

“Real Life 101”

General Dinner Meeting and Etiquette Tips:

1. Buy an Emily Post Guide / Watch others
2. Go to an expensive Restaurant and ask the Waiter to explain how to order
3. Don't be afraid to call the Restaurant before hand and ask about Wine selection and prices, especially if you have a budget to stick to
4. Be sure to know the restaurant or what kind of restaurant your client likes
5. Never go to the restroom at the end of the meal unless you are not picking up the check or you have already told the waiter that you are picking up the check
6. Try eating beforehand so that you are not as hungry – this way you can talk and listen without feeling the need to eat
7. Order a reasonably priced meal / Do not choose soup and avoid pasta
8. Always ask to see the dessert menu because it allows the client the opportunity to make his/her own decision
9. Consider taking an etiquette course
10. Try a lot of different types of food (ex. Indian, Chinese, Thai, etc.) / And, don't try to use native utensils if you don't know how (ex. Chopsticks)
11. Be Yourself and Relax!!!

Strategies for Moving to a New City:

1. Research locations for safety and for areas where people your own age live (use the Internet)
2. Know how much you have to spend per month on rent and find out if there are costs up front, like finders fees
3. Consider commuting distances (driving, regional rail and busing schedules)
4. Contact friends, relatives, fellow employees and the PSU Regional Club to find out more information about the city and region. It also provides a great resource for networking.
5. If moving to an area with a college, go to their resources and look into student apartment agencies.
6. Get to know new people by volunteering for organizations or company events and activities
7. Don't say no when invited to a party or asked to meet new people
8. Spend the first weekend in town just driving around with a map to get yourself acquainted with where things are