Greetings

Congratulations on your acceptance to Pratt. The staff and faculty are eagerly awaiting your arrival on campus. We hope that you share our excitement and anticipation. As you count down the days to the beginning of your Pratt career, I want to tell you a little bit more about what to expect.

Pratt Institute is a dynamic community of creative individuals living and working together. Our students are very serious about their work, but Pratt also provides many exciting opportunities to learn outside of the studio and the classroom. We are fortunate to be located in the greatest city in the world, providing unlimited resources. But students do not need to travel off campus for enrichment. Pratt provides its students with a full array of services, programs, and activities focused on facilitating personal development. We offer our students a home from which to venture out into the city at their own pace, with support and encouragement. If you would like to start exploring how to get involved at Pratt, please visit the Student Involvement website at:

http://www.pratt.edu/involvement.

If you are interested in athletics, you can you can contact our coaches directly through our online interest form at www.goprattgo.com/RecruitMe, which can also be found in the Athletics section of the Learning Management System Orientation Class. You can also learn about clubs and organizations at the Involvement Fair on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 from 12-2PM on the Main Lawn.

I hope that you will take advantage of all that Pratt has to offer and that the Student Affairs division will be helpful to you in your journey. We will all be here to welcome you to campus during Orientation and the Student Affairs Office is located in the Main Building Room 008. Please visit us in person or on our website.

Best Wishes,
Helen Matusow-Ayres, Vice President for Student Affairs
2019-2020
Important Dates

Monday, August 26
First day of classes
Last day for 100% tuition refund

Monday, September 2
Labor Day, no classes

Tuesday, October 8
Midterm break, no classes

Friday, November 8
Last day to withdraw from a course

November 27 - December 1
Thanksgiving break, no classes

December 10 - 16
Final critique and exams

January 21
First day of Spring semester

ALL FIRST YEARS AND TRANSFERS

Sunday, August 18
Move-in for new students
Student orientation begins
Parent and family orientation, 2–5 PM

August 19 - August 23
Orientation continues, including several mandatory workshops daily for new first year students.

August 24 - August 25
Optional excursions to various places in the city and events like a Broadway show or a baseball game!

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Graduate Department Orientations will be posted later in the summer, and are separate from the general orientation, however, you are welcome to take part in any of the orientation events that are hosted during the week!

If you have any questions, contact Student Involvement at 718.636.3422, Monday–Friday, 9 AM–4 PM, or email orientation@pratt.edu.

FAMILIES

We have an orientation just for families! On Sunday, August 18th, we will present workshops and information sessions that will help you help your student adjust to life at Pratt. Sessions will begin around 2pm and run until about 5pm. A family dinner will take place after the welcome!

Also save the date for Pratt’s Family Weekend. Events and activities will take place October 5th and 6th. Check your email for invitations. Visit www.pratt.edu/parents for more information on Pratt parent and family programs.
Preparing for Orientation

FOLLOW PRATT ORIENTATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please join the Official Class of 2023/2024 Facebook page for updates on orientation and move in, orientation events, and to connect with your fellow classmates! Be sure to answer the questions that pop up when you request to be part of the group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/prattclassof2023.2024/

Follow us on Instagram! @prattorientation

SUBMIT YOUR PRATT ID PHOTO:

New students on both campuses are asked to submit a photograph for their Pratt ID before August. Instructions are at https://www.pratt.edu/student-life/student-services/prattcard/submit-photo-id-online/.

PLAN TO ATTEND MANDATORY ORIENTATION SESSIONS

All first year students will have attendance-required orientation workshops daily (Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23 for most students). These will include sessions about campus employment, registration and payment, student rights and responsibilities, security and academic departments. These will be highlighted on the schedule, which will be posted online later in the summer.

PRONOUN PINS:

Along with picking up your ID, the schedule, and other things during your first few days of Orientation, students will have the opportunity to grab a small pronoun pin. Each one representing a variety of different gender pronoun options. Pratt Institute prides itself in accepting all gender identities and believes that its students can identify however they wish and that their gender identity should be affirmed, respected, and valued. Orientation leaders will also be wearing their pins throughout the week and are able to answer any questions you may have.
Mail Center

WHEN CAN YOU START SENDING PACKAGES?

A unique mailbox (unit) number is assigned to each hall resident before or upon move-in. Once received, you can send packages starting, August 5th.

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Your mailing address is not the same as your hall address. Correspondence sent to you should be formatted in the following way:

Your Full Name (as it appears on your Pratt ID do not use nicknames)
200 Willoughby Ave Unit XXXXX
Brooklyn NY 11205

NOTE: Not using the format above may result in delays, miss-delivery, or your mail/packages being returned to sender as undeliverable.

MAIL CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

9 AM to 6 PM, Monday-Friday | Summer hours: 9 AM to 4 PM (excluding Institute holidays)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: mailctr@pratt.edu
Tel: (718) 636-3417
Web: www.pratt.edu/mailcenter
Get Ready for a Blast!

GREETINGS FROM YOUR STUDENT COORDINATORS

This is Alex and Idalia, dialing in from the planet of Pratt! We are current students who are working this summer to plan an out of this world orientation to kick off your time here at Pratt Institute. If you haven’t guessed already, this year’s theme is Outerspace, so get ready for a week of a lifetime filled with adventure, discovery, and lots of workshops to get to know the campus and this exciting city that will be your home for the next few years.

This is the first of many updates that you will receive during the summer leading up to orientation, so remember to check your emails, follow the Instagram, and join the Facebook Group so you don’t miss out on anything! Orientation consists of both mandatory informational sessions, designed to prepare you for the year and give you all the resources Pratt has to offer, but also trips around the city including to the Highline, Williamsburg, a Broadway Show, Six Flags and much more!

We have an amazing staff that is eagerly awaiting your arrival in August. They are all current students from all different kinds of majors, so we will be able to answer any kind of questions you have about life at Pratt. If you have any questions in the meantime, we will be in the office this entire summer leading up to orientation, so feel free to give us a call, message us on Facebook or Instagram, or send us an email! We are here to answer any of your questions about orientation or life at Pratt!

In a few weeks, we will send the second newsletter with the information about the online courses you need to complete before arriving on campus.

Looking forward to meeting all of you in August!
Alex & Idalia

PLEASE CONTACT US DURING OUR OFFICE HOURS MON-FRI (9-4):

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