

## Essay 1: Why NYU (Academic + Campus Fit)

New York City has always felt like a classroom without walls. What draws me to NYU is not just its location, but how deeply the university integrates the city into its academic experience.

As someone interested in media and cultural studies, I'm excited by the opportunity to study at Tisch while being surrounded by one of the world's most influential creative hubs. Courses like "Cultural History of Media" would allow me to explore storytelling academically, while internships with independent production studios in Manhattan would let me apply those ideas in real time.

Beyond academics, NYU's global perspective resonates with me. Growing up in a digitally connected world, I've learned that meaningful conversations often happen across cultures. NYU's diverse student body and global campuses reflect that reality. I hope to contribute to that environment by sharing my own experiences while learning from others whose perspectives differ from mine.

What excites me most is the independence NYU encourages. There is no traditional campus boundary, students are expected to navigate the city, take initiative, and create their own opportunities. That kind of environment challenges me to grow not only as a student, but as an individual.

At NYU, I won't just be studying media, I'll be living it.



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