

**Early Arrivals Activities at a Glance
Pre-Orientation Information Sessions and Tours and
Celebrating New York! (CNY!) Activities**

August 11 – August 27, 2009

INFORMATION SESSIONS and CAMPUS TOURS

Health Services and Insurance Information Session (offered 8 dates)

August 11, 18, 25, or September 1 @ 12:00 – 1:00pm

August 13, 20, 27 or September 3 @ 2 – 3:00 PM

This informal session will address your questions on Health Services, Insurance and Immunizations, and will be followed by a brief walk through the Primary Care unit. Due to space limitations, attendance is limited to 20 students; we regret that spouses and/or children cannot be accommodated at these sessions. Reservation required.

Location Health Services West Conference Room, 4th floor, John Jay Hall

Campus Tours for New International Graduate Students

Every weekday from Monday, August 18 to Wednesday, August 26

Get acquainted with the campus and the neighborhood with student tour leaders, and meet other new international graduate students in the process. The tour is one hour. Reservation required, tour limited to 35 students.

Meeting time: 3:30 PM at the Visitors Center, Room 213 Low Library.

Library Information and Tour of Butler Library (offered 4 dates)

August 18 and 25 @ 10 - 11 AM

August 19 and 26 @ 2 - 3 PM

Learn about the university's libraries and go on a brief tour of Butler Library. Additionally, it's a good opportunity to meet other new students! No advance registration required, but please be there on time. Room 203 Butler Library.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 13 – Early Arrivals Get-Together

Relax and enjoy the sunset with others new international students and Peer Advisers at this casual outdoor spot, the Hudson Beach Café, in Riverside Park and 105th Street. Bring money for food and drinks. Limited menu, from \$10 to \$20. The group will walk together from campus. (Rain location: Haakon's Hall on Amsterdam Ave. between 118-119th St.)

Meeting time: 6:00 PM on campus in front of Earl Hall.

Friday, August 14 – Lincoln Center Festival: Slavic Soul Party followed by Auktyon with Vladimir Volkov and John Medeski and Plastic People of the Universe

Join other New Yorkers under the stars at Lincoln Center, beginning at 7:00PM. Tonight, the outdoor Festival features Slavic Soul Party, a brass band that mixes

Balkan rhythms with gypsy music, funk and jazz. High energy and lots of fun! At 7:30, Auktyon, a 12-piece band from Russia and Plastic People of the Universe, musicians from Prague, will perform. \$4.50 roundtrip by subway to Lincoln Center on Broadway and 65th St.

Meeting time: 5:45 PM on campus in front of Earl Hall

Sunday, August 16 – Governors Island – Downtown Dance Festival,

Enjoy the free 7-minute ferry ride from the southern tip of Manhattan to Governors Island. The festival features 9 days of ethnic, classical and contemporary dance from around the world. Currently there's a conceptual art exhibit in several indoor and outdoor locations with a free tour at 2:30. Even if you're not into dance or art, G.I. is a great green place where you can rent a bicycle, take a walk, have a picnic—with spectacular views of lower Manhattan. Ferry leaves every half hour until 6:30 pm. Ferry, festival and art are all FREE! \$4.50 roundtrip by subway to the ferry at the Maritime Building.

<http://creativetime.org/programs/archive/2009/plot09/visitor.php>

Meeting time: 10:45 AM on campus in front of Earl Hall

Thursday, August 20: An evening in the Lower East Side (LES)

Home to waves of immigrants over the decades, this historic neighborhood is now a very young, hip, artistic and vibrant area. The group will travel by subway and head to the upstairs lounge at Pianos, 158 Ludlow St. at Stanton, for drinks and/or something to eat. Must be 21 and over. **BRING PHOTO ID (PASSPORT).** \$4.50 roundtrip by subway. www.pianosnyc.com

Meeting time: 5:45 PM on campus in front of Earl Hall

Saturday, August 22 – National Comedy Theatre (NCT)

The NYC NCT Show is a comedy competition between two teams of professional comedians who perform a series of scenes—all based on audience suggestions, all completely improvised. 90-minute performance begins at 7:30 p.m. The group will walk through Times Square on the way. The theater is at 347 W. 36th St. near 8th Ave. \$4.50 roundtrip by subway.

Meeting time: 6 PM on campus in front of Earl Hall. The show begins at 7:30 PM

Ticket price: \$10 at the NCT box office.

Sunday, August 23 – Shopping on 34th Street

You can find whatever you need for your new home on or near 34th Street. Among other stores, we'll visit K-Mart, conveniently located on 34th St. between 7th and 8th Ave. #1, 2 or 3 to 34th St.

Meeting time: 12:00 pm on campus in front of Earl Hall

Wednesday, August 26 – Getting to Know You: Happy Hour in the 'hood

Happy hour, usually between 4pm- 7pm, is a time where most restaurants and bars offer drinks, and sometimes food, at a discounted price. Meet other newcomers and seasoned Peer Advisers for drinks and conversation. We'll walk over to Haakon's Hall, located at 1187 Amsterdam Ave. between 118th and 119th St. who will close the indoor restaurant and bar for the exclusive use of international students, and offer drink and food specials. **BRING PHOTO ID (PASSPORT).**

Meeting time and place: 5:30 PM on campus in front of Earl Hall