ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

The purpose of this handbook is to help familiarize you with Tisch School of the Arts policies and procedures. Much of the information contained here will affect you on an ongoing basis – matters such as academic standards, grading policies, registration regulations, degree requirements, etc. We expect you to become conversant with the policies and procedures that affect your life as a student of this School and as a student of a particular department.

The Tisch Policies and Procedures Handbook should be used in conjunction with the official Tisch Bulletin, where you will find specific departmental guidelines and degree requirements. In addition, individual Tisch departments often supplement this handbook with their own departmental sourcebook.

The handbook is a publication of the Tisch Office of Student Affairs. The office is here to help you with almost any concern that affects your life as a student at the School and at New York University. If you do not find the answer to your questions in this handbook, write, call or stop by the Tisch Office of Student Affairs, 726 Broadway, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10003; phone 212-998-1900. A detailed breakdown of the services offered by the office is included in this handbook, as well as a detailed listing of Tisch administrators. You are also encouraged to visit our website, http://students.tisch.nyu.edu, or to address your questions to us by email at tisch.academic.services@nyu.edu.

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Graduate Students in Cinema Studies and Performance Studies: The MA and PhD programs in Cinema Studies and Performance Studies are affiliate programs of the Graduate School of Arts & Science (GSAS) and in some important respects follow GSAS policies and procedures. Students in those programs are urged to consult their respective departments’ student handbooks, which are meant to supplement the more general Tisch School of the Arts Policies & Procedures Handbook (that is, the handbook you are reading now). Where there are differences between those departments’ handbooks and the present handbook, the department handbook takes precedence.


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The Tisch School of the Arts has established a code of conduct to which all members of the community are expected to adhere. It is a simple statement of the contract within which we all work.

Tisch is a place for serious professional and academic training, a place in which mature, focused, and considerate individuals are valued as members of a dynamic community. Work in the arts is highly collaborative, and students are expected to treat each other with respect and to work together as professionals. These high standards of citizenship apply not only to classroom behavior but to all aspects of life.

Tisch students are fortunate to work in and with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment that must be treated with respect, knowledge, and care. Students will be held accountable for their behavior in the NYU community, including the residence halls, studios, labs, and soundstages, and at extra-curricular workshops, internships, panels, and social situations. Cheating, plagiarizing, lying, stealing, violence, prejudice, physical, verbal, and sexual harassment are not tolerated. Any student who does not adhere to community standards in an academic or social sense or who does not behave professionally may be asked to leave the school.

In addition to adhering to Tisch’s Community Standards, all Tisch students are subject to New York University’s student conduct policies, which can be found online at http://www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/student-communitystandards/university-student-conduct-policies.html. While all of the policies found there apply, students should review carefully the following policies in particular:

- University Policy on Substance Abuse and Alcoholic Beverages and Guidelines for Action
- Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy and Resource Guide for Students and Procedures for Complaints Against Students
- Statement and Guidelines on Bullying, Threatening, and Other Disruptive Behavior
- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Students

**Tisch Policy on Academic Integrity**

**Statement of Principle**

The core of the educational experience at the Tisch School of the Arts is the creation of original academic and artistic work by students for the critical review of faculty members. It is therefore of the utmost importance that students at all times provide their instructors with an accurate sense of their current abilities and knowledge in order to receive appropriate constructive criticism and advice. Any attempt to evade that essential, transparent transaction between instructor and student through plagiarism or cheating is educationally self-defeating and a grave violation of Tisch School of the Arts community standards.

**Definitions**

- Plagiarism is presenting someone else’s original work as if it were your own. More specifically, plagiarism is to present as your own:
  - a sequence of words quoted without quotation marks
  - a paraphrased passage from another writer’s work
  - ideas, sound recordings, computer data, or images composed or created by someone else.

  Students are expected to build their own work on that of other people, just as professional artists, scholars, and writers do. Giving credit to the creator of the work you are incorporating into your own work is an act of integrity; plagiarism, on the other hand, is a form of fraud. Proper acknowledgment and correct citation constitute the difference.

- Cheating is an attempt to deceive a faculty member into believing that your mastery of a subject or discipline is greater than it really is by a range of dishonest methods. Examples of cheating include but are not limited to:
  - using notes, books, electronic media, or electronic communications in an exam without permission
  - talking with fellow students or looking at another person’s work during an exam
  - submitting substantially the same work in multiple courses without the explicit prior permission of the instructors
  - submitting work previously created for another course without the instructor’s knowledge and approval
  - fabricating a citation or using a false citation
  - purchasing a paper or hiring someone else to write a paper for you
How, then, can you avoid even unintentional breaches of academic integrity?

• having someone take an exam for you, or taking an exam for someone else
• allowing another student to present your work as his or her own
• altering or forging academic documents, including but not limited to admissions materials and medical excuses
• unauthorized collaboration on work intended to be done individually.

Investigation of Alleged Violations

If an instructor has reason to believe that a student has violated the Academic Integrity Policy, he or she should meet with the student as soon as reasonably possible to present the evidence of the alleged violation and hear the student’s response. When necessary, the meeting can be conducted by telephone. If the alleged violation is discovered after the term has ended, the faculty member should enter a grade of incomplete (“I”) until the matter is resolved. Once an investigation is begun, the student may not withdraw from the course.

All confirmed violations of the Academic Integrity Policy must be reported in writing to the department chair and the associate dean for student affairs. The written report should include details of the offense, the student’s response, the faculty member’s conclusions, and any penalties imposed (see below).

Penalties

Penalties for violations of the Academic Integrity Policy may range from being required to redo an assignment to dismissal from the School. For example, if after meeting with the student the instructor concludes that a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy did occur, he or she may require the student to completely redo the assignment; assign a grade of F for the assignment and factor the failing grade into the student’s final grade for the course; or assign a grade of F for the course, although this must be done in consultation with the department chair.

The associate dean for student affairs may initiate further disciplinary action against a student found in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, depending on the severity of the violation and whether the student has had prior disciplinary violations. Penalties may range from a formal warning to disciplinary probation to suspension or dismissal from the School. (For further information about discipline at the Tisch School of the Arts, see the section entitled “Discipline” in the Tisch School of the Arts Policies & Procedures Handbook.)

For Students: How to Avoid Breaches of Academic Integrity

Violations of academic integrity can be either intentional or unintentional; however, even unintentional violations are subject to disciplinary action.

• Learn how to cite sources properly. There are several excellent guides to proper citation available in the NYU Bookstore which you should purchase and read; some are listed below under “Additional Resources.” Find out in advance which citation style your instructor prefers, if it is not already indicated in the course syllabus.

• When in doubt as to whether to cite or not cite a source, the rule of thumb is to make the citation. Your instructor will tell you if you are being overly scrupulous, but let him or her decide.

• Take careful and complete notes while you are conducting research, and hold onto your notes in case your work’s integrity is challenged. Also keep copies of successive drafts of papers or versions of artistic work.

• Make sure you understand your instructor’s expectations about collaboration in the course or on a given assignment. Do not assume that because collaboration was permitted on one assignment it is permitted on another. And do not assume that Professor A’s standards are the same as Professor B’s. Be sure you understand what “collaboration” means to your instructor.

• If you are uncertain about the assignment you have been given, ask the instructor for clarification.

• If you have run into unforeseen obstacles in completing your assignment and need more time, ask the instructor.

• Manage your time! Experience shows that many students who committed breaches of academic integrity were tempted to do so when the due-date for an assignment was approaching, or the time for an exam was approaching, and they were unprepared. If you need help in improving your time management skills, consider enrolling in one of the time management workshops offered by the Academic Resource Center, or read one of the time management resources listed below.

Additional Resources


**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Students should become familiar and comply with the rules of conduct, academic regulations, and established practices of New York University and the Tisch School of the Arts, as well as any special rules or regulations set forth by their departments. Offenses for which disciplinary action might be taken include, but are not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, forgery of academic documents; deliberate destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of laboratory/studio data, research materials, computer resources, or University property; disruption of a classroom or an academic event; sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and stalking; bullying, threatening, and other disruptive behaviors; actual or threatened violence or other forms of harassment; violation of dormitory regulations; failure to comply with the directions of clearly identified University personnel in the performance of their assigned duties; and violation of University policies concerning illegal drugs and the underage use of alcohol.

Discipline at New York University is handled in a number of ways and by different offices, depending on the nature of the alleged offense. For example, alleged violations of dormitory regulations are investigated by the Office of Residential Life and Housing Services, while alleged instances of sexual misconduct are investigated by the Office of Community Standards and Compliance. When an alleged violation of a student conduct policy falls within the purview of the Tisch School of the Arts, the appropriate chair and/or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs shall try to resolve the matter on an informal basis. If the matter cannot be resolved on an informal basis, the Associate Dean will convene the Discipline Committee, which is a standing committee of the faculty. The Committee is intended to supplement, rather than replace, the internal workings of the departments and the School. A thorough explanation of the procedures of the Discipline Committee may be found in the Faculty Organization Plan, available in the office of the Associate Dean of Faculty.

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Tisch School of the Arts follows University grievance procedures in regard to grievances filed by students. In general, grievances should be brought to the attention of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. In the case of a complaint against an instructor, if a student is unable to satisfactorily resolve the difference in discussion with the teacher, he/she should meet with his/her departmental Chair. If the complaint is not resolved with the Chair, or, if the complaint is of a personal or confidential nature, the student may bring it to the attention of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, who will proceed as outlined in the School’s grievance procedures. For a detailed description of the procedures, visit [www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/student-communitystandards/student-grievance-procedure-.html](http://www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/student-communitystandards/student-grievance-procedure-.html).

**TSOA FACULTY STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

At the Tisch School of the Arts, we take the process of training and education offered to our students very seriously. The nature of our program demands concentration, dedication, and commitment. Experience teaches us that it is not possible for students to take full advantage of what is offered at the School while involved with drugs or alcohol. If drugs or alcohol are more important to you than your training, please understand that this is not the place for you. If you abuse drugs or alcohol while you are here, the School will take this as a genuine problem and will act accordingly.

**TSOA COMMUNITY STATEMENT ON HARASSMENT**

The Tisch School of the Arts seeks to maintain an educational environment that encourages the full development of each individual’s talent and ambition. We are also committed to building a creative community that fosters the maximum amount of artistic and intellectual freedom among its members. We view harassment of any form as a direct threat to our community. We therefore endorse New York University’s Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and urge all members of the Tisch community to become familiar with its provisions and complaint procedures.
POLICY ON THEATRICAL USE OF SIMULATED FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

New York University strictly prohibits possession of simulated firearms and weapons in and around any facility owned or controlled by the University except when the bearer is in possession of written approval or permit from a dean or department head or a dean or department head’s designee. The criteria for granting written approval or permits, including completion of required training, and the procedures for safe use of simulated firearms and weapons will be determined by the dean of the School or College in which the theatrical production occurs. Possession of a simulated firearm or weapon may be authorized and such possession permitted only if it is directly connected to a University- or School-related theatrical production (e.g., stage play or film production, or rehearsals for them).

When an individual is appropriately authorized to possess a simulated firearm or weapon for theatrical use at NYU, the following terms shall apply:

1. The approved simulated firearm or weapon may only be used during the time and in the manner specified in the written approval or permit.
2. Whenever an approved simulated firearm or weapon is transported from one location to another, including within the same building, it must be placed in a secure container in such a manner that it cannot be observed.
3. The individual to whom written permission has been granted to possess a simulated firearm or weapon must maintain custody of the simulated firearm or weapon at all times and may not transfer custody of the simulated firearm or weapon to any person not specified in the written permission. The written permission must accompany the simulated firearm or weapon at all times.
4. The individual to whom permission has been granted to possess a simulated firearm or weapon may not drink alcoholic beverages or engage in any reckless behavior while in possession of a simulated firearm or weapon.
5. When not in use for a theatrical production, the simulated firearm or weapon must be securely stored in a location chosen by the School that is sponsoring the theatrical production, which location must be approved by the Vice President for Global Security and Crisis Management. Under no circumstances may simulated firearms or weapons be stored in any University owned, leased, or controlled facilities other than an approved safety storage area.
6. If for any reason it is not possible for an individual in authorized possession of a simulated firearm or weapon to return the item to an approved safety storage area after authorized use, the simulated firearm or weapon should be brought to the Department of Public Safety at 14 Washington Place for temporary safe storage.
7. There is no exception to the prohibition of simulated firearms and weapons in New York University residential facilities, at any time and for any purpose.
8. Under no circumstances may students bring their own simulated firearms or weapons to campus. Students are limited to using simulated firearms or weapons supplied by their School and/or department or ented from a licensed third-party supplier of theatrical simulated firearms and weapons.

TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS OWNERSHIP POLICY

The creative works produced by students at the Tisch School of the Arts in fulfillment of class assignments, or as individual study projects, whether made on Tisch School of the Arts premises or elsewhere, with or without Tisch School of the Arts equipment, and with or without extra funds (hereafter called, “Student Works”), have a dual nature. First and foremost, the production of Student Works is intended as an educational experience. However, the product of that educational experience is an item of property that may have a market value for its creator(s).

The interest of the Tisch School of the Arts in any Student Work extends only through the completion of the educational experience associated with such Work—until its utility as an educational device or matrix has been exhausted. This is not necessarily the completion of the Work; many Student Works that are technically incomplete have nonetheless satisfied the educational purposes for which the creation of such Works was intended.

But, if certain students were to market, distribute, or work for private profit on a Student Work prior to the termination of that Work’s usefulness as an educational device, it could deprive other students of the opportunity to work in or with such Work and hinder the exercise of proper faculty supervision of such work, thereby obstructing the educational purpose that the production of such Work is intended to serve.

Student Works are prepared for educational purposes, not as products for market, and the financial value of Student Works, if any, is at most a secondary benefit of their creation. Therefore, it is in the interest of the students at the Tisch School of the Arts and of Tisch as a whole that each Student Work remains subject to certain restrictions until the educational experience associated with such Work has been completed. Following the completion of
such experience, the Tisch School of the Arts has no interest in the marketing of any Student Work or any income derived therefrom. Therefore, all Student Works are subject to the following ownership policy:

1. All Student Works are owned by the student(s) who creates them.

2. Any income from distribution of any Student Work shall be the property of the student(s) who creates such work.

3. All students who create or participate in the creation of a Student Work are jointly and severally responsible for such Student Work, including without being limited to, for determining and ensuring that such Student Work does not violate or infringe on any copyright, any right of privacy, or any other right of any person, and that such Student Work is not libelous, obscene, or otherwise contrary to law. Such students shall also be jointly and severally responsible for obtaining any necessary permissions for the use of any copyrighted materials included in such Student Work.

Any advice or assistance given by any faculty member or other representative of the Tisch School of the Arts or of New York University to any student in relation to the foregoing responsibilities, or otherwise in relation to the preparation or production of a Student Work, shall not be construed (a) as the assumption of such responsibility or of any liability by such person, by the Tisch School of the Arts, or by New York University; (b) to deem the University, the School, or such person a joint venturer with such student; or (c) to grant such student the power, right, or authority to create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of, or otherwise, to bind the University, the School, or such person.

Each student who creates or participates in the creation of a Student Work agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Tisch School of the Arts and New York University against any loss, damage, liability, or expense that they incur as a result of the preparation or production of such Student Work, including, without being limited to, any material in such work that infringes or violates any copyright, right of privacy, or any other right of any person, or is libelous, obscene, or contrary to law.

4. To ensure that each student and faculty member has a meaningful opportunity to participate in the educational process occasioned by the production of each Student Work, the student(s) who owns each Student Work agrees not to distribute such Work in any manner, whether by sale or other transfer of the ownership or other rights, license, lease, loan, gift, or otherwise, except for entering such Work in festivals or competitions, and further agrees to make such Student Work available to other students and to faculty members of the Tisch School of the Arts for any use relating to his or her education or to the education of such other students, until such student, or if more than one student owns such Student Work, until all such students have either graduated from New York University or are no longer matriculating at New York University. The Dean of the Tisch School of the Arts may, in her sole discretion, waive these restrictions for any reason satisfactory to the Dean.

5. The student(s) who owns each Student Work grants New York University: (a) the right to purchase prints or other copies of such Student Work at cost, whenever, in the University’s sole discretion, such prints or other copies are needed for any University use; and (b) the right to reproduce, display, or perform such prints or other copies anywhere and for any reason, including, without being limited to, publicizing the Tisch School of the Arts or New York University, without any royalty or other payment of any kind to the student(s), provided that such prints or copies may not be rented or sold by the University. Such student(s) also agrees that he or she will not make any contract or commitment regarding the Student Work contrary to this policy or in derogation of the rights granted to the University by this policy, and that he or she will sign any document reasonably requested by the University to confirm or enforce any of the rights granted to the University by this policy.

6. The Tisch School of the Arts will decide whether or not to put its name on a given Student Work. If so requested by the Dean of the Tisch School of the Arts, the student(s) who owns each Student Work agrees to credit in such Student Work, in a manner satisfactory to the Dean, any donor to the Tisch School of the Arts whose donation contributed in any way to the production of such Student Work.

REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE

The NYU Registrar’s Student Services Office maintains the official record of your local and permanent address. It is extremely important that the University maintain correct, up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers, including cell phone numbers, and it is the student’s responsibility to provide this information. Students may update the personal profile at the University Registrar’s Office (25 West 4th Street, 1st floor) or using Albert, and should inform their department of any changes to the personal profile.
Students should always update the personal profile contact information when changes are in order. The easiest way to update the address, telephone, cell or email is through the Albert account via NYU home. Go to Student Center, scroll down to Personal Information and click Edit to update the contact information.

NYU HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Immunization Policy

New York State law and/or New York University requires that all newly admitted students (graduate, undergraduate and transfers):

1. Provide the University with certification from a health care provider or other acceptable evidence that they have received immunization against measles, mumps and rubella with vaccines that meet the standards for such biological products that have been approved by the United States Public Health Service and the New York State Department of Health; or evidence of immunity by history of disease or serological evidence.
2. Receive written information from the University about meningococcal meningitis and meningococcal meningitis immunization, and complete a meningococcal meningitis response form certifying either that they have received such immunization within the past ten years, or that they have received the written information from the University and understand the risks of meningococcal meningitis but have chosen not to be immunized against it. The parent and guardian of students under the age of 18 must make the certification on behalf of the students. The Immunization Record Form provides the information and requests certification outlined in Section III (1) and (2) of this Policy and must be completed by all newly admitted students.

New York University further requires:

1. All newly admitted students (graduate, undergraduate and transfers) must provide evidence of vaccination with two doses of the combined Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine, if not immune by history of disease or laboratory titer.
2. All newly admitted students (graduate, undergraduate and transfers) must complete a medical history form.
3. All newly admitted graduate students must complete and provide the meningococcal meningitis response form.
4. All new admitted undergraduate students must provide evidence of vaccination for meningococcal meningitis.
5. All newly admitted undergraduate students must provide proof of completion of the alcohol and other drug health module as specified in the module instructions.

For more information - www.nyu.edu/shc/about/health.requirements.html.

Measles, mumps, rubella and meningitis immunization information and appointments are available at the Student Health Center, (212-443-1199; Web site: www.nyu.edu/shc). Failure to comply with the immunization requirements will result in denial of registration privileges for NYU students.

Insurance Services

New York University students in degree-granting programs are required to maintain health insurance. Many students are automatically enrolled in an NYU-sponsored student health insurance plan as part of the University’s registration process. NYU sponsors several student health insurance plans, and automatic enrollment varies according to school, credit load, and visa status. For more specific information, please refer to the Student Health Services Insurance Handbook or call the Student Health Insurance Services Office (212-443-1020; http://www.nyu.edu/life/safety-health-wellness/student-health-center/insurance-patient-accounts.html.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS / NYUCARD

All students are required to have an NYUCard, the University’s photo ID card. Your NYUCard allows you access to Tisch and most University facilities and should be carried at all times. The NYUCard can also function as a debit card for making purchases at the bookstore, campus dining facilities, Coles Sports Center, vending machines, etc. Take extreme care not to lose your card. Replacing the card costs $15.00, a charge that can only be waived if you can submit a police report indicating that the card was stolen. Report lost or stolen cards by calling (212) 443-CARD.

For further information contact:
New York University
NYUCard Center
7 Washington Place, Ground Floor
New York, NY 10003
(212) 443-CARD (2273); www.nyu.edu/nyucard

REGISTRATION AND MATRICULATION

Definition of Registration, Matriculation, and Full-time Status

This section is meant to assist students in understanding the difference between “being registered” and “being matriculated,” as those terms are commonly used. The distinction is an important one because many aspects of your student life are affected (e.g., matriculant status affects financial aid, housing, and in some cases, insurance coverage).

A student is considered registered when the student has completed the registration process established by the department and the University Reg-
Matriculation means the student:
- has satisfactorily met all Admissions Office requirements for acceptance into a degree or certificate program (that usually includes, but is not limited to, evidence of secondary school graduation and final official transcripts of all college work); and,
- enrolled in course work leading to a degree (for an exception, see Leave of Absence, page 27).

Students are not matriculated until they have met all requirements for admission. In some cases, students are admitted to the School (with the expectation on the part of the Admissions Office that requirements will be met), register, and are not yet matriculated. Students must establish matriculant status immediately upon entering school if accepted as a degree or certificate student.

One is considered a full-time student if registered for 12 or more credits in a semester. Note: At NYU, “units”, “points” and “credits” should be considered interchangeable terms.

MAINTENANCE OF MATRICULATION AND EQUIVALENCY

Maintenance of Matriculation

Graduate students who have completed all course work, but have yet to complete final thesis requirements, must maintain matriculation each fall and spring semester until all degree requirements are fulfilled. To maintain matriculation, students complete a registration form in their department using the appropriate course number. In addition to the maintenance of matriculation fee, students are charged a registration and services fee by the University. Student health insurance fees are charged for those who opt to enroll in one of the available plans.

Special note on Graduate Film and Interactive Telecommunications: Because students are eligible to use equipment while maintaining matriculation to complete the thesis, students are assessed mandatory lab and equipment insurance fees in addition to those listed above.

Equivalency

Certification of full-time or half-time equivalency status can be important for one or more of the following reasons: a) eligibility for financial aid; b) renewal or fulfillment of the terms of a student visa; c) deferral of student loan repayments; d) eligibility for certain health insurance plans.

- **Full-time equivalency**: a student may be judged by her or his department as full-time equivalent if s/he is engaged in at least forty hours of work on the thesis project each week of the semester.
- **Half-time equivalency**: a student may be judged by her or his department as half-time equivalent if s/he is engaged in at least twenty hours of work on the thesis project each week of the semester.
- **Equivalency while registered for course work**: a student may be judged as full-time or half-time equivalent through a combination of registered course work (six credits is the equivalent of twenty hours per week) and work on the thesis project.

Time limits on equivalency: a student maintaining matriculation may be certified as full-time equivalent for a maximum of two consecutive semesters. A student may be certified as half-time equivalent for a maximum of four consecutive semesters.

**Special Note on Maintenance of Matriculation in General**:

Maintenance of matriculation is mandatory for any graduate student still working toward his/her degree. Certification of equivalency, however, is not necessarily required, or even permitted in some cases where the student is maintaining matriculation. For example, a student maintains matriculation for two semesters and is certified full-time equivalent for both semesters. If the student does not graduate at the end of this period, then an extension must be applied for through the department, or s/he simply maintains matriculation without equivalency. Any student being certified full-time or half-time equivalent is either registered for course work or maintaining matriculation.

**Procedure for Maintaining Matriculation and Establishing Equivalency**:

To maintain matriculation, the student registers for Maintaining Matriculation via Albert (MAINT-UT). The student must also complete an equivalency form to be approved by the department chair and the Director of Academic Services in Tisch Student Affairs for full-time or half-time equivalency. Registration for maintenance of matriculation and equivalency must be completed no later than the third week of the semester.

**Important notes on equivalency**:
- A student employed full-time MAY NOT request full-time equivalency.
- The department chair must authorize and sign equivalency certification.
- Extensions beyond the two-semester limit for full-time equivalency and four semesters for half-time equivalency are granted only under exceptional circumstances. They will be given only when a compelling case can be made to the Associate Dean that the student has been working steadily on the thesis and has a valid reason for the extension.
- Students taking leaves of absence or receiving waivers of matriculation fees are not eligible for either full-time or half-time equivalency.
CHANGE OF PROGRAM (DROPPING/ADDING CLASSES)

Note: The Program Change Form is commonly referred to as a Drop/Add Form.

The following information applies only to the fall and spring semesters. Although the same procedure for withdrawing from summer and winter classes is applicable, the refund schedule is accelerated. Be sure to read and follow these procedures carefully.

There may be a number of reasons why students would need to change the course of study, and there are various regulations and a strict calendar of deadlines governing program changes. Please consult the drop/add and refund schedule. The refund and the notation appearing on your transcript are affected. For a calendar of drop/add dates, visit the registrar’s calendar webpage at www.nyu.edu/registrar/calendars/academic-calendar.html. To view the refund calendar, visit www.nyu.edu/bursar/refunds/schedule.html.

The process of changing one’s program begins in the department. Although students can drop/add using Albert (home.nyu.edu) during the first two weeks of classes, they are responsible for adhering to the academic program approved by departmental advisors. Please note: Rules for the student’s home school apply when dropping or adding a class, not the school in which the course is offered. For example, TSOA drop/add policy applies to TSOA students who may be enrolled in CAS courses.

Albert registration and the drop/add period ends after the second week of the term. Any program change after the end of the second week requires three separate approvals: 1) written permission of the instructor (if adding a course); 2) departmental approval; 3) approval by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Courses cannot be dropped after the 9th week of the semester. If a student stops attending a class, it is not an official withdrawal; students who do not officially withdraw will be graded accordingly, and may be assigned a permanent failing grade.

Students who wish to drop all classes for a current semester should complete the online withdrawal form via the student’s Albert account. The online withdrawal form should be used for students who wish to take a leave of absence or withdraw from the University completely. It should not be used by students who wish to drop or add individual classes but remain enrolled, have half-time or full-time equivalency for the semester, or maintain matriculation for the semester.

Restrictions and Notes on Registration:

• Late registration: Students who register after the first week of classes are registering late. A late registration fee goes into effect one week after the start of classes. At that time, initial registration forms must be approved by the department and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

• If a class is dropped during the first two weeks of a term, it will not appear on the student record. After the 2nd week, the grade recorded will be a W. There are no exceptions to this rule.

• Students may not drop classes after the 9th week of classes.

• TSOA undergraduates are expected to be full-time students. Students are considered full-time if registered for 12 or more credits in a semester. Most programs do not allow part-time students. Students must have permission of their chair and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to be part-time. Students registered for fewer than 12 credits in a semester without permission may be placed on academic probation.

• Students may enroll for up to 18 points per term and may not take more than 18 points per term without permission of the department and approval of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. There is an additional per-point fee above 18 points.

REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Please remember that the refund schedule defined below applies only to fall and spring semesters. Summer and winter session information can be found at http://www.nyu.edu/bursar/refunds/schedule.html.

A refund of tuition will be made by the Bursar’s Office after an Albert program change or presentation of a drop/add form accompanied by the appropriate approvals. The refund will be automatically calculated according to the schedule published below. The date on which the Program Change Form is processed by the University Registrar’s and Bursar’s Offices, not the last date of attendance in class, is considered the official date of your withdrawal. It is this date that serves as the basis for computing any refund granted.

The refund period is defined as the first four calendar weeks of the term for which application for withdrawal is filed, for graduate students and undergraduates making a complete semester withdrawal. For undergraduates who are dropping class(es) but will remain enrolled in at least one course, the refund period during the academic year is the first two weeks of the semester. The fastest way to receive a refund is to establish your Direct Deposit account via NYU Albert at http://www.nyu.edu/bursar/refunds/direct.deposit.html.

REFUND PERIOD SCHEDULE (FALL AND SPRING TERMS ONLY)

The following schedules are based on the total applicable charges for tuition. Refund schedules for all terms can be found at the Bursar website: www.nyu.edu/bursar/refunds/schedule.html.
Students who wish to be out of attendance from the Tisch School of the Arts for one semester or one academic year may apply for an official leave of absence. Because a leave interrupts progress toward the degree and may interrupt professional training, it is granted only for a good cause. A leave of absence maintains a student’s status as accepted and matriculated toward the degree. Being absent from school without an official leave, even for one semester, has the effect of invalidating acceptance towards the degree, forcing the student to re-apply for admission.

Applying for a Leave of Absence

A student contemplating a leave of absence should begin by discussing the matter with his/her department advisor. To officially request a leave, the student must submit a Leave of Absence Request Form to his/her department chair along with a written explanation of the reasons for the leave and its duration. The Leave of Absence Request Form may be obtained from Tisch departments, from the Student Affairs Office, or downloaded from the website at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms. html. If the department chair feels the leave is justifiable, s/he will forward the request to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs for approval. A request for a leave for medical reasons must be accompanied by a note from a health care provider and will require additional approval from Counseling and Wellness Services and/or the Medical Services Division of the Student Health Center. A leave is official only after the student receives final written approval from the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

The student should be aware that a leave of absence may affect financial aid, University housing, and future student status. Students should discuss these ramifications with the appropriate offices before applying for a leave. While on leave, students are responsible for meeting all financial aid and housing deadlines relevant to returning students. Students receiving federal loans (SSL and Perkins) should note that a leave of absence does not certify one as an enrolled student for the purpose of loan deferral. There is a separate leave of absence procedure for those seeking to register off-campus after a leave (see page 32).

As a general rule, a leave of absence must be requested prior to the first day of classes of the semester. Requests for leaves after this date will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A leave will usually not be granted after the end of the second week of classes. This marks the conclusion of the drop/add period, after which a student withdrawing for the term receives grades of W in all courses. The grade of Incomplete is not possible for a student on leave, and the student is not permitted to make up work for courses after a
W is assigned, as it is a terminal grade. If a student is granted a leave after the semester has begun, the same graduated refund schedule applying to withdrawal from classes is in effect. For the graduated refund schedule and policies, please refer to page 26. The refund schedule is strictly enforced.

**Extending a Leave**

The normal time limit for a leave is one academic year (or two consecutive semesters) in total. To request an extension of a leave, the student must write to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Be sure to include the reasons for the extension and the time period involved. An extension of the leave may be granted for good cause, but for no longer than an additional two consecutive semesters.

**Returning from a Personal or Financial Leave**

Students must notify the Office of Student Affairs of their intention to return from a leave of absence at least six weeks prior to the registration period for the semester of their intended return. In order to do this, the student must fill out a Return from Leave of Absence form, which may be obtained from the student’s department, the Office of Student Affairs, or online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms and send it to the Office of Student Affairs. The student will then be reactivated in Albert and permitted to register for courses.

**Returning from a Medical Leave of Absence**

If the reason for the leave was medical or psychological, the student must provide a letter from his/her health care provider confirming that the student has been in treatment since leaving the University and make an appointment with Counseling and Wellness to be assessed for provisional clearance. If provisional clearance is granted, the student will be provisionally reactivated in the Student Information System and be permitted to register for courses.

No later than one month prior to the beginning of classes, the student must have his/her health care provider complete a “Certificate of Readiness to Return” and make an appointment to be assessed (at no charge to the student) by the Director of Counseling and Wellness (or his/her designee) and/or the Medical Director of the Student Health Center (or his/her designee), who will provide a recommendation to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs regarding the student’s fitness to return. If the student has not completed these steps by the first day of classes, his/her provisional reinstatement will be revoked and he/she will be de-enrolled from courses.

**Appeal of a Decision Denying Re-enrollment**

A student may appeal a decision denying re-enrollment to the Provost (or the Provost’s designee) in writing within ten business days (excluding weekends and federal and state holidays) of receiving the decision. The Provost shall review the record and any additional information submitted by the student and render a decision within ten business days (excluding weekends and federal and state holidays) of receiving the appeal. The Provost’s decision shall be final. The Provost may extend the time limits set forth above as necessary.
Returning from an Involuntary Leave

Students wishing to return from an involuntary leave of absence should follow the procedures above for returning from a voluntary leave. Note: Students returning from an involuntary leave imposed for medical or psychological reasons are required to obtain a medical clearance.

AUDITING

Auditing means registering, paying for (or having included in the flat fee), and completing the work specified by the instructor in classes for which you will not receive credit toward your degree. A grade of R is automatically given in audited courses. Students are permitted to register as an auditor in TSOA courses provided that they have the permission of:

1. the instructor;
2. the department offering the course;
3. the student’s primary department.

Auditors register after students taking the course for credit have registered, provided that space and equipment are still available. Additionally, auditors must register in person by going to the Office of Student Services, 25 West 4th Street, 1st floor. Auditors cannot register using Albert.

Normally, students may not audit more than one course per semester, nor more than three courses during an undergraduate career, nor more than two courses during a graduate career. Credit is not granted for audited courses, and auditing does not count toward full-time status.

For information on auditing courses in other divisions of the University, you should consult the policies of that division, usually found in the appropriate bulletin.

CHANGE OF MAJOR (UNDERGRADUATES)

Students interested in changing their major within Tisch must apply to the intended program by submitting a Change-of-Major Application. The application is available online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html. This process requires the approval of the student’s current department. Once that approval is received, the student should submit the application to the Director of Recruitment in the Office of Student Affairs. The Director acts as a liaison between the student and his/her intended program. Once the application and portfolio have been reviewed by the department in which the student would like to major, a letter will be sent to the student indicating whether or not the change of major is accepted by that program.

The following points are important to keep in mind when considering a change of major:

- Students must complete one year of coursework before being eligible for a change of major.
- All departments require an audition, portfolio or other creative materials as part of the admission process.
- Acceptance into one TSOA department does not guarantee acceptance into another TSOA department.
- Deadline for submission is March 1st. Departments do not allow mid-year change of majors.
- Students interested in a transfer to another NYU division should contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 665 Broadway, 11th floor, (212) 998-4500, http://admissions.nyu.edu.

DOUBLE MAJOR/MINOR (UNDERGRADUATES ONLY)

In all Tisch undergraduate departments students may choose to pursue a second major or a minor. The second major or minor may be in another division of NYU or within TSOA, assuming that the department allows such study. A second major outside of Tisch can only be pursued within the College of Arts and Science. If the double major or minor is in another division of NYU, the primary department is the TSOA department. If work for a second major or minor is done in TSOA, the primary department is the department into which a student was first accepted. If minoring, the primary department is always the department of your major.

Students who wish to complete a double major in another department within the Tisch School of the Arts must complete the Tisch Double Major Application available in the Office of Student Affairs or online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html. The number of double majors within the Tisch School of the Arts is limited. Double majors in two production departments is not permitted.

Some course work done to satisfy requirements of the second major or minor may occasionally be used toward degree requirements of the primary department; e.g., psychology courses from a second major in psychology might be applicable toward the social science portion of your TSOA general education requirement.
Additionally, in planning a second major or minor, students should take into consideration the effect on financial aid. If completing the second major or minor requires extension of school beyond eight semesters, students may not be eligible to receive aid beyond the eighth term. Students can seek advisement from Tisch financial aid advisors in the Student Affairs Office.

**STUDYING AWAY FROM THE NYU CAMPUS**

**Study Away Opportunities**

The Tisch Office of Special Programs administers Tisch specialized professional training and courses for Tisch students in many international locations over the course of the fall, spring, and summer semesters, including Amsterdam, Berlin, Florence, Havana, London, Paris, Prague, and Sydney. Tisch students should contact the Office of Special Programs at (212) 998-1500 or visit http://specialprograms.tisch.nyu.edu for full information.

There are many additional international study, study away, and exchange programs sponsored by the NYU Office of Global Programs. Tisch students can take advantage of programs in Abu Dhabi, Accra, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, London, Madrid, Paris, Prague, Shanghai, Sydney, Tel Aviv, and Washington D.C. For additional information, call (212) 998-4433 or visit http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad.

All of the above programs are offered as NYU credit and students register, after receiving advisor and program approval, in the normal manner for the designated NYU course numbers.

**Applying for Permission to Register Off-Campus**

Generally speaking, once a student has chosen to obtain the degree at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, the student is expected to complete all coursework at this institution. Classes in professional training, general education (liberal arts) and electives are seen as complementing each other and requisite courses in all areas are expected to be completed within the curriculum at New York University. Students interested in studying away, are encouraged to look at NYU-sponsored programs first before turning to any outside curriculum.

There are occasions when students will wish to seek permission to take non-NYU courses either abroad or off-campus at another university within the country. If a student feels s/he has a sound educational reason for doing so, s/he is encouraged to apply for permission to pursue the study and have credits apply to his/her degree here. There are two essential criteria governing this permission:

1. A student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of application.
2. The proposed off-campus coursework must be at a properly accredited four-year institution. Community college and junior college coursework is not transferable.
3. Credit for off-campus study cannot be earned for graduation from New York University.
4. The proposed off-campus credit cannot cause the student to exceed the maximum number of transfer credits allowed by the student’s department.

For compelling educational reasons. An example of a compelling educational reason might be a film student interested in bringing knowledge of Native American studies to her work in documentary film. A semester-long specialized program in Native American studies at another university would complement the student’s program here and would be a reason for granting a leave of absence with permission to register off-campus and have the credits applied to the Tisch degree.

To obtain permission, students should begin by speaking with a departmental advisor. To pursue permission after that, students must fill out the Application for Permission to Register Off-Campus with a Leave of Absence for off-campus study requests during the academic school year. Students requesting permission to study off-campus during the summer should use the Application for Permission to Register Off-Campus for summer. The appropriate form with the supporting documentation should be submitted to the student’s department chair for approval. The forms are available in the department, through the Office of Student Affairs, or online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html. If the request is approved by the department, the form is then forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for consideration. Final approval is granted by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Please be aware that permission is granted only after a careful review of both the educational rationale and the details of your intended plan of study. A number of additional conditions govern off-campus registration. To be eligible for permission:

1. A student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of application.
2. The proposed off-campus coursework must be at a properly accredited four-year institution. Community college and junior college coursework is not transferable.
3. Credit for off-campus study cannot comprise any of the last 32 credits to be earned for graduation from New York University.
4. The proposed off-campus credit cannot cause the student to exceed the maximum number of transfer credits allowed by the student’s department.
For the coursework to be credited to the Tisch degree:

1. Credit will be given only for coursework that has been approved on the Permission to Register Off-Campus form. If you plan on registering for a different course, you must obtain approval before the off-campus class begins.

2. A grade of “C” or better must be obtained for credit to be granted. Credit will not be granted for courses taken on a Pass/Fail basis.

3. After completion of study, the student must, at the earliest date possible, have an official transcript of completed work sent to the Tisch Office of Student Affairs. No credit can be granted without receipt of an official transcript. The transcript should be sent to:

   Tisch School of the Arts, New York University
   Attn: Director of Academic Services
   Office of Student Affairs
   726 Broadway, 2nd Floor
   New York, NY 10003

The normal conditions applying to a regular leave of absence (see p. 27) also apply to a leave with permission to register off-campus (during the academic school year).

Note that NYU operates on a semester system. If permission is granted to attend a university on the quarter system, credit will be granted according to the following formula: each quarter hour is equivalent to two thirds of a semester hour. A four credit quarter-hour course, therefore, will usually translate to two semester credits at NYU. NYU does not grant fractions of credits.

**READMISSION**

**Undergraduate:** Students who have been out of school for one semester or more without an Official Leave of Absence must be readmitted. Students who enrolled at another school during their absence from Tisch must apply for transfer admission through the Admissions Office. Otherwise, students may apply for readmission using the Readmission Application Form, available online at [http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html](http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html). In either case, the readmission is subject to the conditions mandated by your department. Students might, for example, be required to re-audition or submit new creative materials.

If accepted, students are automatically readmitted to their original department, and must abide by the degree requirements specified by the department at the time of readmission, unless otherwise indicated by the chair.

Students who wish to apply for a change of major to another TSOA department must first be readmitted and then submit a Change-of-Major Application. The application can be obtained in the Office of Student Affairs or downloaded at [http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html](http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html).

**Graduate:** Any student who has been out of school for one semester or more without an Official Leave of Absence must be readmitted. Students should first contact their departments for preliminary approval and then apply for readmission using the Readmission Application Form available online at [www.graduate.tisch.nyu.edu/object/readmit](http://www.graduate.tisch.nyu.edu/object/readmit).

**Special Note:** The only exception to readmission policy as stated above is as follows: If a Tisch undergraduate student has met graduation requirements and is placed on the graduation list within one calendar year of the end of the semester of his or her last registration, and has no need to register for additional NYU credits in order to graduate, the student may, upon being placed on the graduation list by his or her department, be automatically reactivated by the Registrar without the need to reapply for admission. A student who comes up for graduation beyond one calendar year past the end of the semester of his or her last registration must reapply in accordance with the normal policy.

**EVALUATION OF CREDIT FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS**

The following pertains to undergraduate students. (For graduate students, credit is evaluated by the department chair in consultation with the Director of Graduate Admissions.)

- Transfer credit is evaluated by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for all external transfers and by the student’s new department for all internal transfers. Credits are evaluated in both the major and non-major areas (except in the Dance Department and Photography and Imaging Department where credit in the major or in a related area is granted at the discretion of the chair of the department).

- Generally, professional courses will be considered for elective credit only. Students should be aware that in all departments, there is a specific maximum number of transfer credits allowed, due to departmental residency requirements.

- In general, when granting advanced standing, the following are considered: the content, complexity, and grading standards of courses taken elsewhere; individual grades and grade point averages attained by the applicant; the suitability of courses taken elsewhere for the program of study chosen here; and the degree of preparation that completed courses provide for more advanced study here.

- All transfer students must adhere to the specific Tisch major and general education degree requirements. Internal transfer students should pay special attention to the change(s) in their Academic Requirements
since advanced standing credit allocation will be adjusted according to the TSOA policy.

- NYU operates on a semester system. Credit transferred from a school that is on a quarter system will transfer according to the following formula: 2/3 semester hour = 1 quarter hour. Thus, if successful completion of 4-quarter-hour course will transfer as 2 semester credits here. NYU does not grant fractions of credits.

- Transfer students are sent a tentative evaluation of credit with the acceptance letter; the final evaluation is completed upon receipt of final transcripts from all previous institutions. Students should refer to the tentative evaluation for course selection during their first registration.

- Transfers must submit final official transcripts from all former colleges to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (665 Broadway, 11th floor, New York, N.Y. 10012) so that transfer credits can be finalized by the end of the first semester. Until transfer credit is finalized, students are not considered fully matriculated in TSOA. This should be an important priority.

- If a student thinks his/her transfer evaluation does not accurately reflect a proper distribution of his/her previous college work, it may be appealed through the department. All adjustments to the transfer evaluation must be made within the first year at TSOA. After such time no amendments to the statement of transfer credit will be considered.

- Only courses in which a grade of C or above was earned are eligible for transfer credit. There are no exceptions. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not be accepted for credit.

- Credit is accepted only from colleges or universities that have been accredited by the regional Association of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. An exception is made when a school is in the trial period of “Candidacy” for accreditation.

- For information on credit for standardized tests, please see the section entitled Credit for Standardized Testing, page 50.

- Students who have taken a course elsewhere or have presented Advanced Placement credit in a course area should not retake the equivalent of the course at New York University. Credit will not be granted for the same course twice.

- For information on credit for courses taken while in high school, please see the section entitled Credit for College Courses Taken While In High School, page 51.

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REQUESTING AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Transcript requests are handled by the NYU Registrar’s Student Services Office, located at 25 West 4th Street, 1st floor. If a student attended NYU after 2001 he/she may access his/her NYU Home Albert account and request a transcript from the Student Center. If a student attended NYU during or before 2001 he/she should complete the online Transcript Request Form at www.nyu.edu/registrar/transcript-form.html and mail or fax the signature page to the Office of the Registrar at the contact information below. One may also write a letter to request a transcript to the following address:

Fax: (212) 995-4154
Mail: Office of the University Registrar
P.O. Box 910
New York, NY 10276-0910
Email: academic.records@nyu.edu

A request letter must include all of the following information:
1. University ID Number
2. Current Name and any name under which you attend(ed) NYU
3. Current Address
4. Date of Birth
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6. Dates of Attendance
7. Date of Graduation
8. Full Name & Address of the person or institution to which the transcript is to be sent

There is no limit for the number of official transcripts that can be issued to a student nor is there a charge for academic transcripts. Transcript requests should be made early and in line with the instructions above. Unofficial transcripts and grades are available on the web via the ALBERT system: https://home.nyu.edu. Grades are posted on ALBERT at the end of each term as they are received from the instructor of the course or the academic department offering the course.

The NYU Registrar can answer transcript questions at (212) 998-4280.
CADEMIC POLICIES & PROCEDURES

DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Given the diversified curriculum offered at TSOA, each department has its own degree requirements and its own standards for evaluating student progress. You are responsible for knowing your department’s regulations. But you should also know that there is a School-wide minimum grade requirement in TSOA. All undergraduate students are required to earn a grade of C or better in courses taken in their major. Students who fail to earn a C or better must repeat the course in order for the credit to count toward major requirements. Both grades will be computed in the grade point average and will appear on the transcript. Please also see “Academic Probation” (page 46) for additional information on academic standards.

Please note that in order to be eligible to participate in any position of leadership in student government or student clubs, a TSOA student must be in good academic and social standing in accordance with both departmental and School standards.

GRADES AND GRADING POLICIES

Grades

The following are terminal grades, i.e. grades that may not be changed once they have been recorded: A, B, C, D, P, F, W. The following is a provisional grade and cannot remain on the transcript: Incomplete (I). An incomplete must be changed to a letter grade.

For undergraduates, A indicates excellent work; B indicates good work; C indicates satisfactory work; D indicates passable work and is the lowest passing grade; and F indicates failure. For graduate students A indicates excellent work; B indicates good work; and C indicates passable work and is the lowest passing grade. Instructors may give grades of plus and minus and these will be recorded and computed in your average.

There are no grades of A plus or D minus. The designation of R is used to indicate an officially registered audited course; no credit is granted for an audited class. (See section titled “Auditing” on page 30.)

The grade of P or Pass indicates that you completed the work satisfactorily. Only certain courses in TSOA are graded using pass/fail grading. (See section titled “Pass/Fail Option” on page 41.)

The grade of W indicates official withdrawal from a course. Please see the section “Change of Program” for more information (page 24). Incomplete (I) is a provisional or temporary grade indicating that you have, for a compelling reason, not completed all of the work for a course. If outstanding work is not completed within the specified time limit agreed upon between the professor and you, the Incomplete grade will lapse to the final grade given by the professor. Please see the section “Incomplete and Extensions” (page 40) for further information.

Calculating the Grade Point Average

The grade point average (GPA) is computed at the end of each semester by the Registrar’s Office and appears on your transcript. The grade point average is calculated as follows:

Grades are assigned the following “weights”:

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To calculate your GPA, multiply the “grade weight” listed above by the number of points the course was worth. Thus, an A- in a 4 point course equals 14.8. Add together all the values thus calculated and divide by the number of points completed. The result is your grade point average. The following is an example:

Sample GPA Calculation, Fall Semester Grades:

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<td>Intro to Playwriting</td>
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<td>W</td>
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<tr>
<td>English</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physics</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>16.0</td>
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Total Points Completed = 16
Total Grade Values = 50.6
(W does not count in points completed; F does)

Total Grade Values = 50.6 divided by
Total Points Completed (16) = 3.16*

*3.16 is student’s grade point average for the work done in the fall semester.

Note that grades of I and W are not calculated in the GPA, although W is a terminal grade. The grade of F does figure in the GPA.
Grading Policies

Except for W and P, all grades for courses taken for credit at any division of NYU are computed in your average, beginning with those earned during your first term of registration at New York University. Therefore, for students who transfer from another division of NYU into TSOA, the grade point average will carry over to the record as a Tisch student. The only exception to this rule applies to courses in the School of Professional Studies (SPS). If, while registered in another division of NYU, students completed SPS courses, those grades will not be computed in the TSOA grade point average or count toward a student’s degree and will appear on the transcript only as credits transferred. Grades for courses taken at other colleges and universities are not computed in the NYU grade point average.

If a student repeats a non-repeatable course, both grades will be computed in the grade point average. However, the student will only receive credit towards the overall credits once. Please note that a notation will appear on the transcript indicating that the course was repeated.

Changing a Grade

Once the grades for a course have been reported to the Registrar’s Office, the only grade that can be changed is the grade of I. The instructor will initiate the web grading process which will require the approval of both the departmental chair and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Approved changes of grade are sent to the University Registrar’s Office where the transcript is changed accordingly. Permanent grades may not be changed. Additional work completed after a final grade has been entered does not constitute a valid reason for a grade change. Completion of work can result in a change of grade only when the grade initially given was “Incomplete.”

Grade changes for courses taken in other divisions of the University must be approved by the appropriate officers of the division involved. The policies and procedures of those divisions can be found in the appropriate bulletin or by contacting that division’s academic affairs office. Transcripts are never changed for any reason after the student has graduated.

Grade Appeals

Permanent grades may be changed only under the following circumstances:

a) if there has been an error on the instructor’s part in calculating your grade, or
b) if you have evidence that the instructor graded unfairly due to personal prejudice. If you feel you have received a grade that you did not earn, you may appeal to the instructor for a change. If the instructor agrees, s/he must submit a Change of Grade Form with an explanation of why the change is being made. Such a change would need both the Chair’s approval and the approval of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. If, after consulting with the instructor, you continue to feel that your grade is in error, you may appeal your grade to your Chair who will make the final determination.

Incomplete and Extensions

Students are expected to complete all coursework by the end of each semester. If, for compelling reasons, such as illness or a family emergency, a student is unable to complete coursework by the end of the semester, he or she may request a grade of Incomplete. To do so, the student must fill out an Incomplete Request Form, which can be obtained in his or her department’s office, the Office of Student Affairs, or online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html, and bring it to the instructor for his or her approval before the last day of classes. The awarding of a grade of Incomplete is at the discretion of the instructor and is not guaranteed. If the instructor agrees that a grade of Incomplete is warranted, he or she will specify on the Incomplete Request Form the deadline by which outstanding work must be completed, not to exceed the end of the semester following the course, as well as the grade the student will receive if the outstanding work is not completed by the deadline. The Incomplete Request Form will be registered with the department sponsoring the course and a copy will be provided to the Office of Student Affairs. If the incomplete work is not completed within the designated period, the grade will lapse to the final grade indicated by the instructor. Final grades cannot be changed except in cases of faculty or administrative error.

If a student has good reason for not being able to complete the outstanding work in the specified period, he or she may apply for an extension by the instructor. In order to receive an extension, the student must fill out an Extension on Student Affairs, or online at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html, and submit the form to the instructor, who will then decide whether or not to grant the extension. Requests for further extensions must receive the approval of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Please remember that it is the student’s responsibility to request the grade of Incomplete and that instructors are not obliged to grant an Incomplete. Note that outstanding grades of Incomplete do not count as earned credit hours and therefore may affect registration time and/or eligibility for financial aid. Students with more than one grade of Incomplete in a semester may be placed on academic probation.

Pass/Fail Option

Some courses in the following departments are graded on a pass/fail system: Graduate Acting, Dance, ITP, and Graduate Musical Theatre Writing. All other departments use the letter grade system. In addition to these courses, undergraduates may petition to take a course on a pass/fail basis, subject to the following conditions:

- A student may take no more than one course each semester on a pass/fail basis, including the summer sessions.
- No more than 32 credits of courses taken pass/fail can be counted
toward the student’s degree. Tisch courses specifically designed to be pass/fail are not included in the 32-credit maximum.

- The choice to take a course pass/fail must be made by the end of the ninth week of the semester during the fall and spring semesters; the end of the 4th calendar day of 1-3 week summer session; the first day of the 2nd calendar week of a 4-7 week session; and the first day of the 3rd calendar week of an 8-12 week session.
- The grade of P includes the grades of A, B, C, and D, and is not counted in the student’s GPA. A grade of F is counted in the GPA. A student may only receive elective credit for courses taken pass/fail. Courses taken pass/fail may not fulfill the major, minor, or general education requirement.
- Once a course has been registered as pass/fail, the registration cannot be changed to letter-grade status.

The Tisch Request for Pass/Fail Grade form can be accessed at http://students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/forms.html.

Internships Receiving Academic Credit

Internships can be a valuable way to supplement knowledge gained in the classroom with experience in professional working environments. Each department has its own policies regarding the awarding of academic credit for internships; however, the following elements shall apply to all credit-bearing internships:

- the internship will be registered as a course with an appropriate course number
- the internship course will have a faculty sponsor, although some departments may designate staff members to oversee the course under faculty supervision
- each internship course will have a complete and thorough syllabus detailing learning objectives; writing requirements, which shall include, at minimum, midterm and end-of-term reflection papers; a rationale for the number of credits awarded for the internship; and grading criteria
- there will be a detailed learning contract signed by the student, internship site supervisor, and faculty sponsor or his or her designee, who will insure that the internship is a true learning experience for the student
- the internship site supervisor will complete midterm and end-of-term evaluations of the student’s work on the internship, which will be reviewed by the faculty sponsor or his or her designee

Double-Counting Courses

Undergraduate students are permitted to count only one course from the major toward the student’s minor or double-major. The department/school offering both the major and minor must approve any double-counting of courses.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Graduate students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and achieve a GPA of 3.0 in each semester in order to remain in good academic standing. Students in departments that grade on a Pass/Fail basis must receive grades of Pass in all courses to remain in good standing. In addition, students must earn at least half of their attempted credit hours in a given semester - that is, receive final, passing grades, with no grades of I or W.

Undergraduate students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and achieve a GPA of 2.0 in each semester in order to remain in good academic standing. In addition, students must earn at least half of their attempted credit hours in a given semester - that is, receive final, passing grades, with no grades of I or W. Students must also register for at least 12 credits each semester, unless they have received permission from the department chair and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to study part-time.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation with a bachelor’s degree. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation with a graduate degree.

Student records are reviewed following the fall and spring semesters. Any student whose record falls below the academic standards enumerated above may be placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation are notified by letter and “academic probation” is noted on the transcript.

Graduate students on academic probation must receive a grade of B or better in all courses - or, in the case of departments grading on a Pass/Fail basis, a grade of P in all courses and achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to be restored to good academic standing. Graduate students on academic probation are not eligible for grades of I. Students who fail to meet these standards are subject to dismissal.

Undergraduate students on academic probation must receive a semester GPA of 2.0 or better, achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, and successfully complete at least half of their registered courses (that is, receive final grades, not including grades of I or W) in order to be restored to good academic standing. Students who fail to meet these standards are subject to dismissal.

Dean’s List

The Dean’s List is published after each semester, summer session excluded. The list comprises the top five percent term grade point averages from each TSOA undergraduate department. Students receive a letter from the Dean and a Certificate of Award. A notation is made on the student’s transcript for each semester s/he is placed on the TSOA Dean’s List. Students with incompletes on their record and students completing fewer than 12 credits for the semester are eliminated from consideration for the Dean’s List.
dismissal.
In some cases, undergraduate students who show improvement in their records, but still do not meet the School’s academic standards (such as the cumulative GPA of 2.0), may be continued on academic probation for an additional semester.

Except in the most extenuating circumstances (such as students returning on probation from an academic dismissal), students are not eligible for more than two semesters of academic probation during their undergraduate career.

Readmission from Academic Dismissal
Students who are academically dismissed must wait a full year before applying for readmission. As part of their application for readmission, they must show evidence of being prepared to resume academic work successfully, such as a transcript from another institution showing successful completion of academic work. Readmission is not guaranteed. Students who are readmitted from an academic dismissal will return on terminal academic probation.

GRADUATION

Expected Date of Graduation
The term in which you expect to graduate is a very important part of your student record. This is particularly true if you have financial aid of any form, including loans.

Applying for Graduation
Students may officially graduate in September, January or May. The Commencement ceremony for all schools is held in May. Students must apply for graduation via Albert. Go to Student Center, click My Academics, then click Apply for Graduation.

In order to graduate in a specific semester, students must apply for graduation within the application deadline period indicated below. It is recommended to apply for graduation no later than the beginning of the semester in which the student plans to complete all program requirements. Waiting to receive end of term comprehensive exams, thesis or final project results before you apply for graduation will result in a delay of your graduation date.

If you do not successfully complete all academic requirements by the end of the semester, you must reapply for graduation for the following cycle. Please refer to the specific deadlines for the completion of requirements for each graduation available in the Graduation Deadlines Calendar link. This information, as well as updated deadlines for application for graduation can be found on the Registrar’s website at www.nyu.edu/registrar/graduation.

IMPORTANT: It is the student’s responsibility to apply for graduation within the specified graduation application period as indicated below:

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Diplomas
Diplomas are mailed to the permanent address on file approximately eight weeks after the degrees have been awarded. Students should verify and update addresses in the system, since diplomas are held only one year from the date of conferment. Students can update contact information using ALBERT, in person at the Student Services Center, or by mailing or faxing a signed notice to the Office of the University Registrar at P.O. Box 910, New York, NY 10276-0910; fax (212) 995-4587.

Diplomas of students in arrears will be held until their financial obligations to the University are fulfilled and they have been cleared by the Bursar. You may contact the Bursar’s Office at (212) 998-2806 to clear arrears or to discuss your financial status at the University.

Diplomas are issued only once. In order to ensure the absolute integrity of the document, the University will under no circumstance issue a duplicate of an outstanding original. In the event of loss or damage, the University will supply, upon proper deposit and the payment of a fee to cover the cost, a Certificate of Graduation to serve as a legal substitute for the original document.

Diploma Name
Diplomas are issued in the name on record in Albert. If a student wishes to process a change of name s/he must submit a notarized affidavit to the Office of the University Registrar prior to graduation. No name changes are processed after the degree has been awarded. The affidavit form may be obtained at the Student Services Center at 25 West 4th Street or you may call (212) 998-4260 to have one mailed to you. Submit the completed and notarized affidavit to the Office of the University Registrar at the Student Services Center at 25 West 4th Street, or mail it to P.O. Box 910, New York, NY 10276-0910.

Students who wish to add an accent or special marking to the diploma name and are not processing a name change, may fill out a diploma card at the Stu-
dent Services Center indicating full name with the appropriate accents or markings or mail or fax a signed statement including clear and full spelling of your diploma name with the appropriate accents or markings to the Office of the University Registrar at P.O. Box 910, New York, NY 10276-0910; fax (212) 995-4587.

**Graduation: Tisch Salute and Commencement**  
The Tisch School of the Arts Salute to the Graduating Class and the New York University Commencement ceremony are held at the conclusion of the spring semester. Students on the official graduation list are mailed formal invitations for both events. Academic attire is required. Questions relating to Salute and/or Commencement should be directed to the Tisch Office of Student Affairs or visit www.students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/graduation.html.

**Deletion from Graduation**  
If the Registrar finds that a student has not met all criteria for graduation, s/he will be sent a letter noting deletion from the graduation list and the reason for the deletion. The letter is sent after the actual day of commencement due to the strict schedule to which the Registrar must adhere; grades are submitted only days before graduation and final evaluation of student records and degree requirements occurs as commencement occurs. All correspondence regarding the degree is sent to the student’s permanent address. If deleted, the student should resolve the problem as quickly as possible and reapply for graduation.

**Founders Day Award & Tisch Honors**  
Each year, the University honors its founders by saluting its top-ranking baccalaureate candidates and outstanding members of the faculty.

Eligibility for the Founders Day Award is determined by the Office of the University Registrar and awarded to September and January baccalaureate recipients and May degree candidates who have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher based on a minimum of 30 credits in courses taken at NYU. For May degree candidates, eligibility is based on the cumulative GPA through the fall semester “at the time of review.”

Undergraduate Tisch School of the Arts students of exceptional achievement are recognized by a TSOA honors designation upon graduation. Criteria for honors vary from department to department. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 60 “averageable” points at NYU. Criteria for graduation with honors is as follows:

- Undergraduate Division, Kanbar Institute of Film & Television students must earn a GPA of 3.65 and above
- Department of Dance students must be in the top 10% of graduating class
- All other departments require a GPA of 3.5 and above.

Students who meet the standard have the designation “with honors” added to their final transcripts.

The Founders Day Award and graduating with honors are separate and distinct honors with different criteria. Eligibility for one does not necessarily constitute eligibility for the other.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

**Expository Writing and Core Curriculum Requirements and Policies**

Expository Writing is required of all undergraduate students. The courses that fulfill this requirement are part of a Core Curriculum sequence at the Tisch School of the Arts required of all freshmen. The expository writing and core curriculum requirement cannot be waived, although transfer students may be able to substitute equivalent course work taken elsewhere, and students for whom English is a second language may be required to take a separate sequence of writing courses. The TSOA policies in regard to Expository Writing and the Core Curriculum are set forth below.

**The Core Curriculum - Description**

The Core Curriculum is required of all freshmen and fulfills the Expository Writing requirement. Transfer students are evaluated as to whether or not they have previously fulfilled their writing requirement upon receipt by the admissions office of the final transcript. The Core Curriculum consists of two courses; *Art in the World*, offered in the fall semester and *The World Through Art*, offered in the spring semester. All incoming freshmen must take both semesters. Students who enter Tisch as freshmen and transfer to another department within Tisch fall under the purview of expository writing curriculum. Each course consists of a plenary lecture that meets four times throughout the fall semester and weekly during the spring semester, as well as a workshop that meets twice a week for both the fall and spring semesters. These courses mix different artistic media so as to integrate students’ various professional interests. They seek to combine practical and theoretical approaches in order to achieve a comprehensive grasp of the function of art in the world. These writing courses are intensive, interdisciplinary and collaborative. Lectures and workshops focus on how to read complex texts for an understanding of their arguments and how to write well-reasoned essays supported by evidence. These courses are designed to foster an appreciation of how the arts relate to each other and to society in a changing world. They allow students to reflect on a range of social and ethical issues as they pertain to their own creativity.
**Requirement for Students Admitted as Freshmen**

Completion of both semesters of the core curriculum sequence (8.0 credits) is required of all students admitted as freshmen, regardless of whether or not the student has taken a college writing course in high school. College-level expository writing courses taken while in high school are not transferable for credit towards the Tisch BFA or BA degree. Advanced Placement credits in English Composition are not accepted and a student admitted as a freshman cannot place out of the requirement. In addition to fulfilling the Core Curriculum requirement, registering for the two-course sequence and linked sections fulfills the two-semester Expository Writing requirement. The requirement is for a total of eight credits (four credits per semester). Students must earn a passing grade in the fall course, *Art in the World*, as a precondition for enrollment in the spring semester course, *The World Through Art*.

**Transfer Requirements**

To fulfill the expository writing requirement, transfer students must have completed a minimum of one semester of the equivalent of *Art in the World/ Writing the Essay* (minimum of 3 credits) before entering the Tisch School of the Arts. Transfer students who do not have transferable credits will be required to take the first term of the Core Curriculum sequence, *Art in the World/Writing the Essay* (EXPOS-UA 5; 4.0 credits). The course is only offered in the fall term.

Transfer students will be evaluated as to whether or not they have previously fulfilled their writing requirement upon receipt of their final transcript.

**International Students and Students for Whom English is a Second Language (ESL)**

International students who are native speakers of English have the same Core Curriculum and Expository Writing requirements as domestic native speakers of English. English as a Second Language (ESL) students at Tisch, however, have requirements differing from those listed above. English as a Second Language (ESL) students must satisfy standards set by NYU American Language Institute (ALI) and Expository Writing Program (EWP) for university-level English proficiency. ESL students will be placed, based upon the recommendation of ALI, in either the two-course International Writing sequence or the two-course Tisch Core Curriculum sequence (described above), or a combination of the two sequences. The requirement for all ESL students, both freshmen and transfers, is 8.0 credits or the equivalent in writing courses.

The International Writing sequence is a two-course sequence (EXPOS-UA 4 and EXPOS-UA 9). Successful completion of both courses is the equivalent of completing *Art in the World/Writing the Essay* (EXPOS-UA 5) and *The World Through Art/Writing the World* (ASPP-UT 2). Prerequisite work may be required prior to enrollment in the two-course sequence. An ESL student required by placement test results to complete a prerequisite course must do so prior to enrollment in the two-course International Writing sequence.

Transfer ESL students may have up to 4.0 credits of the 8.0 credit requirement waived by the NYU Expository Writing Program, based on a determination of the writing proficiency of the student. ESL transfer students who have successfully completed an English composition course at a U.S. college or university will be evaluated as to whether or not they have previously fulfilled the expository writing requirement upon receipt of their final transcript. English composition courses taken at foreign universities do not transfer to NYU for credit.

International or ESL students with questions concerning the expository writing and core curriculum requirement should contact the Expository Writing Program at (212) 998-8860, ewp@nyu.edu, or visit at 411 Lafayette, 3rd floor.

**Additional Notes**

For students admitted as freshmen, the Expository Writing requirement and the Core Curriculum requirement are only satisfied by successful completion of the two-semester core curriculum sequence as outlined above. There are no exemptions based on advanced standing or level of writing skill.

Students admitted as transfers may satisfy the requirement either by transfer credit or by completing the first semester of the core curriculum sequence. Transfers who do not receive transfer credit in expository writing may petition for a waiver of the requirement based on the quality of written work and research accomplished in prior coursework. For details on the petition procedure and for the application form transfers should contact the Expository Writing Program, located at (212) 998-8860 or via email at ewp@nyu.edu. The office is located at 411 Lafayette, 3rd floor. Transfers should be aware that waivers are granted rarely and only after a rigorous review by the NYU Expository Writing Program. Request forms for exemption from the expository writing requirement can be downloaded from the website: www.nyu.edu/cas/ewp/html/transfer.html.

NYU Writing Center offers assistance to writers of every level. Students can expect help with a wide range of writing needs from planning and revising essays for courses to writing a résumé. The Center conducts tutorials in private study areas; the service is available, free of charge, to all members of the University community. The tutorials generally last about half an hour. The Center is located at 411 Lafayette, 3rd floor. For further information or to make an appointment, call the Center at (212) 998-8866, or email writingcenter@nyu.edu, or visit the website, www.nyu.edu/cas/ewp/html/writing_center.html.
circumstances may the Advanced Placement English exam be used to exempt a student from the Expository Writing requirement. A maximum of 8 credits may be applied to General Education requirements. Remaining credit will be applied to elective credit only.

Credit for Standardized Testing: International Baccalaureate (IB)
The School recognizes for advanced standing credit higher level examinations passed with grades of 6 or 7. No credit is granted for standard level examinations. Official reports must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for review, and the same credit limit and distribution policies applying to the AP apply to the IB.

Credit for College Courses Taken While in High School
Credit for college courses taken while in high school is granted using a different set of criteria than that used for the evaluation of credit for students transferring from a two-year or four-year college.

Credit for college courses taken while in high school is granted for courses in which the grade received is “B” or better. Credit will not be granted for courses taken on a pass/fail basis. For students admitted to the Tisch School of the Arts as freshmen, no credit is given for courses in expository writing. Credit will also not be granted for college courses that satisfied high school graduation requirements.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Graduate Students should consult the TSOA Bulletin for specific information on foreign language requirements for their department.

Use of Foreign Language Course Work to fulfill the General Education Requirement
A transfer student who has taken only one semester of a beginning-level foreign language must take the second semester of the same language while enrolled at Tisch in order for the credit to be applied to the Language/Literature or Humanities area in General Education. Such a student receives only elective credit for the one semester of prior course work until a second semester is completed.

A continuing Tisch student who completes a single semester of a beginning-level foreign language receives credit in the Electives category only. The student must successfully complete two semesters of the same foreign language in order for it to count in a specific general education area (e.g., Language/Literature or Humanities) of the degree requirement.
PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS FOR COURSES IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Testing and Placement in Foreign Languages
A student may register for an introductory level course in any language that he or she has not studied previously in high school or college without taking a placement test. All other students must take a placement test. Many entering students take a proficiency/placement test prior to their first registration at NYU. SAT II-type reading tests are used as placement instruments in classical Greek, French, Italian, and Spanish. Students who took a foreign language SAT II test while in high school are encouraged to present the score instead of or in addition to taking the College’s test. Written examinations are also given in Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, modern Greek, modern Hebrew, Latin, Portuguese, Russian, and Tagalog. Reading examinations in Arabic, Turkish, and Hindi/Urdu can be arranged through the Department of Middle Eastern Studies. Reading examinations in Cantonese can be arranged through the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies.

Test results determine placement into the appropriate-level course. In some cases, adjustments in placement may be made during the first weeks of class. Transfer students who have completed a fourth-semester college language course and who wish to enroll for a literature course taught in that language must consult with the appropriate department. Information on placement testing, including testing schedules, can be obtained from the College of Arts and Science Office of Academic Affairs, Silver Center, room 908 or at www.nyu.edu/cas/placementexams.

Testing and Placement in Other Subjects
Students who plan to enroll in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science or Mathematics courses should consult with the respective department for placement examination policies.

POLICY ON GENERAL EDUCATION AND ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE B.A. AND B.F.A. DEGREES

Students should consult with the head of advisement in their individual departments for information on courses that may be taken to fulfill the general education requirements for the degree. As a matter of policy, only academic courses offered in the College of Arts and Science and approved academic courses offered at the Tisch School of the Arts (including the Tisch Core Curriculum, some courses offered through the Office of Special Programs, and most courses offered by the Department of Art and Public Policy) may be used to fulfill the general education requirement. Courses offered in other schools and colleges of the University, with the exception of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, may be taken to fulfill the elective requirements of the degree. **Courses in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) may not be taken for credit toward the B.A. or B.F.A. degree.** Any grade received for an SCPS course will not be included in the student GPA.

Approved general education courses are listed on the student Academic Requirements, under the Academic Records Menu of ALBERT, https://home.nyu.edu. Questions on the classification of general education courses as humanities, social science, or natural science should be referred to the Director of Academic Services.

STUDENT SERVICES

FINANCIAL AID

In the Tisch School of the Arts, financial aid is awarded on the basis of need and merit. In order to be considered for financial aid, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For priority consideration, returning students must file by March 1 of the academic year preceding the academic year for which they are applying. For example, students who wish to apply for financial aid for the 2013-2014 academic year, you must file by March 1, 2013.

For entering students, the Financial Aid Office of the University posts a yearly deadline; it is a crucial one. Information through this office can be accessed online at www.nyu.edu/financial.aid. Entering students must file the College Scholarship Service (CSS) profile in addition to the FAFSA.

The Tisch School of the Arts offers several kinds of aid: federal funds (including grants, loans, and work-study), TSOA scholarship awards, and awards from private donors. Once students file the FAFSA and CSS profiles, they are considered for all awards.

Students who have questions or problems about financial aid should call the Office of Student Affairs of Tisch School of the Arts (212) 998-1900 to schedule an appointment with the appropriate staff member.

Note: There are a limited number of production grants available to students in Graduate and Undergraduate Film and Television. Students should consult directly with their departments about these - some involve a separate application and submission of materials.
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

TSOA Human Resources coordinates hiring and payroll for all employees of the Tisch School of the Arts. The office is located at 665 Broadway, 6th floor, (212) 998-1905. If you are employed by another school at NYU, you will be under the supervision of that school's Office of Personnel Services.

Students whose financial aid packages suggest “academic year earnings” are eligible for College Work-Study. At Tisch School of the Arts, our departments try to hire those students with Work-Study grants. Work-Study positions in TSOA typically pay between $7.50 and $9.50 an hour. College Work-Study students are required to monitor their earnings in order to anticipate when they will reach their Work-Study maximum. Students should consult with a supervisor when they are close to reaching the award limit.

Students who wish to be employed by NYU must register with the Wasserman Center for Career Development, located at 133 E. 13th Street, 2nd floor (212-998-4730), or online at www.nyu.edu/careerdevelopment/students/oncampus.php. Students must provide proof of employment eligibility. Students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents should contact the Office of Global Services (OGS) for the proper forms and for a letter confirming your eligibility to work on campus. Please note that this letter can take up to ten days to prepare. OGS is located at 561 LaGuardia Place, 1st floor.

The NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development has listings of all jobs available in the University (and some off-campus), which students may peruse once registered. Students with College Work-Study grantees are urged to find their jobs as quickly as possible in order to get their grants activated. Additional information about work-study jobs in TSOA may be obtained from the Tisch Human Resources website at http://admin.tisch.nyu.edu/page/hr.html.

ACADEMIC COMPUTING FACILITIES AND SUPPORT

A complete range of services supporting the computing needs of NYU students is provided by the Academic Computing Services division of Information Technology Services (ITS) at NYU. Services include e-mail accounts, internet connections at the dorms, an array of computer labs across campus, and the latest in digital technology at the ITS Innovation Center.

For complete information, call the ITS helpline at (212) 998-3333, or visit them on the web at www.nyu.edu/its.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) offers peer tutoring, group study sessions and academic skills workshops for all University students. Student

come to the ARC for help with classes, exam reviews, paper writing, study skills tips, and much more. All sessions are offered on a walk-in basis, and feature tutoring by experienced upper-level students. The ARC is located at 18 Washington Place. Information on services and hours can be found at www.nyu.edu/arc.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Tisch Office of Student Affairs staff supports the Tisch international students in navigating the School and University, such as making referrals to the Office of Global Services, the Expository Writing program, and the Tisch Office of Career Development. The staff is always available to help answer any other questions or address concerns.

New international students are invited to participate in the Tisch International Art and Culture Activities Program during their first year. Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, this program is a series of weekend events designed to acquaint students with local places of cultural and historical significance.

All International students, new and continuing, are invited to the Tisch International Student Coffee Hour. This weekly event is held in the Office of Student Affairs and provides Tisch international students an opportunity to meet one another and connect with Student Affairs staff.

TSOA CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career Development maintains a careers-in-the-arts office for matriculating TSOA students and Tisch alumni. Students and graduates may schedule appointments for career counseling, interviewing discussions, and résumé consultations. The office runs a range of professional workshops, lectures, and panel discussions geared toward artistic career-related issues. It also manages Tisch College Central: the career management system posting full-time, part-time, free-lance, and temporary arts-related positions. The careers-in-the-arts library includes relevant books, directories, subscriptions to the various trade and academic publications and guides. For more information, contact Melissa Levine, Director of Career Development, at (212) 998-1916, or visit the Career Development website at www.nyu.edu/tisch/career. The office is located at 726 Broadway, 2nd floor. Students must be matriculating Tisch students or Tisch alumni to utilize these services.
TSOA COUNSELING SERVICE

The Office of Counseling Services at Tisch is affiliated with both the Tisch Office of Student Affairs and the Counseling and Wellness at the NYU Student Health Center. The Office of Counseling Services, located on the 12th floor of 721 Broadway, is staffed by two senior social workers. To schedule an appointment, call (212) 998-4780. All appointments are free and confidential.

TISCH UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (TUSC)

The Tisch Undergraduate Student Council (TUSC) is the undergraduate governing body of the school. An important part of our community, its purpose is to represent the undergraduate student body at Tisch, both within the School and at the University level. It also plays a crucial role in promoting and funding all Tisch clubs and organizations.

TUSC is composed of the Executive Board, which consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senator, Alternate Senator, Club Liaison, Publicity Director, and New Student Representative.

In addition to sponsoring student activities, TUSC acts as a voice for Tisch students to the administration when issues or needs of the undergraduate student body arise. Meetings and membership are open to all students currently enrolled as undergraduates at Tisch.

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (GSO)

GSO is composed of an executive board of elected officers, as well as representatives from every graduate department at Tisch. Their primary focus is on supporting interdisciplinary efforts at the School. To contact the GSO, drop a note in their mailbox located in the Office of Student Affairs, 726 Broadway, 2nd Floor.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Tisch Undergraduate Student Council (TUSC) recognizes more than a dozen student clubs and organizations. Students interested in starting a new club are encouraged to contact Tisch Student Affairs for guidelines and procedures to follow. Below is a list of current student organizations:

- 194 Recordings
- After School Improv
- Astor Place Riots
- The Collective
- Delta Kappa Alpha
- Fusion Film Festival
- Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
- Green Production Resources
- Hammerkatz NYU
- ISO Magazine
- N’Harmonics
- Open Critique Club
- Queer, Art, City
- Shakespeare in the Square
- Stern-Tisch Entertainment Business Association (STEBA)
- Student Animation League (SAL)
- Student Producers Association
- Tisch Arts Reps
- Tisch New Theatre
- Tisch Talent Guild (TTG)
- Tisch Undergraduate Student Council (TUSC)
- WAAAAW
- Youth Movement Collective

For more information on the above organizations or to start your own, contact the Director for Student Affairs in the Office of Student Affairs at (212) 998-1900. TUSC website: www.nyu.edu/clubs/tusc; Clubs website: www.students.tisch.nyu.edu/page/studentlife.

TISCH ORIENTATION LEADERS

Tisch Orientation Leaders are a group of dedicated students who are passionate about Tisch and their department and want to share their experiences and knowledge with prospective and incoming students. They serve as mentors to new students, providing insight and answering questions as freshmen adjust to their new environment. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 212-998-1900 or email tisch.student.affairs@nyu.edu.
TISCH ARTS REPS

Tisch Arts Reps are students selected by their department chairs to represent their departments at admissions events such as Open House and Admitted Student Day, and at all-School events such as Parents Day. They may also be asked to conduct tours and speak with prospective students and their families. Selection as an Arts Rep is an honor, reflecting the Arts Rep’s strong academic record and exemplary citizenship in the department and the School.

ALUMNI SERVICES

The Tisch Alumni Relations Office offers a range of services, and functions as an important resource of both graduates and current students. Activities include seminars and workshops focusing on professional development and issues in the arts; social events; and, publication of the alumni newsletter. For further information, please contact the Tisch Office of External Affairs, 721 Broadway, 12th floor; (212) 998-6986, or tisch.alumni@nyu.edu.
ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

FALL 2015

Classes Begin, Fall Term
Labor Day (holiday, no classes)
Fall Recess
Legislative Day
(classes meet on Monday schedule)
Thanksgiving Recess
Last day of classes
Fall Term Examinations
Winter Recess

September 2
September 7
October 12
October 13
November 25-27
December 15
December 17 - 23
December 24 -
January 3, 2016

WINTER 2016

Winter Session classes
Martin Luther King Day (holiday, no classes)

January 4-22
January 18

SPRING 2016

Classes Begin, Spring Term
Presidents’ Day (holiday, no classes)
Financial Aid Forms Due for Returning Students
Spring Recess
Last day of classes
Reading Day
Spring Term Examinations
Commencement
TSOA Salute to the Graduating Class

January 25
February 15
March 1
March 14 - 20
May 9
May 10
May 11-17
May 18
TBA

SUMMER 2016

First Session
Memorial Day (Holiday, no classes)
Independence Day (Holiday, no classes)
Legislative Day
(classes meet on Monday schedule)
Second Session

May 23 - July 5
May 30
July 4
July 5
July 6 - August 16

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

FALL 2016

Classes Begin, Fall Term
Labor Day (holiday, no classes)
Fall Recess
Legislative Day
(classes meet on Monday schedule)
Thanksgiving Recess
Last day of classes
Fall Term Examinations
Winter Recess

September 6
September 5
October 10
December 13
November 23, 24
December 16
December 19 - 23
January 2, 2017

WINTER 2017

Winter Session classes
Martin Luther King Day (holiday, no classes)

January 3-20
January 16

SPRING 2017

Classes Begin, Spring Term
Presidents’ Day (holiday, no classes)
Financial Aid Forms Due for Returning Students
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Last day of classes
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January 23
February 20
March 1
March 13 - 19
May 8
May 9
May 10-16
May 17 (Tentative)
TBA

SUMMER 2017

First Session
Memorial Day (Holiday, no classes)
Independence Day (Holiday, no classes)
Second Session

May 22 - July 3
May 30
July 4
July 6 - August 16