Banking for International Students

Review the information in the International Students’ Survival Guide to Living in New York City, 2nd Edition, “Managing Money” section, page 22-29 (available at the International Student Office) for a complete overview on banking and other money-matters. It is recommended that you visit and compare the rates and conditions offered at each bank near SVA. Many offer online banking as well.

If you experience any problems with opening a bank account, please notify the ISO.

Required documents: Note: Social Security Number is not required to open an account

- W-8 BEN form (provided by the bank, an international banking application form)
- Passport, valid visa, and the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019 form)
- Enrollment verification issued by the Registrar’s Office: 205 East 23rd Street, 212.592.2200, registrar@sva.edu.
- Proof of your tuition payment issued by Office of Student Accounts: 209 East 23rd Street 2nd floor, 212.592.2415, studentaccounts@sva.edu.
- SVA ID card
- Bills or letters that prove your address in New York, such as your local telephone bill, gas or electricity bill. If you don’t have this form, ISO will issue a letter.
- Proof of permanent address listed on a government issued ID, such as your passport

Bank of America
345 Park Avenue South (25th Street and Park Avenue South)
New York, NY 10010
(800) 432-1000, (212) 545-2880
Hours: 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm on Saturdays
www.bankofamerica.com

CHASE
233 Third Avenue (Third and 19th Street)
New York, NY 10003
(212) 253-0317
Hours: 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays
www.chase.com

CHASE
230 Park Avenue South (Union Square)
New York, NY 10003
(212) 475-0128
Hours: 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays
www.chase.com
Citi Bank
115 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
Representative: Kanwaljit Kaur (212) 353-2962
24 Hr. Client Service (800) 627-3999
Hours: 8:30am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays
www.citi.com

Citi Bank
1107 Broadway
New York, NY 10010
(Broadway and 24th Street)
(212) 229-1319, (212) 229-1387
24 Hr. Client Service (800) 627-3999
Hours: 8:30am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturdays
www.citi.com

HSBC
302 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10010
(212) 477-1017
Customer Service: (800) 975-4722
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm
www.us.hsbc.com

TD Bank
131 East 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
(212) 473-2769
Customer Service: (888) 751-9000
Hours: 7:30am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm Saturdays, 11:00am to 3:00pm Sundays
www.tdbank.com

Please note that SVA cannot guarantee specific rates or services.

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