Getting Started

Your Quick Guide to Coming to New York Institute of Technology
Coming to NYIT

We are happy that you are coming to NYIT and we look forward to welcoming you to New York.

Before you come to New York, you need to complete the following eight tasks.

1. Set Up Your NYIT Account Online
   Follow the steps online to set up your account:
   my.nyit.edu
   At this webpage, you can access NYITConnect to:
   - Pay your tuition bill.
   - Access your NYIT email.
   - Accept your NYIT scholarship (if applicable).
   - View your class schedule and transcripts.

2. Pay Your Deposit
   Your deposit will be applied toward your tuition bill. Pay your deposit online:
   nyit.edu/deposit

   Undergraduate Students
   Submit your $400 nonrefundable* tuition deposit online. This lets us know you are coming to NYIT. The deposit deadlines are listed below. If you were admitted to NYIT 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, NYIT will issue a refund of your tuition deposit.
3  Apply for Your Student Visa
Learn about the visa application process and make an appointment with the nearest United States consulate to apply for your student visa:
usvisas.state.gov

4  Decide Where You Want to Live
Living in NYIT Residence Halls
If you plan to live in one of NYIT’s residence halls, which are a short distance from campus by bus or subway, complete your housing application and submit your nonrefundable $330 deposit.

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

Learn more about NYIT’s residence halls and off-campus housing, get the housing application, and more:
nyit.edu/housing

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 copies of all 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.
5 Sign Up for International Orientation
You must register for and attend International Orientation. This is where we welcome you and get your visa information, including the SEVIS number on your I-20 form. International Orientation is held at the end of January for the spring semester and at the end of August for the fall semester.

nyit.edu/orientation

6 Send Us Proof of Immunizations
Submit an immunization form, which shows that you received vaccines for specific diseases, before you register for classes. If you are under 18, your parent must sign it. Complete the form and send it to the Office of Wellness Services:

nyit.edu/immunization

7 Send Us Your Final, Official Documents
After your first semester, you can only enroll in NYIT classes once you have submitted final, official test scores, official transcripts for high school and/or college-level coursework, and proof of graduation or degree. Please send your documents to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 8000, Old Westbury, NY 11568, USA.

8 Plan Your Trip to New York
As an international student with an I-20, you can only enter the United States 30 days or less 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 International Orientation. Find out when your classes start:

nyit.edu/welcome
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.

Traveling to NYIT

The fastest (though more expensive) way to get to NYIT’s Manhattan or Old Westbury 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 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 NYIT’s Office of International Education at 1.212.261.1514 (Manhattan) or 1.516.686.7585 (Old Westbury).

If you are in an emergency situation and NYIT’s Office of International Education is not available, call NYIT Security at 1.646.273.7789 (Manhattan) or 1.516.686.7789 (Old Westbury) 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.

NYIT-Manhattan

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.

NYIT-Old Westbury

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

Choosing a Campus

You chose a primary campus when you applied—Old Westbury on Long Island or Manhattan in New York City. You can take classes and participate in activities at both campuses while you are at NYIT, but if you want to choose a different primary campus than the one you applied to, tell us by emailing admissions@nyit.edu.

Tips

New York has four seasons. Pack for warm and cold weather.

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.

See your time in New York as an adventure.

Use your sense of humor as you adjust to life in the United States.
Studying at NYIT

NYIT offers lectures, labs, fieldwork, and studio courses.

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 NYIT 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

All first-year students must take placement exams in English and math prior to registration.

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.

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. Register for your exams:

nyit.edu/placement

Transfer students with credits for College Composition I and/or the first math course in their major do not need to take placement exams. You will register for classes with your first-semester advisor. Sign up for an appointment:

nyit.edu/advisingform

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:

nyit.edu/advisors

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 through NYITConnect at my.nyit.edu. View more information about tuition and fees and how to make payments:

nyit.edu/bursar
Tips for Success at NYIT

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

1. Study and work hard from the beginning.
2. Ask questions and participate in class.
3. Talk with your professors.
4. Get involved with student activities.
5. Remember your goals and why you came to NYIT.
Welcome to NYIT

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

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