It All Begins Here

New Student Orientation begins on Wednesday! Start your undergraduate experience at the President’s Welcome Reception for New Students. Join us Thursday morning, January 20th, for the Liberal Studies Convocation. We will welcome you to NYU with activities that familiarize you with Liberal Studies, the University, and the city. Check out the links and lists below to help you prepare for New Student Orientation. These are the last steps before your NYU journey begins.

NYU READS

Spring Liberal Studies NYU Reads Braiding Sweetgrass Assignment

All incoming students are asked to read the NYU Reads 2021-2022 common reading selection, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants, by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. We will convene over Zoom on Friday, January 21st from 12:15–1:45pm EST for the Liberal Studies common reading program, which will include a panel discussion featuring LS faculty and undergraduate students, as well as a chance to share reading reflections. The discussion will provide an important opportunity to begin building
academic connections with peers and professors! Please read the book and complete the following writing assignment in advance of the program.

1. REFLECTING ON THE BOOK (½ to 1 page): Choose one chapter OR one theme from the book to reflect on. It could be a chapter or theme that particularly resonated with, surprised, moved, or inspired you, or even one that raises questions for you. Describe and explain the chapter or theme, along with your reflection on it.

2. REFLECTING ON YOUR OWN LIFE AND PERSPECTIVE (½ to 1 page): In what way do Kimmerer’s ideas shape how you see and understand the world? What are some concrete actions you can take to manifest Kimmerer’s ideas in your own life? For example, what can you do to practice reciprocity with the natural world? What might it mean in your own life to practice reconciliation, gratitude, and reciprocity with the earth and with Indigenous people (remembering that Kimmerer urges us to consider plants and animals as people, along with humans)?

Be ready to share this reflection with a small group during the program on Friday, January 21st. Optionally, to deepen your engagement with the book, you may also view Dr. Kimmerer’s NYU Reads lecture, recorded on September 30, 2021.

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**PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST**

**January To-Do's:**

- January: Submit transcripts directly to your advisor for any credit earned during the gap semester
- January: Review housing information
- January 15: Complete health requirements. Students interested in waiving their health insurance can find instructions on this page
- January 18: Last day to submit a photo for your NYU Card
- January 20-21: Virtually attend LS New Student Orientation and use #LSorientation to share your photos!
- January/February: Review NYU Spring Welcome for events (also viewable on the NYU Mobile app)

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**IMPORTANT LINKS**

- Orientation Schedule
YOUR ADVISING GROUP

Your advising groups will be your team* for Orientation. Find your group below:

- **Emily Warren Roebling** Advising Group (last name A-Chen)
- **Victoria Earle Matthews** Advising Group (last name Chendo-Fleming)
- **Mary Harriman** Advising Group (last name Fulton-Inia)
- **Nellie Bly** Advising Group (last name Jaculewicz-Leung)
- **Margaret Gayle** Advising Group (last name Li-Ouyang)
- **Margaret Bourke-White** Advising Group (last name Pan-Tan)
- **Edith Wharton** Advising Group (last name Tang-Woolley)
- **Margaret Corbin** Advising Group (last name Wu-Z)

*note: athletes will be assigned to either the Margaret Bourke-White or Margaret Gayle Advising Groups. Questions? Please contact Nadine Griffith (email address below)

GET TO KNOW A STUDENT

Emade Ekukole-Sone

Hello everyone!
My name is Emade Ekukole-Sone and I am a junior studying Media, Culture and Communication in Steinhardt.
I am currently involved in a couple clubs and organizations on campus such as Fashion Business Association, African Student Union and the VSPINK Campus Rep program, but most importantly I am a former and proud Liberal Studies Student.
I started my NYU academic career as a spring start student in January of 2020. I truly enjoyed my time in Liberal Studies.

During the two years, I was involved in Liberal Studies Student Council and was a part of the Dean’s Circle Honors Class. Being a spring start student in LS gave me
the chance to find a sense of community within the huge NYU network, and I was surrounded by amazing faculty, peers and advisors. Also, being that I was a spring start student I felt passionate about all affairs relating to this unique community at NYU, I decided to become an alternate senator for Spring admits at the student government level.
If you have any questions about being in Liberal Studies or how to navigate life as a spring start student please feel free to reach out. My email is ees473@nyu.edu.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your advisor: Leslie Rosales, Nadine Griffith or Danny Velardo.

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Questions?
Contact your academic advisor!