



AMDA

LOS ANGELES
Welcome and Orientation Guide
Fall 2026

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WELCOME TO AMDA

We are eagerly awaiting your arrival on campus!

To ensure you receive all necessary information and updates regarding Orientation – including specific check-in dates and times – visit the Orientation webpage at amda.edu/LAOrientation.

Orientation begins the week before classes start. All Orientation activities have been carefully planned to prepare you for your specific program of study at AMDA and are mandatory unless otherwise noted.

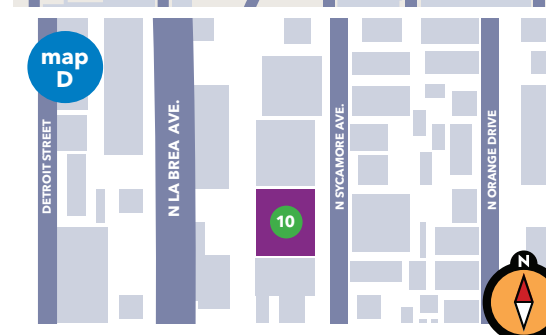
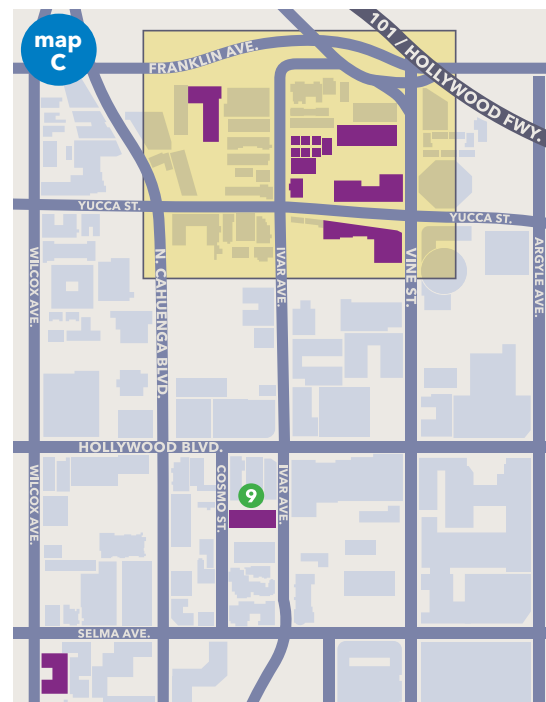
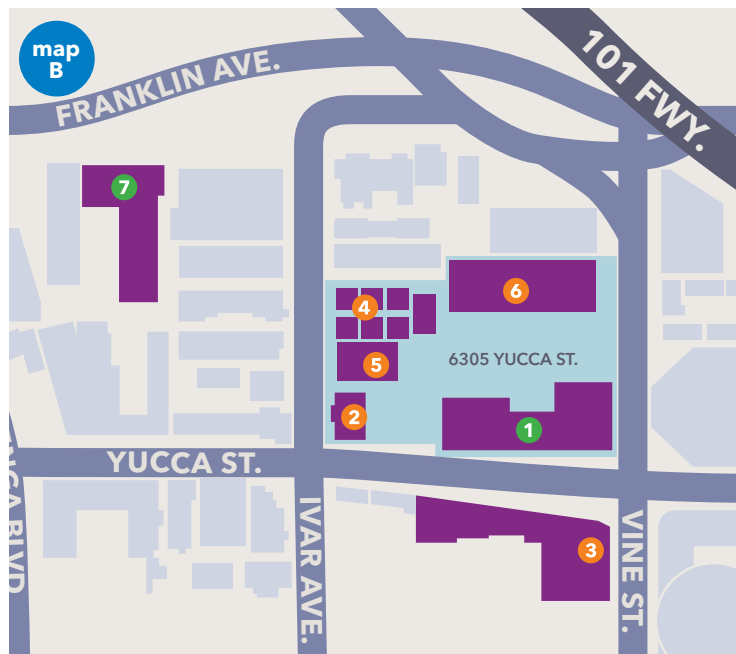
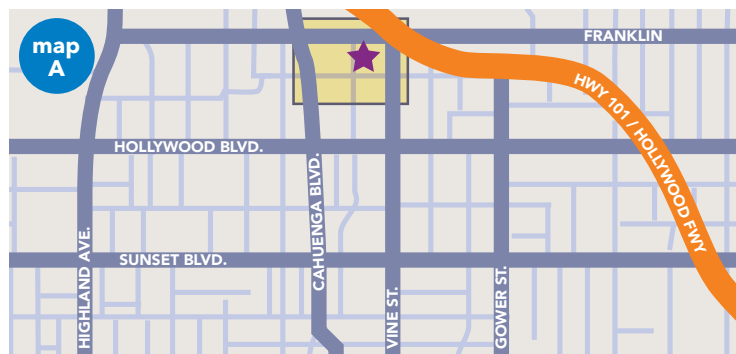
Parent sessions only occur on check-in day. While parents can schedule their return travel to occur at the conclusion of their move-in day, they are welcome to stay throughout the weekend to explore the LA area.

All incoming students will be assigned an AMDA Orientation Leader who will be available throughout Orientation to provide assistance and answer questions.

Students living on campus will receive a housing email containing building assignments and roommate information prior to their arrival at AMDA. A list of local hotels is included in this guidebook in the event that you arrive in Los Angeles prior to your check-in time.

The main AMDA LA Campus is located at 6305 Yucca St., at the intersection of Yucca and Vine St.
Additional residence halls and facilities are located nearby.

● Locations with a green dot are AMDA Shuttle stops.



1 Yucca Tower (map B)
6305 Yucca St.

PIAZZA:

AMDA Café
8W: Black Box Theatre
CLASSROOMS: 8W,
10E, 11E, 12E, 20E, 21E,
22E, 23E, 501T, 503T,
601T, 602T, 603T, 20W,
21W, 22W, P1, P2, P3,
P4, P5

2nd FLOOR:

Reception
Mail Room
Registrar
Academic Advising

3rd FLOOR:

Library

4th FLOOR:

Human Resources/
Student Employment
Payroll
Operations / Parking
Information Technology
(IT)

5th FLOOR:

Computer Lab

8th FLOOR:

Student Affairs
Housing
Student Accounts
Financial Aid
Student Success
Admissions

2 Ivar Building (map B)
6305 Yucca St.

INDIVIDUAL VOICE ROOMS: I1A, I1B, I1C, I1D,
I1E, I1F, I1G, I1H, I1J, I1K, I1L, I1M

3 Vine Building (map B)
1777 Vine St.

CLASSROOMS:

V100 - V510, V5a, V5b,
V5c, V5d, V5e, V5f

2nd FLOOR:

Classroom Media Office

3rd FLOOR:

AMDA MKT

4th FLOOR:

Athletic Performance
Counseling Services

Residence Halls (map B)

4 The Bungalows
CLASSROOM: B1

5 Yucca Street Residence Hall

6 Vine Street Residence Hall

7 Franklin Residence Hall
6400 Franklin Avenue

9 Cosmo Building (map C)
1636 Cosmo St.

(parking entrance on Ivar Ave.)

CLASSROOMS: CLL1, CLL2, CLL3, CLL4

Residence Hall (map D)

10 Sycamore Building (map D)

1321 N Sycamore Ave.

ORIENTATION

Please review all information below carefully, there are important details that you will need before starting Orientation. Orientation is presented to students in a hybrid format meaning there are some aspects of orientation that will be hosted virtually and in person.

Virtual Pre-Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th. Orientation Check In is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th. In-Person Orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, October 14th - Friday, October 16th.

Our Orientation Committee has created a thoughtful set of sessions and events to help your transition to college, introduce you to campus services and create long-lasting connections within the AMDA community. Students should expect to participate each day from 8:00 AM through 6:30 PM/7 PM Pacific during the days of Orientation though some days it will end earlier. Our Student Orientation Committee has built-in times for meal breaks and rest breaks.

Attendance during Orientation is required in order to start classes on Monday, October 19.

Students must attend all live sessions and complete Orientation assignments within a platform called Blackboard. Blackboard is an online education platform that will be used for your AMDA classes as well as Orientation. If you believe you will have scheduling conflicts, or have any questions, please email LAOrientation@amda.edu. Please allow our team at least 1-3 business days to respond to you.

A week prior to Orientation, all Financially Set students will be added to AMDA's "Blackboard" course, which will allow you to become familiar with the platform we will use for Orientation and throughout the semester.

Virtual Pre-Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th.

On your first day of Virtual Pre-Orientation, you should log into the Canvas platform and begin navigating the Orientation virtual classroom. You will be able to view a few welcome videos, review your Orientation schedule, and hear from your Orientation Leaders.

Orientation Leaders are current students who serve as peer mentors during your time in Orientation and after.

We ask that students set aside a few hours that week for Orientation assignments. You will have until 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on Sunday, June 14th to complete your Virtual Pre-Orientation before starting In-Person Orientation.

In-Person Orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, October 14th - Friday, October 16th.

Students will be welcomed to campus for Orientation Check-In and Student Move-In on Tuesday, October 14. Orientation continues with various in-person sessions, campus tours, and opportunities to meet other members of the AMDA community. If you are a residential student, meaning you will be living on campus, you are able to receive your keys to move into your campus unit while checking into Orientation.

Attendance at Check-In is required of all incoming students and NY/LA graduate students continuing for their BFA. Residential Students will learn more about their Move-In process through emails from our Housing & Residential Life team. If you have questions about student housing, please email LAHousing@amda.edu. Please allow staff from the Housing & Residential Life staff 1-3 business days to respond to you.

A finalized schedule of these sessions and events will be posted on [AMDA LA's Orientation website](#).

Continue to be on the lookout for more information from the Orientation Planning Committee as we get closer to Orientation.

It is important that you stay in close contact with your Admissions Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor in the upcoming weeks. If you have any additional questions, feel free to email the AMDA Los Angeles Orientation Planning Committee at LAOrientation@amda.edu are here to support and prepare you for success.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE EXPLAINED

AMDA's Fall 2026 Orientation sessions will be a mix of pre-recorded sessions, live Zoom presentations, departmental meetings, and in-person activities; all sessions are required meaning students must attend the sessions assigned to them. Orientation schedules will be available to students 30 days before the beginning of the new term, and students will be emailed with instructions on how to view the schedule. It is recommended that each student spends a small portion of each day logging in to the online Blackboard platform and email to be aware of important updates, assignments, and other information. Incoming students will be supported and guided by Orientation Leaders throughout Orientation.

Virtual Orientation Sessions (Attendance Required) **Tuesday, June 9 - Friday, June 12**

Orientation Check In (Attendance Required) **Tuesday, October 14**

In-Person Orientation Sessions (Attendance Required)

First Day of Classes

Please Note

- The dates listed above are subject to change. If a change were to occur, Orientation staff will contact students and families in as much notice as possible.
- Parents and families should not schedule activities with their students during the weeks and weekends of Virtual and In-Person Orientation beginning Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 16th. This will allow students to properly transition into AMDA with support from our team.

Should you have questions about the Orientation schedule or process, please email your Admissions Advisor or email LAOrientation@amda.edu.

WHAT SESSIONS SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- Incoming students are those who are new to AMDA.
- 5Z - 7AC students are AOS or Certificate graduate students of AMDA who have enrolled in a Los Angeles program.
- Residential students are those who will live on campus; Commuter students are those who live off campus.



MORE INFORMATION

Please refer to the following sources for more information regarding AMDA policies and student life.

HOUSING LICENSE

Complete policies for those residing in AMDA housing, including those regarding guests, roommates, keys, security, maintenance, and conduct. Your housing license must be submitted before you can obtain your room keys. Please email LAHousing@amda.edu if you have questions or concerns.

AMDA CATALOG

The Catalog is the primary source of information on academic life at AMDA: academic policies, program information, course descriptions, financial aid, and student accounts. <https://amda.catalog.amda.edu/>

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The essential guide for student life at AMDA, the

Handbook contains information on living in the city, transportation, AMDA departments and resources, and the Code of Conduct.

<https://www.amda.edu/student-life/student-handbook>

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT DATES

The Fall 2026 semester dates are October 19th through February 12th, 2027. Please note that some showcases/productions may be held until the Sunday after the semester ends. This date would be February 14th. Students are expected to attend classes and demonstrations, as assigned, throughout the final day of the semester.

Hello,

On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs, I write to welcome you to AMDA. I am confident your time at AMDA will be filled with growth, exploration, and accomplishment. You will find our programs are designed to provide consistent, high-quality instruction to ensure your academic, experiential and personal success. We refer to our diverse community of students, instructors, administrators, and staff as a family, and we speak about AMDA with pride.

In Student Affairs, we are focused on the education and experiences our students receive outside of the classroom while being mindful that the core of your AMDA experience will be academic, performative, and experiential. As you acclimate to your new surroundings, take advantage of the many support services AMDA provides to ensure student success.

We recognize that student schedules don't always correspond to normal business hours, so we provide trained Student Leaders (Resident Advisors) in all of our residence halls for supplemental support. Additionally, our Licensed Mental Health Counselors facilitate regularly scheduled, relevant workshops, while working individually with students as well. Adjusting to a new environment can be exciting and challenging at the same time; we are here to help, so please don't hesitate to ask questions or articulate your concerns. We will be eager to hear from you.

Orientation is a critically important time for you to learn and integrate into your new community; **please note that all orientation sessions are required.** We also urge you to [complete your required online matriculation documents](#) as soon as possible, as this is the final step to your being registered for classes (please check in with your Admissions Advisor to ensure all documents are submitted). To better prepare you for Orientation and your first week at AMDA, we encourage you to read through the [AMDA Student Handbook](#), which includes information on your arrival, financial aid, housing, required dance attire, supplies, textbooks, and more.

Lastly, you have chosen to be part of an extraordinary community. We are proud of our inclusivity and diversity which offers unique opportunities for learning and personal growth. You will learn most when you make meaningful connections through differences, whether those differences lie in ideas, experiences, curricula, cultures, backgrounds, faiths, race, or socio-economic status. Stretch your abilities, seek different perspectives, challenge your assumptions, and contribute to a campus community that enables everyone to thrive and succeed. Together, strive for the exceptional.

Welcome to Los Angeles.

Warm Regards,

Robert Manganaro

Vice President for Student Affairs / Dean of Students

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy

211 West 61st Street

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AT AMDA

AMDA is committed to dismantling existing structures that historically exclude and oppress minoritized groups. This commitment requires each of us to take responsibility to actively grow and preserve AMDA's diverse community and culture. AMDA will actively elevate and prioritize equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging in our curriculum, creative productions, services, and administration. Most crucially, we will continue to work towards the recruitment, retention, and advancement of students, faculty, and staff from underrepresented populations in higher education and the performing arts.

As an integral part of our mission, AMDA expects all of its community members to exemplify the following principles:

ACCOUNTABILITY

We build trust with others by following through on our mission and commitments. We endeavor to normalize giving and receiving feedback in the inevitable areas of growth in this work and continue to confront implicit biases and systems of oppression.

COLLABORATION

We acknowledge that our work is a shared responsibility and we best achieve our goals when we work together in an effort to create a more equitable and inclusive campus.

INNOVATION

We empower our community to define and own their unique artistry, connecting our personal experiences to our creative work. Through intentional representation, narrative reframing, and personal agency, we allow the art we create to increase our understanding of one another.

INTEGRITY

We live our institutional values in our work across campuses and with each other. We show up authentically when challenged, and acknowledge that part of our wholeness is the continuation of growth and learning.

TRANSPARENCY

We develop healthy relationships by sharing information, policies, and procedures openly with each campus and with each other while protecting confidentiality where needed.

AMDA recognizes that honoring this commitment requires us to create and maintain campus resources, offer frequent EDI-focused learning opportunities, and establish consistent and clear systems of accountability for all community members. Accordingly, AMDA rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, wrongful discrimination, and disrespect, and expects that this core value will be reflected in the behaviors of all its employees and students.

PHILOSOPHY AND STANDARDS REGARDING CASTING PRACTICES

At AMDA, we are committed to creating and upholding the best standards and practices regarding casting for our students in our classrooms, on our stages, and for our on-camera work. We hope one day soon to see these standards and practices realized across platforms for performing artists including Broadway, national and international stages, film and television. [Click here to view the full casting policy.](#)

LIVED NAME

AMDA firmly believes that everyone should be addressed by the name with which they would like to be referred, and which authentically reflects their identity. AMDA acknowledges the importance that a change of name may have to students during their time with us, and therefore the institution allows for students to provide a lived first and middle name that is different from their legal name. At this time, last names/surnames can be changed only with legal name change documentation.

PRONOUNS

An individual's pronouns are not a preference. They are a statement of fact, and a form of self-expression and self-affirmation. Accordingly, students may indicate pronouns to be used within the College & Conservatory's information systems. This includes AMDA's Learning Management System (Blackboard), as well as the Student Information System known as Anthology Student. Pronouns may be added, edited, or removed at any time during enrollment. In cases when government verification is involved, such as federal loan processing, a student's sex assigned at birth may also be required. In all cases, AMDA strives to approach this with care and discretion. While students may make changes to their pronouns within Blackboard at any time during enrollment within the account settings, changes to pronouns on the student record can only be made on the administrative level. [Click here to view our full lived name & pronoun policy](#)

TITLE IX

AMDA is committed to providing an academic environment free from sex discrimination, where all members of the school community are treated with respect and dignity. Sex discrimination includes both sexual and gender-based harassment and violence. All members of the AMDA community, including students, employees, and third parties, are protected under this policy. [Click here to view AMDA's full Title IX policy.](#)

REPORTING BIAS INCIDENTS

A bias incident is a hostile act of conduct, speech, or expression motivated, in whole or in part, by intolerance, bias, or prejudice against another. Unlike a hate crime, the hostile act is not a criminal act; like a hate crime, the hostile act is motivated by prejudice. It differs from a hate crime in that no criminal activity is involved but its effect is to discriminate, demean, embarrass, assign stereotype, harass, or exclude individuals because of their identities, including but not limited to: race, ethnicity, national origin, language, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, or religion.

It should be noted that the mere expression of viewpoints and disagreements on political or social issues as protected under the First Amendment, and which does not create a material disruption to the operations of AMDA or the rights of individuals, does not constitute a bias incident.

AMDA is committed to addressing incidents of bias and needs your assistance in bringing these incidents to our attention. [To report information about bias related incidents please submit this form.](#) By documenting incidents, we can better protect and educate our community and best enable the college and conservatory to prevent this behavior and to address it properly when it occurs.

If you have any questions about the form, its use, or the Bias Incident Protocol, please contact Student Affairs at LAStudentAffairs@amda.edu. Once an incident is reported, you will receive an acknowledgement of the report.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

FINANCIAL AID

For Students:

If you are receiving Federal Direct Stafford Loans, AMDA will not be able to process your Stafford loan funds until you submit your Federal Stafford Master Promissory Note (MPN), and Stafford Entrance Counseling. These are required federal documents that must be submitted prior to disbursement of your loan funds.

For Parents:

If you are receiving Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan, parent borrowers must also complete a Federal PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). If there is a co-signer on the loan, parent borrowers must also complete Federal PLUS Loan Credit Counseling.

Please submit these documents as soon as possible at www.studentaid.gov so we can process these funds and post them to your student account. If these documents are not received prior to the scheduled disbursement date of your loans, your loans may be canceled. If canceled, you will be billed for these full loan amounts.

In order to complete the Stafford and/or PLUS Master Promissory Note and Stafford Entrance and/or PLUS Credit Counseling, you will need to have your US Department of Education federal login information, which you used to sign your FAFSA. Once you have your federal login information, please follow link to complete these forms: www.studentaid.gov.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Please be sure that required payments are completed and that you have your correct billing and mailing addressed documented before your arrival. If you have not done this prior to your arrival, you will need to check in with Student Accounts during Orientation Check-In. A Student Accounts representative will be available to answer questions. Please direct any questions about your student account to LAStudentAccounts@amda.edu.

PASSPORT TO BLACKBOARD

All students will receive an invitation to our Blackboard training course: Passport to Blackboard. Passport to Blackboard consists of eight modules of content that takes students through everything they need to know about using Blackboard as a student. We encourage students to go through the modules prior to the first day of class and continue to use the course as a reference for any questions they may have throughout the semester.

Within Blackboard students have the ability to indicate their pronouns, as well as change their Full Name, Display Name, and Sortable Name. This is available under Account, Settings, Edit Settings. Students are encouraged to review this information to be certain their name and pronouns appear exactly as they would like to be referred to in the classroom.

Full Name: This name will be used by instructors for grading.

Display Name: Faculty and classmates will see this name in discussions, messages and comments.

Sortable Name: This name appears in grade reporting by faculty & staff.

STUDENT EMAIL AND WI-FI INFORMATION

All AMDA buildings plus Student housing have Wi-Fi. It is recommended that students set up their Wi-Fi connection before they arrive on campus. Please visit it.amda.edu/wireless/setup for setup instructions. AMDA Students receive an @amda.edu email address to access many services including Wi-Fi, Blackboard and StarRez.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The mission of AMDA's Disability Resource Center is to ensure that all students are afforded an equal opportunity to fully participate in and benefit from AMDA's unsurpassed performing arts education and diverse community of creative artists. We believe that disability is an integral part of the diversity of experience that fuels creative excellence. Therefore, it is our goal to remove access barriers to allow every student to reach their fullest potential. If you feel you may need accommodations while you are at AMDA, or if you have any accessibility concerns, please get in touch with contact the DRC by emailing DRC@amda.edu.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

AMDA has Mental Health Counseling available to provide free and confidential services designed to support the emotional and psychological well-being of our students. Our services include single sessions, counseling consultations, programming/workshops, and assistance with referrals for long-term care. Please email any questions or concerns to LACounseling@amda.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

F1 International Students should have a I-20 certificate and a valid passport with F-1 student visa (unless you are Canadian and do not hold a F1 visa) ready while traveling for US Customs. Inform US Custom Officers that you are traveling to the US to attend a full time program at AMDA and have a F1 student visa. This is important for people with valid tourist visas in their passports. There will be a required International Student Orientation for all F1 international students that will outline the rules and regulations you must follow while studying in the US as well as information on work options, opening a bank account, following the laws in the US, and more. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Leslie Cummings, Director, International Student Affairs at InternationalLA@amda.edu

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

All students are required to have adequate health insurance coverage. AMDA does not offer Student Health Insurance through the school and all students are required to submit proof of adequate health insurance. For assistance finding a health insurance plan please email LAStudentAffairs@amda.edu

THE FLEXIBLE FOOD PLAN

The Flexible Food Plan (FFP) at AMDA's Los Angeles campus is offered as part of a student's financial aid package and is a pre-paid food plan that is required for all first-year students and offered optionally for upper-class students. The Flexible Food Plan is a declining balance food plan designed to ensure students can have high-quality, fast access to a meal and/or snack(s) on campus throughout the day. The Flexible Food Plan is not intended to carry students in the way a full-service food plan would, so it's important students supplement their FFP with other sources of food (grocery shopping, etc.). Deductions to the account are made based only on what the student purchases in the Café.

The FFP is required for first-year students (1st and 2nd semesters) and is optional but recommended for upper-class students.

It is recommended that students regularly check their FFP balance.

First Year Students (1st – 2nd semester):

- 1st and 2nd-semester students living on campus are required to be enrolled in the FFP and begin with a balance of \$1,800 per semester of their first year.
- 1st and 2nd-semester students living off-campus are required to be enrolled in the FFP and begin with a balance of \$900 per semester for their first year.
- The food plan charge will be incorporated into each student's financial aid package.

Continuing Students (3rd – 8th semester):

- The Flexible Food Plan is optional for 3rd to 8th semester students and will not be automatically added to the student's financial aid packaging unless a form is submitted to opt in for each new academic year.
- The Food Plan form can be electronically submitted via this link: [Flexible Food Plan Enrollment Form](#)
- The options for continuing students are \$1750, \$850 or \$500 per semester for use in the AMDA Café and AMDA Market.
- The selected amount will be charged to your account and deducted from your refund and/or added to a payment plan, depending on your current financial aid packaging.

For any other questions regarding the AMDA LA Flexible Food Plan as it relates to financial aid packaging, please contact the AMDA LA Financial Aid Department at laфинаid@amda.edu.

STUDENT ID

In order to receive your new AMDA Student ID as a new student to AMDA, please fill out the form below in its entirety including a picture following the specifications below. New 5Z, 7AC and Transfer students will need to complete the form to request a LA campus ID.

When submitting your picture for your ID, please keep a few things in mind:

- This picture should be a clear image of your face, from the chest up against a blank wall. This photo can be a headshot, class photo, or passport photo.
- This cannot be a selfie with filters on it.
- The photo must be in color not in black and white
- Please rename your photo submissions using this format: "Last Name_First Name_[Starting Term]." For example, if Bretman Rock started in the Fall 2026 term would label their submission(s) "Rock_Bretman_FA26."

Please fill out the form as soon as possible to receive your ID on time when you arrive. There will unfortunately be delays if it is filled out after October 5th. You will pick up your student ID during Orientation Week.

Continue to be on the lookout for more information from the Orientation Planning Committee as we get closer to Orientation.

If you have questions about your student ID, please email LAOrientation@amda.edu.



APPROVED AMDA ID PHOTO

**SUBMIT YOUR
AMDA ID PHOTO
(CLICKABLE)**

DANCE ATTIRE LIST

FOR ALL PROGRAMS DANCE ATTIRE CHECKLIST

	RECOMMENDED QUANTITIES FOR EACH PROGRAM		
	Dance Theatre BFA AOS Dance Theatre	Music Theatre BFA AOS Musical Theatre Program	Acting BFA AOS Acting Program
Black leotard	4-5	2	1
Tights or Leggings Option 1: Black or tan/flesh tights to match heels. Dance tights should be full length; "convertible" is best for footed and footless use. Option 2: Form-fitting black leggings or jazz pants	2	1	1
Proper supportive undergarments (i.e. bra, dance belt, etc)	3	1	1
Circle character skirt (knee length, full cut)	1	1	1
Character shoes Option 1: Heeled T-strap or single strap character shoe with minimum 2 1/2-inch heel. Shoes need dance rubber and should be braced. Choose black or tan to match tights. Option 2: Flat Oxford Character Shoe in Black	1	1	1
Ballet slippers Slippers/tights must match (black to black, pink to pink)	1	1	
Jazz oxfords or sneakers (soft, black)	1	1	
Tap shoes (black or tan)	1	1	
Pink tights Slippers/tights must match (black to black, pink to pink)	2	1	
Black footless tights	3		
Black footless leggings	3		
Dark-colored loose layers (for hip hop) Should fit over body-conscious dance wear	2-3		
Loosely-fitted black long sleeve T-shirt (no visible logos or designs)	1		
Hip hop sneakers or boots	1		
Commercial Dance Heels	1		
Black socks	5		
Knee pads	1		
Foam roller (half length)	1		
Resistance bands	1		
Ball (lacrosse, tennis, etc.)	1		
Massage Stick (optional)	1		
Thera Cane Massager (optional)	1		



Tuesday, October 14th

ORIENTATION CHECK-IN & MOVE-IN

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All new incoming, 5Z, 7AC, and transfer students must check in during Orientation Check-In to receive any needed documents and materials. It is also the last chance before school to review any last requirements needed before you begin school; failure to come to check in may result in a student not being able to attend classes on the first day.

Students will receive their student ID cards during Check-In. Those students who live on campus, called residential students, will also receive their room keys during Check-In.

All Students Required to Attend Orientation Check In & Move In.

Students are assigned a move in time based on the residence halls they are assigned or their status as a commuter student. A commuter student is a student who does not live in student housing and commutes to campus for classes.

Commuter Students: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Bungalows, Vine Street Residence Hall, Yucca Street Apartments: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Franklin Residence Hall: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sycamore Apartments: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE FALL 2026 MOVE-IN INFORMATION

Welcome to AMDA's student residential community. Our staff and our student leaders, called Resident Assistants, are excited to welcome you to our residence halls. As a new member of the residential community, we hope you will take advantage of our social events/programming, resources, and services to truly make this you "home away from home."

WHAT WILL MY MOVE-IN PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

On move-in day, please report directly to the Tower Building (6305 Yucca Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028) at your scheduled appointment time to begin the process of moving into your room.

Please limit what you bring for move-in to what you can carry yourself, but no larger than what can fit into one moving cart (dimensions are 34 inches deep x 28 inches wide x 38 inches long). *Please note that staff has a limited amount of dollies to help you move.*

Additionally, cars cannot be left unattended in front of the residence halls while students are moving in. Double parking is only permitted for unloading student belongings but not while moving items into student rooms. Please unload your car using the unloading zones and then find either street or garage parking.

You may only arrive with two (2) other people.

Staff from our Orientation, Housing & Residential Life, and Student Affairs teams will be present on-campus throughout the days of move-in yet staff does ask for flexibility and grace as this team supports student move-in.

Students can learn more about this optional insurance from GradGuard [here](#).

RECOMMENDED SHIPPING AND PACKING LISTS

We strongly recommend that students ship items ahead of time and only bring with them what

they can carry. Items should arrive at the residence halls no sooner than the **week before move-in, if able**. All students can send items directly to the address below:

Student Name
6305 Yucca Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

We suggest students have the following:

- Twin XL Linens, sheets, pillows, and towels
- Seasonal clothing and shoes (Los Angeles can be hot yet we do enjoy a coastal breeze)
- Books/school materials
- Medical and personal care items (prescription and other medications)
- Yoga mat and small weights
- Chargers for your devices

RESIDENCE HALL FURNISHINGS

All residence hall rooms are fully furnished with:

- Twin Bed (Extra Long)
- Microwave
- Full-Size Refrigerator
- Closet/Dressers & Storage Space
- Table-or-Desk & Chairs

Some units have various other amenities within the unit and in community spaces including our community gym and Relaxation Room within the Franklin Residence Hall.

APPROVED APPLIANCES

The communal kitchens are open for student use. Please see below for a list of approved and non-approved appliances in your residence hall room. Additionally, AMDA will provide a microwave and full-size refrigerator in all student rooms. These microwaves will be placed in student rooms before their arrival:

- Crock Pot (no larger than 3 qt)
- Instant Pot (no larger than 3 qt)
- Air Fryer (no larger than 3 qt)

- Microwave
- Small coffee pot
- Keurig

Note: Crock pots, instant pots, and air fryers are not approved within the Franklin Residence Hall.

The following appliances are **not** permitted:

- Hot plates, or anything with an open burner
- Toaster Ovens
- George Foreman/ Panini Press
- Waffle Maker

If you have questions about approved appliances please contact LAHousing@amda.edu.

ELEVATORS

Our elevators are limited to a specific number of individuals. These numbers are posted outside the elevators and we ask that students, families, and guests adhere to those guidelines to help support a smooth Orientation & Move-In Week.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Housing Accommodations: Any student who requires a specific housing accommodation due to a documented disability or medical condition can reach out to DRC@amda.edu. Please note that requests made after 60 days prior to move-in would be assessed for the following semester.

Dollies/Moving: Students are responsible for moving items into their spaces. There are very few dollies that are available on a limited, first-come-first-served basis.

Parking & Unloading Zones: Limited unloading is available around the residence halls. Please use unloading zones to quickly unload your items and move any vehicles to the proper location after (i.e. your assigned parking space or street parking).

Trash/Recycling Collection: All residence halls have a dedicated trash area where students should take their trash and recyclable items. Please take all trash and recycling to the proper locations.

REQUIRED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

You are required to have specific items for your first day of classes, including textbooks, dancewear, dance shoes, and basic classroom supplies.

Please budget accordingly for these materials. You may already own some materials, such as dancewear, so be sure to bring them with you to school. Other materials will be requested per specific class/instructor throughout the term.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

- Spiral notebook
- 1.5" 3-ring binder
- Yoga Mat
- Writing utensils such as pens, pencils, and highlighters.
- A daily planner (can be electronic).
- Backpack or small bag.
- Small rolling suitcase or duffle bag (to carry dancewear and/or props)

Sheet Music and Plays

Throughout the semester, you will be required to read plays and/or acquire sheet music. The AMDA Performing Arts Library has a wide selection of sheet music, plays, and various additional collections available for in-house reading, copying or borrowing, depending upon the item. Copies of material can be made for classroom or personal use at \$.05/page in black and white and \$.10/page in color. Three student copy machines are located in the Library. Please contact the Library at LALibrary@amda.edu for assistance.

Costumes and Props

For acting scene, camera scene and musical theatre work, you will need to bring or purchase costume and prop materials. Materials will vary depending on the scene or song chosen. Students are responsible for the storage of all costumes and props used for any class work. These are suggested standard costume guidelines:

- An elegant dress outfit, such as a skirt and top or a dress with dress shoes, or a sport coat or blazer with dress slacks, and black hard-soled shoes such as loafers or dress shoes.



ALL PROGRAMS SUGGESTED FOR ALL INCOMING STUDENTS AND UPPER CLASSES	
Smartphone	<i>Various Pricing</i>
» At least 64g of data storage, 128g recommended	
» iPhone or Android (iPhone preferred)	
» Bluetooth enabled	
Laptop or Desktop	<i>Various Pricing</i>
» At least 8G RAM, 16g to 32g recommended	
» Multi-core Intel i5/i7/i9 processor or M1/M2 chip	
» At least 512g hard drive, 1TB recommended	
» Firewire, thunderbolt port, USB-C port or external dock	
» Has a working internal microphone and camera, or external microphone and webcam	
Internet and Electricity Access (if living off campus)	<i>Various Pricing</i>
» At least 25 Mbps upload speed	
» Test at speedtest.net	
Filmic Pro (supports iPhone and Android)	\$14.99
Beastcam (supports iPhone and Android)	\$1.99
Tripod: ZOMEI M5 Camera Tripod with phone mount (pan and tilt, or ball head)	\$49.59
Ring Light w/phone mount	\$37.99
Wireless Earbuds w/Microphone (or similar) *music theater students only	\$13.59
External Hard Drive - one of the below	\$89.99
» At least 1TB	
» 7200 rpm	
» Supports both Mac and Windows	
» Ports are compatible with personal laptop or desktop (Must be USB-C compatible)	
» Ruggedized, to sustain the life of being an AMDA performing artist	
TOTAL = \$200 - 225 +smartphone +computer +internet access	



ADVANCED CONTENT CREATION TOOLS SUGGESTED FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS AND UPPER CLASSES	
Editing and Design Software (one of the below)	
» <u>Mac Pro Apps Bundle for Education, Includes:</u>	\$199.99 student price
- o Final Cut Pro (professional video editing software) - o Logic Pro (professional music and sound editing software) - o Motion (motion graphics tool) - o Compressor (advanced tool to customize output settings) - o Mainstage (live performance application)	
» <u>Creative Cloud Bundle, Includes:</u>	\$19.99/mo. student price
- o Premiere Pro (professional editing software) - o Audition (professional music and sound editing software) - o After Effects (animation and compositing software) - o Premiere Rush (editing software design for personal devices) - o Photoshop (professional photo editing software)	
Smartphone Video Production Kit	\$99.99
Smartphone Lens Kit (wide, macro, fisheye)	\$35.99
Ubeesize Octopus Tripod	\$17.99
Neewer 20" Ring Light (advanced)	\$189.49
Lighting Kit (one of the below)	
» <u>Soft Light Basic Kit (with Amazon Basics Mic Stand)</u>	\$53.40 (total)
» <u>Neewer SL-116Al with Amazon Basics Mic Stand and 1/4m-5/8f converter (3 items)</u>	\$73.88 (total)
Other Lighting Tools	
» <u>Clip Lamps or Work Lights for Standard Bulbs (2-3)</u>	\$8/ea
» <u>Wifi LED Smart Bulb Multi Color, Dimmable (or similar) (pack of 2)</u>	\$19.99
» <u>Holiday String Lights</u>	\$17.98
» <u>1" Spring Clamp (3-5)</u>	\$2.98/ea
» <u>Extension Cord(s)</u>	\$15.02/ea



The AMDA Athletic Performance Center aims to foster a community of performing artists who are optimally prepared, both physically and mentally, for a successful, healthy, and sustainable career. The APC includes Athletic Performance, Mental Health, and Vocal Health Services.

Student Health Insurance

AMDA requires that all students maintain active health insurance to cover medical diagnosis and treatment. AMDA does not provide a Student Health Insurance Plan, and all students are required to submit proof of adequate health insurance coverage on their own.

Whether it's a physical or a psychological need, health insurance provides vital resources to ensure AMDA students are healthy in body and mind for continued success in their education. We have multiple health care providers on campus who can assist with the referral process, if needed.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE STUDIO

Vine Building Room V401

The Athletic Performance team provides injury consultation, injury prevention, and performance enhancement services. Our mission is to empower students to become active participants in their well-being and support a vibrant, healthy, and engaged campus community.

Services include:

- Injury consultation
- Individualized exercise programs for performance optimization
- Education regarding injury prevention and self-care strategies
- Physician referral guidance

Contact: LAAthleticTraining@amda.edu

COUNSELING SERVICES

Vine Building 4th floor Rooms

V4G & V4F

AMDA offers Mental Health Counseling to help meet the emotional and psychological needs of our students. Our goal is to create a campus environment that facilitates the health and well-being of all of our students and advances our academic and performance mission. Our counselors can also provide referrals to community resources as needed. Appointments are required.

Services include:

- Short-term psychotherapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Consultation and referral services

Contact: LACounseling@amda.edu

VOCAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

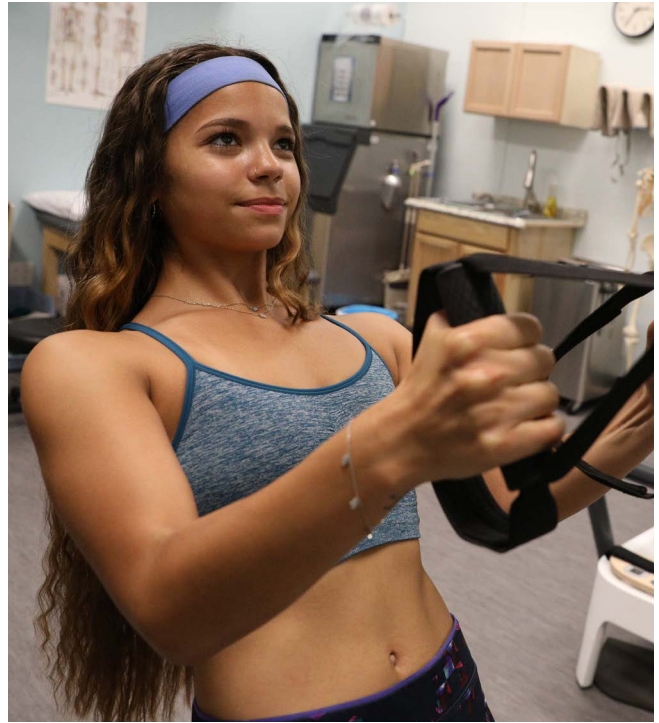
Vine Building Room V4B

AMDA's Vocal Health Resource Center provides students with information and guidelines on the care and use of the professional performance voice.

Services include:

- Voice assessments for vocal rest
- Vocal health/vocal hygiene current best practices
- Vocal wellness resources and information
- Exercises to restore, strengthen and maintain a healthy voice
- Referrals to laryngologist/physician voice specialists

Contact: VocalHealth@amda.edu



AMDA requires that all students maintain active health insurance to cover medical diagnosis and treatment. AMDA does not offer a Student Health Insurance Plan, and all students are required to submit proof of adequate personal health insurance coverage. If a student needs assistance finding a health insurance plan please email LAHealth@amda.edu.



DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

If you are a student with a disability and feel as though accommodations are needed for you to enjoy equal access to AMDA's programs or services, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is here to support you. To make an accommodation request, please follow the steps below:

STEP 1: SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION TO THE DRC

Please use [this form](#) to request accommodations. The form will ask you to describe in your own words your disability and any barriers you are experiencing or anticipate experiencing at AMDA. It also asks you what reasonable accommodations you feel will best remove those barriers. Please be as detailed as possible, as this helps us approve the accommodation(s) that best provide equal access. If you don't know for sure what accommodations you need, that is fine. Suggest any ideas you have, and specific accommodations will be discussed with you in your access meeting.

You will be required to upload supporting documentation within your request form. We recommend that you have your treating professional fill out our Disability Information Form and then submit that. If you already have other documentation, or your provider prefers to use their own form, that is fine, but please ensure that the documentation you submit is from a healthcare professional who is licensed to diagnose and treat your condition, is treating you for your condition, AND includes ALL of the same information as is asked for in the form. More detailed information about documentation requirements is included in the [Disability Accommodations Policy](#).

STEP 2: HAVE AN ACCESS MEETING WITH THE DRC

After you have completed the request form and submitted your supporting documentation, the DRC will reach out to schedule an Access Meeting. During this meeting, we will engage in what is called the interactive process, where we will discuss your individual situation and needs so we are able to determine what accommodations are appropriate. Your accommodations will be officially determined shortly after this meeting. Note that while the DRC may confer or inquire with other staff in general terms in order to thoroughly explore all accommodation options, the office will NOT share your diagnosis or information from your documentation with anyone unless you expressly give us permission to do so.

More information about the accommodations process can be found through the [DRC website](#).

GETTING TO CAMPUS & AROUND THE LOS ANGELES AREA

LOCAL AIRPORT

Los Angeles International (LAX) and Hollywood-Burbank Airport (BUR) are located near AMDA and within a relatively short distance from campus. LAX, pending positive traffic, is less than an hour's drive from AMDA and the Hollywood-Burbank airport is within a 30-minute drive from campus.

TAXIS

Taxis only pick up a cab at designated cab stands after baggage pick-up. Please ask for assistance from airport staff if you need help locating taxi services.

PRIVATE SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Many private companies offer transportation between airport terminals and local accommodations.

You can contact [Super Shuttle](https://www.super-shuttle.com) at 800- 258-3826, [PrimeTime Shuttle](https://www.primetime-shuttle.com) at 800-733-8267, or find other providers online.

LAX FLYAWAY SHUTTLE:

The LAX FlyAway offers hourly nonstop shuttle service between LAX and Hollywood (as well as other destinations). The FlyAway can transport you to Union Station. You will then need to use the Metro system, a ride-share service, or a taxi to travel the short distance to campus. No reservations are required and the one-way fare is \$8-\$10. You may purchase tickets online in advance. For more information, visit flylax.com/flyaway-bus.

CAR SERVICES:

App-based private car services such as Lyft and Uber are readily available in the area, offering both ridesharing and "black car" options. Please be aware that fares fluctuate based on usage and time of day. For more information, see [lyft.com](https://www.lyft.com) or [uber.com](https://www.uber.com).

METRO BUS AND RAIL:

A Metro Red Line subway station is located at Hollywood and Vine, one block south of campus. The subway connects to downtown LA, Universal City, Pasadena, and many other popular destinations as well as connecting to regional bus systems and Amtrak. For further information and to plan routes, visit [metro.net](https://www.metro.net).





AREA HOTELS

The following is a list of some hotels near AMDA. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible. AMDA does not endorse any hotel or motel below and only provides this list as recommendations. You may also visit websites that list hotel availability and room rates, such as [hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com), [expedia.com](https://www.expedia.com), and [travelocity.com](https://www.travelocity.com).

BEST WESTERN PLUS HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOTEL

6141 Franklin Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90028
323-464-5181

LEGEND HOTEL - HOLLYWOOD

1822 N Cahuenga Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90028
323-467-2252

HILTON - UNIVERSAL CITY

555 Universal Hollywood Dr.
Universal City, CA 91608
818-506-2500

LOEWS HOLLYWOOD HOTEL

1755 N. Highland Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90028
323-856-1200

SHERATON - UNIVERSAL CITY

333 Universal Hollywood Dr.
Universal City, CA 91608
818-980-1212

HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT HOTEL

7000 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028
323-856-1970

W HOLLYWOOD

6250 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood CA 90028
323-798-1300

TILT HOTEL UNIVERSAL / HOLLYWOOD

3241 Cahuenga Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90068
323-845-1600

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

1921 N. Highland Ave
Hollywood, CA 90068
323-850-8151

ANDAZ - WEST HOLLYWOOD

8401 Sunset Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069
323-656-1234

KIMPTON EVERLY HOTEL

1800 Argyle Avenue
Los Angeles, Ca 90028
1-800-546-7866

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are Orientation events required?

Yes. These events have been carefully planned to orient our new students to AMDA and their new homes here in Los Angeles. Additionally, some students will be completing required demonstration/placement activities which will determine their first-term class schedule. All international students, whether new or transferring from AMDA New York, are required to attend. If you have any conflicts, call the Orientation Committee by email.

Where is AMDA Los Angeles located?

AMDA's campus is located in the heart of Hollywood below the famed Hollywood Hills at 6305 Yucca Street (one block north of the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street). The official entrance – at the historic art deco Yucca Vine Tower – is on Yucca Street, just west of Vine. Nearby landmarks include the Dolby Theatre (home of the Academy Awards), the Pantages Theatre, Capitol Records, the Hollywood Bowl, Griffith Park and Observatory, Paramount Studios, Universal Studios, Warner Brothers Studios, NBC, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. LA's famous beaches are a short drive away.

When will I receive my class schedule?

Students can view their class schedules via their online student portal. Placement Demonstrations (described in this booklet) will affect class schedules, which may be revised as a result. Students should review their class schedules up to the Sunday prior to the start of the term to view their most current schedule.

Can I work while attending AMDA?

While possible, we recommend that students not work during their first term. Students need time to acclimate to their new environment and focus on AMDA's rigorous program. Domestic students who work while in school can generally work up to 20 hours per week for an employer who offers a flexible schedule. Remember that work hours cannot interfere with your course of study at AMDA. Students planning to work at AMDA or elsewhere must bring proof of employment eligibility. Examples of documents commonly used to establish employment eligibility are a Social Security card, passport, state-issued Photo ID, and US birth certificate. While in school, international students are permitted to work on campus only. For additional information, contact the international student advisor.

Does AMDA offer on-campus employment?

Students can apply for campus employment prior to their arrival on campus online: <https://www.amda.edu/student-employment>. Positions will be posted through the first week of classes. Please note that completion of an online application does not guarantee an interview or on-campus employment. It is best to anticipate using these funds for living expenses rather than tuition or housing costs. Additional information will be provided during Orientation and is available in the [AMDA Catalog](#).

When will I need to renew my Financial Packaging?

Your financial award covers your first year (i.e., your first two terms) at AMDA. We will send you a new financial award for next year near the end of your second term. The Financial Aid Department will provide additional information. Please check your email regularly.



A summer performance on AMDA LA's outdoor stage

Can I have guests if I am living in AMDA housing?

For security purposes, students must complete a visitation request form to Student Affairs 2-3 business days before guests' proposed visit. Overnight guests are not permitted.

Can I bring my car?

Yes. If you intend to bring a car to AMDA, please complete the parking registration form available online at amda.edu under the Student Life page to make your payment. Parking availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Can I have cable, telephone, or high-speed internet service in AMDA student housing?

Students living in on-campus housing can have cable television and phone services installed. WiFi is available at all facilities. You will receive login information during Orientation. You can install cable television in your housing unit by calling the local cable television provider. Details will be available at the housing move-in. Internet workstations with Internet access are also available in the Tower and Vine buildings and some housing facilities. See your Housing License for more information.

Can I send my belongings to AMDA prior to arrival?

Students who will be living in AMDA student housing may mail some of their belongings to Los Angeles in advance. Space is limited and it is important that you pack lightly. This applies to the things you bring with you on move-in day and anything you wish to send in advance. Due to our limited space, we ask that students limit the packages that are sent to AMDA to 3. Items should arrive no sooner than one week prior to move-in. AMDA may return packages without legal names. Please label boxes or other mail as follows:

[Your Full Name]
6305 Yucca Street
Los Angeles, CA 90028

I am an International Student, are there special requirements?

Yes. Please bring your passport, visa, and Form I-20 to the mandatory dinner for international students during Orientation Week. If you have not yet submitted your FINAL official transcripts, you must submit them to the International Student Advisor no later than Week 3 to avoid visa termination.

ACCESSING AMDA EMAIL

To learn more about accessing your AMDA email, please [click here](#) to view the information on our website.

From Desktop / Laptop:

On the left-side menu, click **My Profile**.

Click **My Information** to access your account information.

Click **My IT Information** to access your personal AMDA email

From a Mobile device:

Tap on the 3-line Menu icon on the top right

Tap on **My Profile**

Tap on **My Information**

Tap on **My IT Information**



CAMPUS RESERVATIONS

Need a space to study, meet, or work between classes? Students can reserve available rooms on the LA campus through our Room Reservation page [here](#).

PARKING

Parking usually opens 3-4 weeks before the semester begins.

Parking registrations are dependent on student housing status meaning placement into a particular parking area could be dependent upon if you live on-campus or are a commuter student. Please make sure you keep an eye out during the above-mentioned weeks for an email that will be sent to their AMDA email address. In parallel, they can also keep an eye on our website during those weeks. [Here is the link to the parking registration form](#).

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

admissionsteam@amda.edu

800-367-7908

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

LAHealth@amda.edu

323-603-5991

STUDENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

LAstudentaffairs@amda.edu

323-603-5960

MENTAL HEALTH

LAcounseling@amda.edu

STUDENT SUCCESS DEPARTMENT

LAstudentsuccess@amda.edu

323-603-5960

STUDENT PARKING

LAparking@amda.edu

323-603-5908

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

LAhousing@amda.edu

323-603-5960

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

InternationalLA@amda.edu

STUDENT ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

LAOrientation@amda.edu

323-603-5960

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

DRC@amda.edu

PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

Lalibrary@amda.edu

(323) 603-5924

FINANCIAL AID DEPARTMENT

LAfinaid@amda.edu

323-603-5960

STUDENT ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

LAStudentAccounts@amda.edu

323-603-5960

A man wearing a light-colored fedora, a purple blazer, a red and white checkered shirt, and a patterned bow tie is dancing. He is pointing his right index finger towards the camera. The background is a bright, out-of-focus stage with blue and white lights.

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