to laugh out loud with a group of students who enjoy all things comedy. NYC is brimming with every kind of comedy you can imagine including stand-up, improv, Broadway shows, and more. Countless comedians have graced the NYC comedy scene from NYU alum Aziz Ansari to Tina Fey. You will explore comedy across NYU to learn about the craft and how it plays into the life of an NYU student. There is no better way to learn about comedy than by experiencing it first-hand! Previous events have included Sarah Silverman, Kathy Griffin, Avenue Q, Smart People, and a live taping of The Daily Show. You are not required to be funny, you just need to love to laugh!

2/ REPRESENT NYC: EXPRESSIONS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Representation matters. Art matters. Representation in the arts matter. As a member of this community you will explore how various forms of art and media (theatre, music, film, and dance) represent diverse identities, communities, and experiences. Using New York City as a playground, we will engage with media in its various forms with a focus on how artistic representation can prompt us to become more critical, informed and active citizens of the world. As a member of this community you will be introduced to the vibrant art world of New York City through trips to theater shows, performances, screenings, and museums.



OTHMER & CLARK HALLS

WHAT'S IN OTHMER AND CLARK?

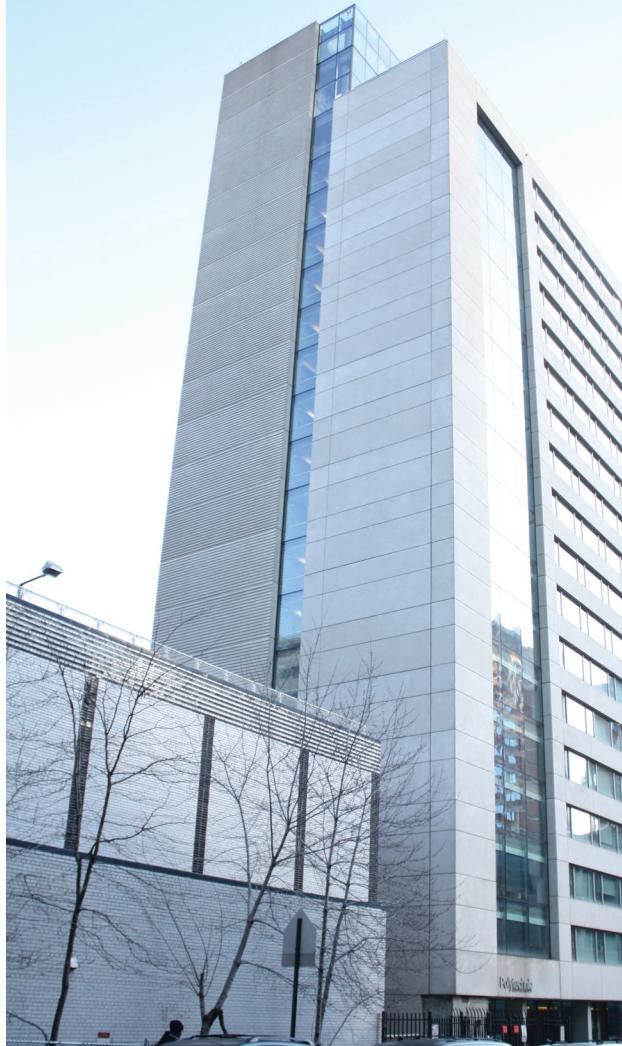
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Located in Brooklyn, Othmer Residence Hall is a 20 story building, housing over 400 Tandon School of Engineering students in 2-bedroom suites and apartments. The building includes student lounges and study rooms on each floor in addition to a main lounge in the lobby.

Located in Brooklyn Heights, Clark Residence Hall houses over 100 NYU Tandon School of Engineering students as well as students from many other colleges. Residents have access to a 8,300-square foot student community center located on the building's main floor which includes a common kitchen, library, and screening room. Furthermore, residents are eligible for a complimentary membership to the Eastern Athletic Club, located next door.





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WOMEN AT TANDON (OTHMER)

The Women at Tandon Explorations community was created to offer women students a strong support system to reinforce their positive experience as a science, technology, engineering, and math student. The community will foster engagement and relationship building among women in the world of STEM. The community will offer opportunities to network with successful alumnae and senior women at Tandon, participate in social functions, attend events and activities tied to women and STEM, and get involved in community service.

2

GLOBAL LABORATORY

Have you ever wondered why something works the way it does? Or maybe you're just interested in learning about the next BIG thing? Come explore the science of New York City and experience this living laboratory. From museums and exhibitions to the streets themselves, there are countless opportunities to observe science in the city. Past opportunities include the Body Worlds: Pulse Exhibit at Discovery Times Square, documentary screenings, Interstellar in IMAX, the Museum of the City of New York, a talk by Bill Nye, an Eco-Cruise in the New York Harbor, the New York Transit Museum, a STEM career panel, a hiking trip, and more. Come explore the scientific wonderland that is New York City!



WHO'S WHO IN MY RESIDENCE HALL?

Along with other students, your residence hall community is made up of caring staff and faculty that are dedicated to helping you make the most of your first year at NYU!



“ The Resource Center (RC) is a one-stop shop designed to support the needs of our residents. While the RC aims to provide services like mail & package delivery, assistance with maintenance requests, lock-outs, game or movie rentals, it also serves as a hub for friendship and community. Residents can learn about building-wide programs, enjoy interactive activities, join in Q&As with building team members, learn about resources, and, most of all, make new connections. The various opportunities our RCs have to offer can go a long way in helping our residents begin their college journey. ”



Jerry Roman
Residence Hall
Resource Manager
Founders Hall

STAFF MEMBERS IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL:

Residence Hall Director (RHD)

Residence Hall Directors are master's level professionals who specialize in student development and have extensive experience in residential life and housing services. They oversee the Building Leadership Team (BLT) and are responsible for the overall operation of their residence hall.

Residence Hall Assistant Director (RHAD)

Residence Hall Assistant Directors are bachelor's or master's level professionals who specialize in student development and have extensive experience in residential life and housing services. They supervise the Resident Assistant (RA) staff, advise Hall Council, and are responsible for the overall community development in their residence hall.

Residence Hall Resource Manager (RHRM)

Residence Hall Resource Managers are the professional staff members who oversee the Resource Centers in each residence hall and assist in the overall administration of the building.

Resident Assistant (RA)

Resident Assistants are junior, senior, and graduate student leaders who are trained to support you through your first year and help you build a strong community on your floor and in your building.

“ Four years is very long ... or very short, and every year is an amazing experience - especially for the first-year college student. The years will be filled with learning, thinking, growing, interacting, and making lifelong friendships. NYU's first-year residence halls provide a unique year-long, extra-classroom environment for faculty-resident engagement to start your, and continue our, amazing college experience. ”



Tae Hong Park
FFIR in Lipton Hall

Steinhardt, Associate Professor of
Music Composition & Technology

PROFESSORS IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL:

Faculty Fellows-in-Residence (FFIR)

The Faculty Fellows are professors at NYU representing a wide range of disciplines who are charged with creating an intellectual tone in the residence halls. The Fellows host events and programs to foster the exchange of ideas and connect your academic and social experience at NYU. Everything from exploring the city through trips to museums, restaurants, shows, and lectures to in house brunches, study breaks, dinner and discussions—the FFIRs are an integral part of your first year in the residence halls.

Faculty Affiliates (FA)

Each Explorations community is connected to a Faculty Affiliate, a professor at NYU, who is responsible for hosting 1-2 programs per month tied to the theme of their Explorations community. The 40 Faculty Affiliates represent a range of disciplines and colleges at NYU and are a wonderful resource for you as you create your first year experience.



“ The first year of college has to be one of the most intimidating years! It can be hard at times to find your niche, but know that there are so many resources right at your finger tips especially when you live on campus your first year. From your RAs, hall council, faculty, and professional staff members, each play a key role in helping you make that intimidating transition smoothly. One mistake I made in my first year of college was never asking for help. Just remember that help is always there for you, and will be your best friend when navigating your first year of college! ”



Blake Viena
Residence Hall
Assistant Director
Brittany Hall



GETTING CONNECTED

Our faculty and staff members are excited to welcome you to your new residence hall home in August. Our halls have many opportunities to get connected to other students as well as NYU faculty and staff members. We encourage you to get involved in your residence hall council by running for an elected position or simply engaging in programming, service, and advocacy. NYU's Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) is another way to get involved in the greater NYU community. IRHC's three pillars are student advocacy, service, and community events. IRHC hosts many community events including Welcome Week, service weeks, Town Halls, FLURRY ice skating event in Central Park, UltraViolet Live talent competition, and a semi-formal dance at an iconic NYC venue. The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is another way to get involved on campus. NRHH focuses on recognizing residential students who go above and beyond. Your NYU experience begins the day you move into your residence hall. Take advantage of this great community by getting connected!



APPLYING FOR HOUSING & THEMED ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITIES

Application Steps and Important Dates

- 1/ It's easy to apply for Housing! Login to NYUHome and apply online under Housing Forms. Apply and submit your \$1,000 reservation payment before May 1, 2022.
- 2/ Apply for your preferred themed engagement communities in your housing application.
- 3/ Receive your themed engagement community placement information by mid-July.







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