Accommodation
Several Options through Global Pathways

As you look forward to the beginning of your studies at Pace’s New York City campus, we recommend that you commence your search for accommodation in New York as soon as possible. We currently assist in arranging several different options for Global Pathways students.
Pace Residence Hall

Pace offers a variety of residential halls within a five-block radius of the downtown campus!

For a full list of residence halls and their descriptions, visit http://www.pace.edu/housing/nyc/campus-living

For a full list of prices, visit http://www.pace.edu/housing/nyc-room-and-board-rates

Please note that students will most likely be placed in a double room (shared with one other roommate), and in some cases may be assigned 2 or more roommates depending on availability.
Pace Residence Hall

- To apply – please email globalpathways@pace.edu and request the Pace housing application

- Email the completed form back to us at globalpathways@pace.edu

- A $400 nonrefundable deposit and $100 security deposit are required (total = $500 deposit); your payment information is requested on the application.

- Only apply if you wish to stay in university housing for a minimum of 1 semester!

- Housing is extremely competitive and not guaranteed, so apply as soon as you know you would like to live in a Pace residence. (Students who apply after all existing rooms are booked will be placed on a waitlist. Most students are moved off the waitlist within the first couple weeks of school, but again, this cannot be guaranteed.)
Homestay

If you enjoy your homestay you may extend your stay!

Please try to apply at least one month in advance of your arrival.
A $100 emergency fee may be charged if the request is made < 14 days prior to arrival.

To apply, email globalpathways@pace.edu and request the Homestay form.
Upper East Residence
(an off-campus residence with students from various NYC schools)

Residence Details and Amenities:

- Twin rooms
- Private bathroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Flat screen TV

- 24/7 Building security
- Game room
- Lounge areas
- Private library

- Kitchen/cooking facilities
- Laundry facilities onsite
- 24/7 Gym

~35 minutes from Pace’s downtown campus by subway
Upper East Residence

• You must book for a minimum of 1 week.
• Prices
  ○ $455/week
  ○ A weekly summer service charge (for air conditioning, etc.) is charged between the dates of June 20th - August 22nd: $35/week

To apply, email globalpathways@pace.edu and ask for the Upper East Residence form.

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Finding Your Own Apartment
Be Prepared

• Finding an apartment in New York City can be challenging and time-intensive, requiring a lot of research, documents, and footwork. You should prepare yourself ahead of time to tackle this process and learn as much as possible about what will be required of you.

• Most apartments are not listed until 4-5 weeks before the move-in date, so if you start your search any earlier than that, the apartments you are interested in will probably be gone by the time you want to move in.

• However, you can still learn about the city and neighborhoods you are interested in, and look at apartment listings in those neighborhoods to get an idea of the rental market.

• The more you know – the more smoothly your apartment hunt will go!
Where to Start Your Search

There are many apartment search websites, but below are some which are commonly used to find housing in New York.

- **http://www.apartable.com/** - a search tool that allows you to browse fee and no-fee* apartments, with a very good selection of offerings in New York City
  - *a fee is an amount charged by a broker (someone who helps connect you to the apartment), usually 8-15% of a full year’s lease*
- **http://www.nakedapartments.com/** - one of the top databases of rentals around New York City, both fee and no-fee
  - This website also has a great general apartment hunting guide at http://www.nakedapartments.com/guides/nyc
- **http://www.nybits.com/** - has an excellent database of no-fee rentals in New York
- **http://www.padmapper.com/** - a tool that displays a big Google map on which you can find apartment listings ... this is especially useful when you wish to search by certain areas
- **http://www.sublet.com/** - Sublets are spaces which legal tenants (renters) then re-rent out to others ... You may consider a subletted apartment for cheaper prices and greater flexibility. This website is a good resource to find sublets around New York.
- **http://craigslist.org/** - the biggest database of rentals in New York City. Be careful - the website lists many scams! You should be aware of how to avoid scams (we will talk about this later), as well as take a look at http://www.craigslist.org/about/scams to inform yourself about the most common ones on the website.
Connect to the Pace Community

• If you are looking for an apartment or a roommate at Pace, you may wish to post your request in social media groups associated with the university. The Global Pathways Facebook page is one option (https://www.facebook.com/IntlPace) as well as Facebook pages associated with accepted students for incoming classes at Pace
  – search for “Pace University Class of ...” on Facebook to find these pages

• Additionally, word of mouth can be an excellent way to find a new place. Talk to everyone you know about your search, friends and classmates – you might be referred to someone who is moving out of an apartment and needs a replacement, or someone who is also looking for a roommate!

• You may also wish to consider posting a flyer with your housing search request in spaces frequented by students (bulletin boards, local bookstores, coffee shops, laundromats, etc.). To protect your identity, use only your first name and give a phone number or email address to contact you at.
Use Neighborhood Resources

• Similarly, you should check housing notices in shops, supermarkets, and communal spaces around the neighborhoods which interest you.

• Many communities will post their own local classifieds advertising accommodation – you can find a list of local classifieds resources here: http://www.housingnyc.com/html/guide/classifieds.html
Watch Out for Scams!

You will need to be very careful of people who post fake housing ads which ask renters to send money but do not follow through. Here are some tips (provided by Craigslist) to prevent being misled.

- **Deal locally with folks you can meet in person** - follow this one rule and avoid 99% of scam attempts.
- **Never wire funds (via Western Union, Moneygram, or any other service)** - anyone who asks you to do so is likely a scammer.
- **Fake cashier checks and money orders are common** - banks will hold you responsible when the fake is discovered weeks later.
- **Craigslist (and most other housing sites) are not involved in any transaction**, and does not handle payments or provide "buyer protection" or "seller certification."
- **Never give out financial information** (bank account number, Social Security Number, eBay / Paypal info, etc.).
- **Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services and know that only a scammer will "guarantee" your transaction.**
- **Do not rent housing without seeing the space** - that amazing rental or cheap item may not exist.
Personal Safety Tips

When meeting anyone you have contacted online in person, follow these **personal safety tips**:

- **Meet in a public space such as a coffee shop**
- **Tell a friend or family member where you are going, and give them all the information you have (including contact information) of the person you are meeting**
- **Take your phone**
- **Consider going to the meeting with someone else**
- **Always trust your instincts! If you feel uncomfortable, cancel the meeting or excuse yourself and leave!**
What to Consider When Renting Your Own Apartment

- **Location**: Which neighborhoods interest you? Which neighborhoods are convenient? Also to consider – safety of the neighborhood, amount of traffic/noise, who your neighbors would be.

- **Transportation**: Where is the closest public transportation? Is the neighborhood easy to get in and out of?

- **Commute**: How much time are you willing to spend each day on your commute to school?

- **Budget**: It is recommended that you spend no more than 1/4 to 1/3 of your monthly income on rent ... How much can you afford to spend on rent each month? (Don’t forget about utilities.)

- **Utilities**: Which utilities are you responsible for, and how much do these usually cost per month? Utilities may include: gas/heat, electric, water, trash pickup, internet, cable, and telephone.

- **Amenities**: Does the apartment come with a washer and dryer? Does it have other amenities such as furniture, appliances, or access to a pool or fitness center? If not, are you close to all the services you need?
What to Consider When Renting Your Own Apartment

- **Roommates**: Sharing a space with roommates can lower your rent, but it is a situation which requires lots of cooperation and sharing – choose your roommate carefully!

- **The Landlord/Property Owner**: Who is this person or company? You may be depending on them for maintenance and repair of the apartment, so be sure that you trust this person is trustworthy.

- **Length of the lease**: How long is the lease? Are you renting month to month or are you responsible for a full year? Consider the fact that as a student, you may be away from your apartment during breaks, and you may not be able to break the lease or sublet.

- **Guest policy (or rules about parties and quiet hours)**: Can you have overnight guests? Can you have parties? When are quiet hours?

- **Smoking policy**: Most buildings no longer permit smoking indoors. Even if you are not a smoker, you should find out your apartment’s policy since others in your building may be smokers.

- **Pet policy**: Even if you are not a pet owner, it is best to find out about the policy and which of your neighbors may own pets, if that concerns you.
When viewing a space, don’t forget to look at...

- **Appliances, kitchen and bathroom facilities** – Turn on the faucets and test the shower, flush the toilet, turn on the stove and open the refrigerator.

- **Windows and lights** – Is the space well lit? Open and close the windows. Notice where the lights are and if there are enough (otherwise you may need to purchase lamps)

- **Smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, fire extinguisher, and fire escapes** – Make sure you know where these are and how to access them

- **Signs of leaking water, insects, or rodents**

- **Number of electrical outlets** – are there enough for you?
How Can I Check If a Neighborhood is Safe?

There are websites which you can use to help determine if a neighborhood which you are considering staying in is safe.

• http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/ - a website which gives neighborhood overviews as well as safety ratings by neighborhood
• http://www.relocationessentials.com/ - a website which allows you to narrow crime searches by ZIP code, giving a chart that compares the area's crimes statistics with those of the country in general
• Google also offers safety maps by neighborhood:
  – Manhattan - http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba5a7f79fcde52894&msa=0&ll=40.790939,-73.959961&spn=0.246932,0.614548
  – Brooklyn - http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba596b18ce79adb1&msa=0&ll=40.648346,-73.940048&spn=0.247461,0.614548
  – Queens – http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba59fe4d28b309238&msa=0&ll=40.68949,-73.861084&spn=0.247309,0.614548
  – Bronx - http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004ba5abeffb483fef72&msa=0
  – Staten Island – http://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=214504384267441423605.0004b8bdd58f76eb00186&msa=0

...Red areas indicate areas which you should be very cautious in.
For More Information...

View the New York City Boroughs Module!

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