IMPORTANT TRAVEL TIPS FOR F-1 STUDENTS
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

When you travel, always have in your possession the following documents. Do not put them in luggage which you check.

a. your passport (which should be valid for at least six months after your entry or reentry unless you are from a country which has an agreement with the U.S. that allows entry up to the expiration date);
b. your visa which must be current (not expired);
c. your SEVIS I-20 (with a signature from one of Barnard’s designated school officials obtained within the last six months);
d. evidence of your financial resources (copies of the documents you submitted to Barnard when applying for the I-20);
e. evidence of student status, such as tuition receipts, transcripts, or a letter of acceptance (if a new student);
f. paper receipt for the SEVIS fee; and
g. the name and contact information of your designated school officials.**

At the border, inform the CBP (Customs and Border Protection) officer that you are a new or returning international student in the United States. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) no longer issues I-94 cards, which previously were stapled onto a page in your passport as proof of your arrival and length of stay. Instead, a simple arrival stamp will be put in your passport.

** Rachel Romesburg is Barnard’s Principal Designated School Official. In case of emergency on your day of arrival, please call her at 212-854-1777 during regular business hours, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If after business hours, call Barnard Security at 212-854-3362.

Dean Gretchen Young, Dean Christina Kuan Tsu and Mr. Mark Farrell are also Designated School Officials. They and Rachel Romesburg may be reached during regular business hours at 212-854-1777.