Getting Started
Your Quick Guide to Joining New York Institute of Technology
Steps to Take at Home

We look forward to welcoming you on campus. Before you travel to New York, you need to complete the following tasks.

1. **Access Your Personalized Admitted Student Portal**

   nyit.edu/welcome

   Your Admitted Student Portal offers personalized details on the next steps you need to take, including how to:
   - Submit your tuition deposit.
   - Find out how to register for placement exams and orientation, if applicable.
   - Get content related to your major and campus.
   - View all of your next steps.

2. **Pay Your Deposit**

   nyit.edu/welcome

   Your deposit will be applied toward your tuition bill. Pay your deposit online by accessing your personalized Admitted Student Portal.

   **Undergraduate Students**

   Submit your $400 nonrefundable* tuition deposit online. This lets us know you are joining the incoming class. The deposit deadlines are listed below. If you were admitted after the deadline, you must submit your deposit within two weeks of acceptance.

   - **December 1**: Deposit deadline for the spring semester
   - **May 1**: Deposit deadline for the fall semester

   **Graduate Students**

   Submit your $500 nonrefundable* tuition deposit online within four weeks of receiving your acceptance package.

   If you are in the Executive M.B.A., Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, or Physical Therapy program, check your acceptance letter for your deposit amount.

   *In the event your visa is denied, you may request a refund of your tuition deposit.
3. Apply for Your Student Visa

usvisas.state.gov

Learn about the visa application process and make an appointment with the nearest United States consulate to apply for your student visa.

**Tips**

Recent changes in United States laws governing visa policy and procedures have increased the amount of time it takes to obtain a visa. Apply early for your student visa!

Bring the following documentation to your visa appointment: passport, I-20, visa application, application fee payment receipt, photo, transcripts/diplomas, standardized test scores, and any other required items.

4. Decide Where You Want to Live

nyit.edu/newhousing

**Living in Residence Halls**
If you plan to live in one of our residence halls, located a short distance from campus by bus or subway, complete your housing application and submit your nonrefundable deposit.

**Living Off Campus**
If you want to live off campus, we recommend you start to search for housing before arriving in New York. Visit the website for information about off-campus housing to find out if it’s a good option for you.

Learn more about our residence halls and off-campus housing, get the housing application, and more.
5. Sign Up for Orientation and SEVIS Check-In

You must register for and attend orientation and SEVIS check-in sessions. This is where we welcome you and get your visa information, including the SEVIS number on your I-20 form. SEVIS check-in is held during January orientation for the spring semester and during August orientation for the fall semester.

6. Send Us Proof of Immunizations

Submit your immunization form(s) before you register for classes. Based on your country of residence, this may include a Tuberculosis Testing Form, as well as the required Student Immunization Form. If you are under 18, your parent must sign all forms. Forms must have an official stamp from your healthcare provider. Ask your physician to submit your immunization documents to NYIT Office of Wellness Services. Use our immunization form or your physician can send their own version. Submit the form(s) online.
7. Send Us Your Final, Official Documents

Please send your documents to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 8000, Old Westbury, NY 11568, USA. After your first semester, you can only enroll in classes once you have submitted final versions of your official test scores and transcripts for high school and/or college-level coursework as well as proof of graduation or degree—so it’s better to send them before you arrive.

8. Plan Your Trip to New York

As an international student with an I-20, you can only enter the United States a maximum of 30 days before the first day of classes. The spring semester begins at the end of January and the fall semester begins in early September. Make sure you arrive in time to attend SEVIS check-in during orientation. Find out when your classes start in your Admitted Student Portal.
Arriving in New York

Plan to arrive in New York before the semester starts so you can get to know your way around and feel at home before classes begin.

Know Where You’re Going

Make sure you have the address of your residence or housing with you when you arrive in New York. Check in to your housing before coming to campus. The fastest (though more expensive) way to get to the New York City or Long Island campus from New York area airports is by taxi. Follow the signs for taxis at the airport and make sure you take a licensed yellow or green taxi. Less expensive options include the train or subway.

In Case of An Emergency

If you are detained at a United States point of entry during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday), call our Office of International Education at 1.212.261.1514 (New York City) or 1.516.686.7585 (Long Island).

If you are in an emergency situation and our Office of International Education is not available, call Campus Security at 1.646.273.7789 (New York City) or 1.516.686.7789 (Long Island) and explain your situation.

Tips

Get information about New York City subways, buses, and the Long Island Railroad online at mta.info.

Many hotels in New York only accept payment by credit card. If you do not have a credit card, make sure you book a hotel that accepts cash.
Living in New York

We want to help you feel comfortable living and studying in New York. It takes time to adjust to life in a new culture, even if you have visited the United States before.

Long Island Campus

The Long Island campus is located in a quiet setting about 53 kilometers outside of New York City. Classroom buildings are connected by wooded and tree-lined walkways. We offer Division II athletic teams at this campus, including baseball, basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, and softball.

New York City Campus

This campus is located in the heart of New York City, one of the world’s most international cities. The campus includes five buildings and is within walking distance of Lincoln Center and Central Park, easily accessible via subway and bus, and close to the city’s best concert halls, theaters, museums, libraries, and restaurants.

Choosing a Campus

You chose a primary campus when you applied—Long Island or New York City. You can take classes and participate in activities at both campuses while you are a student. However, if you decide you want to attend a different primary campus than the one you originally selected, sign up for an orientation session at the campus where you would now like to study and speak with a staff member about changing your campus designation.

Tips

- New York weather changes with the seasons. Pack for warm and cold temperatures.
- It is normal to experience culture shock during your first semester. Be patient, keep an open mind, and give yourself time to adjust to life in a new culture.
- Think of your time in New York as an adventure.
- Remember to keep a sense of humor as you adjust to life in the United States.
Registering for Classes

You can register after you submit your final, official documents and complete SEVIS check-in, immunization clearance, and academic advising.

If your English proficiency scores are below our requirements, you will need to meet with an English Language Institute (ELI) advisor when you come to campus. ELI will contact you to set up an advisement meeting.

Undergraduate Students

We will let you know which exams are required in your portal and via email. Students in specific majors are required to take a math placement exam online or in person.

Writing placement for undergraduate students will be determined initially by SAT or ACT scores and may be changed following a diagnostic essay evaluated by the English Department.

Transfer students who have not received credits for College Composition I and/or the first math course in their major must take placement exams in English and/or math.

You will receive an email notification confirming if you need to take placement exams. When you register for placement exams, make sure to pick a date when you will be on campus. You will register for classes after your exam. Check your Admitted Student Portal for information about signing up for your exams.

Graduate Students

Meet with a graduate advisor in your program when you arrive on campus. You will be advised on the courses you need for your first semester, and then you can register for them. Find your advisor online.
Paying Tuition

After you register for classes, you will need to pay your tuition bill and accept your scholarship, if applicable. If you wish to have a payment plan, enroll online at my.nyit.edu. View more information about tuition and fees and how to make payments online.

Set Up Your my.NYIT Account Online

This account will be used throughout your time as a student here. This is in addition to your Admitted Student Portal.

At this webpage, you can access NYITConnect to:

- Pay your tuition bill.
- Access your email.
- Accept your scholarship (if applicable).
- View your class schedule and transcripts.
Students wait for the subway at the Columbus Circle station, just steps away from our New York City campus.
Tips for Success

Studying in a new country and learning about a new culture can be one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of your life. Congratulations on starting this journey.

1. Study and work hard from the beginning.

2. Ask questions and participate in class.

3. Talk to your professors.

4. Get involved in student activities.

5. Remember your goals and why you came here.
Welcome to New York Institute of Technology

Learn more about your next steps: nyit.edu/welcome

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