



NYU Shanghai Guide to Study Away at NYU New York

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About NYU New York

New York University is the largest private university in the US. It is comprised of 17 undergraduate and graduate schools in New York and the Portal Campuses of NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai. Twelve of the schools at the NY campus offer undergraduate courses, minors, and degrees. The NY campus has over 50,000 students, including over 20,000 undergraduates. The campus is centered around beautiful Washington Square Park in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan. Some of the schools are in other parts of Manhattan, and the School of Engineering is in downtown Brooklyn.

New York is a popular study away site for NYU Shanghai students. We will work hard to ensure that NYU Shanghai students who want to go to NY are able to go for at least one semester, but all students should think carefully about their second choice site selection in case they are not accepted to the NY campus. Because more NYU NY students study away in the spring semester than in the fall, more students will be accepted to study in New York for the spring semester than for the fall semester. NYU Shanghai students should take that into account as they plan their study away applications. Students who wish to spend a full year in the US for visa purposes should consider Washington, DC as a possible site.

Housing at NYU New York

NYU NY has 23 residence halls housing 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Residence halls for freshman are in the Washington Square area; residence halls for upperclassmen, study away students, and graduate students are in other parts of Manhattan and are linked to the Washington Square campus with free shuttle buses. Study away students are required to live in the residence halls and purchase a meal plan in the NYU dining halls. Only students who have immediate family in the New York area are allowed to live off campus with their families. New York is an expensive city compared to Shanghai, and the housing and meal plan costs reflect this. The cost of housing and a meal plan can range from US\$6,300 to \$8,930. Consult the [cost comparison chart](#) for NYU's study away sites for more information.

Visas for Study in the US

NYU Shanghai students who are not US citizens will need to apply for and receive visas to study in the US. US visa requirements vary by nationality, and students interested in study away in NY or Washington, DC should consult with Student Mobility in the Office of Student Life about the requirements that pertain to them. Visa fees and associated costs (including health examinations, required vaccinations, and consular fees) are approximately US\$400. Non-US citizens are unable to work off campus or accept internships until they have spent two consecutive semesters in the US and are approved for an Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa. Students should note that there are limited on-campus work opportunities, and that any violation of the terms of the student visa can have serious consequences. Students interested in experiential learning should consider enrolling in Gallatin's Community Learning Initiative courses and Stern's Experiential Learning Seminars. More information on these options is in the school sections below.

Planning a Course of Study at NYU New York

While the NY campus offers a wide range of courses, NYU Shanghai students must bear in mind that each NYU school has its own application and admissions process. Students at NYU NY have been admitted to a specific school and program and receive priority for registration in their home schools. The College of Arts and Sciences and the Gallatin School of Individualized Study are the only schools where NYU Shanghai students are generally able to register for courses without restrictions as long as they meet the prerequisites. It is possible for NYU Shanghai students to take courses at other schools, including the Leonard N. Stern School of Business, the Silver School of Social Work, the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Tisch School of the Arts, the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, and the Polytechnic School of Engineering, but there are guidelines and procedures that must be followed. Students should not assume they can take a particular course without following the procedures indicated below, regardless of their major, GPA, or completed prerequisites. With a few exceptions, it is unwise to plan your study away experience in NY on the basis of taking specific courses, particularly those with registration restrictions. It is better to identify a range of primarily open access courses that could fulfill your academic study away goals.

Students accepted to study away at NYU NY will complete a Course Intent Form prior to the registration period for the study away semester for approval of academic plans, identification of course equivalencies for the major and the core curriculum, and to facilitate enrollment in courses with restrictions. Information about the undergraduate schools' programs, recommended courses for NYU Shanghai students, and best practices for registering for courses with limited access to students from outside the schools follows below.

Study away students are governed by the standards and policies of the NYU Shanghai Undergraduate Bulletin for the year in which they matriculated. The information in this guide is not meant to be a substitute for a careful understanding of those standards and policies.

Minors at NYU New York

NYU Shanghai students can apply equivalent courses at NYU NY to requirements for approved NYU Shanghai minors. Students should indicate their intended or approved minors on their Course Intent Forms. Approval of a proposed minor does not guarantee that required courses will be available or that students will be able to enroll in them.

NYU Shanghai students can also apply equivalent courses to Global Network Minors available at the study away sites (see the [study away webpage](#) for more information). Students should indicate their intended or approved minors on their Course Intent Forms. Approval of a proposed minor does not guarantee that required courses will be available or that students will be able to enroll in them.

NYU Shanghai students can attempt to complete an [NYU NY cross-school minor](#) using classes from the NY campus. Requirements for the minors are set by the offering department in NY, and they may require more than one or two semesters of study in NY, which cannot be guaranteed. There is also no guarantee that the courses required for the minor will be available during the semester of study in NY, or that students will be able to enroll in the required courses. Even

though the courses used and requirements met for the NYU NY minor are those of NYU NY, the minor is an NYU Shanghai minor and will be identified as such on the student's transcript.

NYU Shanghai students may also apply to craft and complete a Global Network Minor of their own design using classes from NYU NY. For more information about this option, consult your Undergraduate Bulletin.

Registering for Courses for Study Away at NYU New York

NYU Shanghai students accepted to study away in New York will work with the NYU Shanghai Office of Academic Affairs and NYU New York Study Away office to complete their registrations. Students must submit a Course Intent Form before the registration period for the study away semester begins. Completion of this form will help NYU Shanghai confirm course equivalencies, identify potential registration problems, and make arrangements with NYU schools, where possible, for students with special requests to take courses in restricted programs.

Students who experience difficulties during the registration process or the drop/add period must contact NYU Shanghai Office of Academic Affairs and the NYU NY Study Away office for assistance, and NOT instructors, advisors, or deans at any of NYU NY's schools, as staff in those schools may not be aware of academic and registration requirements for NYU Shanghai students. Email shanghai.registration.ny@nyu.edu for assistance.

Students who wish to enroll in graduate-level courses must first receive permission from NYU Shanghai's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Global Orientations Required Course

All students studying away at any of the NYU sites are required to take a Global Orientations course. The purpose of the NY-based course is to help students integrate into and adjust to NYU's Washington Square campus, New York City, and US culture. There are different thematic sections of the course each taught by an NYU Faculty Fellow in Residence. The course is a required, 0-credit course that will appear on your transcript and is graded on a pass/fail basis.

Students register for a section of Global Orientations through Albert on a first-come, first-served basis. Failure to register for a section on your own will result in your being administratively placed into a section. Once the registration period has ended, you will only be able to change sections with special permission from the NYU NY Study Away office.

NYU's Liberal Arts Undergraduate Schools: The College of Arts and Sciences and Gallatin School of Individualized Study

The College of Arts and Sciences and the Gallatin School of Individualized Study are the only schools where NYU Shanghai students are generally able to register for courses without restrictions as long as they meet the prerequisites.

College of Arts and Science (CAS)

The College of Arts and Science (CAS) is NYU's largest undergraduate school with over 60 majors and 80 minors. It includes the Liberal Studies Core Program and the undergraduate courses offered by the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences. Many NYU Shanghai students will find that courses in CAS closely resemble their courses at NYU Shanghai.

Registering for courses at CAS therefore poses few problems provided that the prerequisites for the selected courses are met, but this does not mean that space will be available in any particular course. Those who plan to register for lecture courses with multiple sections should be prepared to be in a class with well over 100 students.

Biology, Economics, Mathematics, and Psychology are among the most popular majors at NYU NY. As a result, courses offered by those departments fill quickly. Students are unlikely to be able to register for a course that is not listed on the Course Intent Form, particularly if the course requires special permission.

The Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences offers courses in Mathematics and Computer Science in conjunction with CAS. NYU Shanghai students may register for these courses as long as they meet the prerequisites, which are strictly enforced.

Students interested in courses that are part of the Liberal Studies Core Program should be aware that NYU Shanghai students are permitted a limited number of seats in Core Program courses and students will not be able to register for a Core course on their own through Albert. Those who indicate that they wish to take a Core course on their Course Intent Form will have the best chance of being registered.

Students interested in CAS minor should consult the list of dozens of [cross-school minors](#) offered by CAS.

Students who wish to continue their language studies in NY will have to take a placement exam unless they are continuing a language in which they completed coursework at another Portal Campus or Global Academic Center (eg, Mandarin at NYU Shanghai, Arabic at NYU Abu Dhabi, German at the Berlin study away site, etc). For students who have not enrolled in a language course at NYU, French, German, and Spanish language exams may be taken [online](#). (The password is nyulanguage.) All other language placement exams are administered on site in New York. Students who wish to take the Arabic, Hindi, Persian, Turkish, and Urdu exams should contact the [Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies](#) (212-998-8880). To take the [Cantonese](#) exam please email Professor Michael Fisher at michael.fisher@nyu.edu.

Gallatin School of Individualized Study

The Gallatin School of Individualized Study is among the smallest undergraduate programs at NYU NY. Rather than offer majors and designated programs, Gallatin allows its students to craft their own program of study. Gallatin students take courses offered by Gallatin and, when approved, at other NYU schools. Because Gallatin courses do not neatly fit into an NYU Shanghai major, students should work closely with their advisors if they want a Gallatin course to count towards their NYU Shanghai majors or Core requirements. Gallatin courses are small (15 students per class) and require active participation by all students.

NYU Shanghai students may take Gallatin courses in the following areas and should be able to register for these courses without issue, space permitting:

- [Interdisciplinary Seminars \(IDSEM-UG\)](#)
- [Writing Program \(WRTNG-UG\)](#)

- [Arts Program \(ARTS-UG\)](#)
- [Community Learning Initiative \(CLI-UG\)](#)

Students interested in experiential learning should consider courses in Gallatin's Community Learning Initiative (CLI), which offer students the opportunity to engage in a variety of action-study projects based in New York City. These courses combine academic readings and theory-based discussions with practical work in grassroots community organizations, social agencies, and educational institutions.

Gallatin First Year Program courses (course code FYSP-UG) are limited to Gallatin students.

NYU Professional Schools

NYU offers a variety of minors in partnership with NYU's professional and pre-professional schools. NYU Shanghai students interested in taking courses in NYU's pre-professional schools should first look at the courses offered through the [cross-school minors](#) since they will pose the fewest registration problems, space permitting.

NYU undergraduates interested in specialized or upper-level courses offered by a pre-professional school must request permission to enroll well in advance of registration, and there is no guarantee that permission will be granted. NYU Shanghai students should note these requests on the Course Intent Form.

Leonard N. Stern School of Business

The Leonard N. Stern School of Business offers an undergraduate Business degree with ten concentrations and a Business and Political Economy degree. The Stern program is cross-disciplinary, integrating liberal arts and business courses. As a pre-professional school, Stern's business courses tend to be specialized and in high-demand among its students. NYU Shanghai students are limited to courses on the [Open Access](#) list of courses available to non-Stern students. Four of those courses are available to non-Stern students the first week of registration, and NYU Shanghai students may register for the non-Stern sections of these courses:

- Principles of Financial Accounting (ACCT-UB 1)
- Foundations of Financial Markets (FINC-UB 2)
- Management and Organizational Analysis (MGMT-UB 1)
- Introduction to Marketing (MKTG-UB 1)

Intermediate and advanced Stern courses on the [Open Access](#) list are open to non-Stern students who meet the prerequisites one week after the start of registration. Students should use the swap feature in Albert for the intermediate and advanced courses to increase the likelihood of registering for the course once it opens to non-Stern students. Space is not guaranteed. NYU Shanghai students should work closely with their advisors and the NYU NY Study Away office well in advance of registration if they hope to register for upper-level business courses. Best efforts will be made to enroll students, but there is no guarantee a particular course will be available.

Students interested in experiential learning should consider Stern's Experiential Learning Seminars (course code MULT-UB), which offer eligible students the opportunity to

collaborate with practitioners and organizations in the field to apply the skills acquired in the classroom to real-world problems. New seminars are announced prior to the registration period for each semester. Some of these seminars may require application processes or prerequisites.

NYU Shanghai students can also take courses from the Stern [cross-school minors](#) that are available to all NYU students, which include:

- Advanced Mathematical Methods (with CAS)
- Business of Entertainment, Media, and Technology (with Steinhardt and Tisch)
- Business Studies (with CAS)
- Public Policy and Management (with Wagner, see below)
- Social Entrepreneurship (with Wagner, see below)

Stern has strict policies about changing sections of a course that is already filled. Students should not ask instructors for permission to change sections or to be added to a closed course. Those requests should be sent to shanghai.registration.ny@nyu.edu.

Note: Stern courses that are not on the Open Access list will never be open to non-Stern students. All Stern graduate courses (MBA and Ph.D. programs) are closed to undergraduate students. Stern does not permit the auditing of courses.

Polytechnic School of Engineering

The Polytechnic School of Engineering (NYU Poly) is located in downtown Brooklyn, not far from the Washington Square campus. NYU Poly is one of New York's most comprehensive schools of engineering, applied science, and technology.

Students can register for NYU Poly courses through Albert. However, NYU Shanghai engineering courses that will count as prerequisites are not yet recognized in Albert. As a result, students planning to enroll in courses in NYU Poly will need permission codes for the NYU Poly courses indicated on their Course Intent Forms. Students will work with the NYU New York Study Away office to obtain permission codes. Students who plan to take some courses at NYU Poly and some in other schools at NYU NY should note that there is free shuttle service from Washington Square to the NYU Poly campus, but the commute is at least 40 minutes each way and has a limited schedule. Students must ensure that their class schedules can accommodate this travel time and should be prepared to purchase MetroCards for travel between the campuses. (Unlimited travel MetroCards currently cost US\$112 per month.)

Non-engineering majors should be able to take engineering courses as long as they meet the prerequisites. Permission codes will be given to students who meet the prerequisites for courses listed on their Course Intent Form.

NYU Poly also offers 13 [cross-school minors](#) that are open to all NYU students:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Physics
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Management

- Electrical Engineering
- Finance
- Game Engineering
- Integrated Digital Media
- Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Sciences & Engineering
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sustainable Urban Environments

IMA students may be particularly interested in courses offered by NYU Poly's [Integrated Digital Media Program](#). Students may register on their own for introductory courses that do not have prerequisites; advanced courses require permission codes and must be indicated on the Course Intent Form.

Silver School of Social Work

The Silver School of Social Work provides a rich environment for the education of professional social workers, offering programs at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral level. NYU Shanghai students interested in courses at the Silver School should consider courses in the following [cross-school minors](#):

- Social Work
- Poverty Studies

Students interested in Silver courses outside of the cross-school minors should be sure to list them on the Course Intent Form to increase the possibility of registering for the course.

Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development offers undergraduate programs in applied psychology, studio art, education, health, food studies, nutrition, media studies, music and music professions, and educational theatre that combine inquiry in the liberal arts and sciences, global study, and hands-on learning. These programs have a pre-professional focus and students apply to be admitted into a specific major. NYU Shanghai students are encouraged to select courses from the following [cross-school minors](#) open to all NYU undergraduates:

- American Sign Language (Department of Applied Psychology)
- Child Development and Social Intervention (with the Child Study Center)
- Communicative Sciences and Disorders (with CAS)
- Digital Art and Design
- Educational Theater
- Food Studies (with CAS)
- Global and Urban Education Studies (with CAS, Social Work, and Wagner)
- Global Visual Art
- Media, Culture, and Communication
- Nutrition (with CAS)

Students interested in Steinhardt courses outside of the cross-school minors should be sure to list them on the Course Intent Form to increase the possibility of registering for the course.

Tisch School of the Arts

Tisch School of the Arts is one of the leading arts conservatory programs in the country. The undergraduate program consists of the Maurice Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, the Institute of Performing Arts, the Skirball Center for New Media, the Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music, and the Department of Art and Public Policy. Admission to these programs is highly competitive and access to most Tisch courses is restricted to Tisch students. NYU Shanghai students interested in Tisch courses should first consider the [Open Arts](#) courses available to all NYU students or courses in the following [cross-school minors](#):

- Art and Public Policy
- Cinema Studies (with CAS)
- Dance
- Documentary
- Film Production
- Game Design
- Performance Studies
- Producing (with CAS)

IMA students may be interested in courses offered by the [Interactive Telecommunications Program](#) (ITP). ITP is a graduate-level Tisch program, but some courses are available to undergraduates with permission from the department and the NYU Shanghai Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Note that the advanced nature of ITP courses require students to be extremely committed to the course and to demonstrate a high level of achievement.

Students interested in Tisch courses outside of the cross-school minors should be sure to list them on the Course Intent Form to increase the possibility of registering for the course.

Robert F. Wagner School Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (undergraduate minor)

The Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service offers advanced programs leading to the professional degrees of Master of Public Administration, Master of Urban Planning, Executive Master of Public Administration, and Doctor of Philosophy. Undergraduates can take advantage of Wagner's programs and faculty by taking courses in the following [cross-school minors](#):

- Social Entrepreneurship (with Stern)
- Public Policy and Management (with Stern)
- Social and Public Policy (with CAS)
- Multifaith and Spiritual Leadership (with CAS and Silver)

Registration is open to NYU undergraduates on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other NYU Undergraduate Schools

College of Dentistry and College of Nursing

The College of Dentistry and the College of Nursing offer undergraduate programs that are limited to students enrolled in those colleges. Their courses do not count toward NYU Shanghai degree requirements.

School of Professional Studies (SPS)

Most courses in the School of Professional Studies (SPS) cannot be counted toward a degree at any NYU school. SPS courses require a separate tuition charge not covered by financial aid. NYU Shanghai students may enroll in SPS courses only in exceptional circumstances and with advance approval of the NYU Shanghai Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

NYU Graduate Schools

Undergraduates are not allowed to take courses in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the Institute of Fine Arts, or the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World. Students may enroll in Graduate School of Arts and Sciences courses only in exceptional circumstances and with advance approval of the NYU Shanghai Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.