Orientation 2014
Frequently Asked Questions

When and what is New Student Orientation?
New Student Orientation occurs the first two weeks prior to the first day of classes, specifically August 27, 2014 through September 9, 2014. The purpose of orientation is to register for classes, introduce you to campus life at Manhattan School of Music and familiarize you with New York City. The orientation will prepare new students for the start of classes on September 10, 2014. All orientation sessions are mandatory for new students.

What should I expect on August 27?
Be sure to get a good night of sleep the day before you arrive because we have a busy day planned for you and your family! We are here to help make your move to New York City as easy as possible. There will be staff from the Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Account offices as well as our International Student Advisor to help with any money concerns and missing documents. You will also meet staff from Student & Residence Life to be issued your student ID and room key. The Residence Life staff will help you check in and assist you with your moving. After you are all moved in, join us for lots of great activities that we have planned to help you and your families make the transition from home to college.

What if I can’t get there between 8am and 1pm on August 27?
If you must move in outside of these hours, the Manhattan School of Music staff may not be available to greet you and help you get settled. In addition, you will miss the planned orientation activities. Contact the Office of Student Life in writing by August 15, 2014 to request an alternate arrival time if the circumstances for your delay are unavoidable. You can do so by emailing the Dean of Students at EJdavidson@msmny.edu. Staff will be busy with orientation, so those who arrive late are asked to be patient. Early arrivals are not granted.

What if I am not living in Andersen Hall?
Students who will be living off campus should still plan to check in between 8am and 1pm on August 27th. Commuting students will receive orientation information and will check in at various stations to receive student IDs, ensure all required paperwork has been completed and have the time to ask any questions they may have.

What if I need to move in before August 27?
We will not allow students to move in before August 27. The Resident Assistant staff will be undergoing training and the building will be undergoing a final cleaning in preparation for your arrival.

What if I need to move in after August 27?
Since all new students are required to be at MSM on August 27, permission to arrive late must be granted by the Dean of Students (EJdavidson@msmny.edu). If you will be arriving after the official first day of classes, September 10, you must notify the Office of the Registrar (917-493-4478) and the Dean of Students by August 15, 2014. Please note that permission to arrive late is rarely granted and only considered in extreme and extenuating circumstances.
Should I call my new roommate before arriving at school?

Yes! It is very important to contact your new roommate before you get to school. Once you get your housing assignment, contact your roommate either by phone or by email. Some things you might want to talk about include: Who’s going to bring the DVD player, TV or stereo? Do you both need to order small refrigerators? Who will order the “Hot/Cold” from Cecil? Who’s going to bring a small carpet? Find out about each other. If you find that you live relatively close to one another, you might want to make plans to get together before Orientation. Please note that we will not respect room change requests prior to move-in or based on someone’s Facebook profile.

What if I have items I want to mail ahead?

Unfortunately, students will not be allowed to mail packages ahead. You should plan on having your packages delivered the day after you move into the residence hall. Manhattan School of Music will not accept responsibility for the safety of your belongings. Items can be mailed to:

Your name
Room #, Andersen Hall
134 Claremont Avenue
New York, NY, 10027

I'm an instrumentalist, how do I find out about orchestral auditions?

For all questions pertaining to the orchestral auditions and the orchestral program at Manhattan School of Music, please call Nolan Robertson (917-493-4503), Orchestral Personnel Manager. You may also find information on the MSM website at the following location:

http://www msmnyc edu/Instruction-Faculty/Accepted-Students/Ensemble-Placement-and-Audition-Information