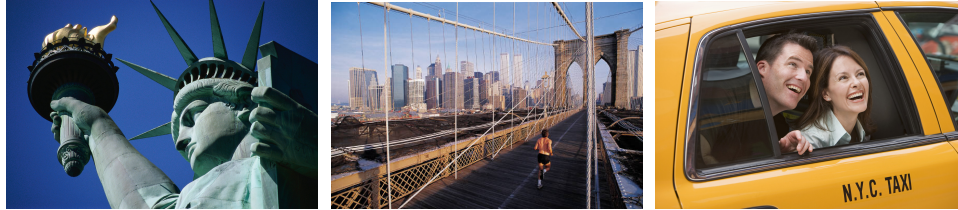


# **ALCC**

## ***Life in New York***



**Transportation-** Many different modes of public transportation are available for local and regional commute, including subway, bus, Long Island Railroad, New Jersey Transit, and Metro-North

**MTA subway/local bus rates are as follows:**

Single Ride \$2.50  
7-day Unlimited Pass \$29  
30-day Unlimited Pass \$104

**Bank Account-** Opening a savings or checking account is fairly easy. Most banks require a passport, visa, I-20 (original documents) and an initial deposit. If there is no visa or I-20, a letter of enrollment verifying the student's home address may be required. This can be obtained at ALCC's payment desk. Some of the major banks located near the school are listed below:

**Chase** 798 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10018  
**Citibank** 201 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001  
**Bank of America** 515 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10018  
**Wells Fargo** 535 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10018

**Cell Phone-** Mobile phone services differ greatly in rates and features, some requiring credit history or initial deposits. Most service providers offer prepaid calling plans, which do not involve the commitment of a contract. Metro PCS is a popular carrier among international students, as they offer month-to-month plans starting from \$25 per month. See below for options and locations:

**Metro PCS** 266 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10018  
**Sprint** 126 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001  
**T-Mobile** 521 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10018  
**AT&T** 3 Times Square New York, NY 10036  
**Verizon Wireless** 134 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001

**Library-** New York Public Libraries are located throughout the city and surrounding boroughs. Students residing in New York qualify for a library card/membership free of charge with proof of address and passport. Other acceptable forms of ID and proof of address can be found at <http://www.nypl.org/help/library-card/terms-conditions>. The main branch is located in walking distance from ALCC at Bryant Park (455 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue New York, NY 10016).

**Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)-** Students seeking to obtain a driver's license or New York State identification card must apply at the DMV. The closest full-service office to ALCC is located in Herald Square.

Herald Square - **NYSDMV**  
1293-1311 Broadway 8th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
(Between W 33 & W 34 Sts.)

Information is also provided on the New York State DMV website:  
<http://www.dmv.ny.gov/index.htm>

**Health Insurance-** ALCC does not require or provide health insurance. However, we highly suggest that all students obtain health insurance independently as medical care can be extremely costly in the US. There are a number of affordable insurance plans for international students.

*Some options are:*

ISO Student Health Insurance: <http://www.isoa.org/>  
International Student Insurance <http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/>

**Legal Assistance-** For legal matters that exceed the services of our International Department, please contact your local consulate or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). <http://www.uscis.gov/>  
You can find information on your consulate by going to the "International Affairs" agency site on <http://nyc.gov/>.

**Visitor/Tourist Information-** New York City is full of activities that students can enjoy on a daily basis. There are also many events and activities that cater to students and their budgets, which can be found on websites, newspapers, and free publications distributed in the city. Information on various recreational and social activities are also posted and updated on the ALCC bulletin board on a regular basis. Some websites to refer to are:

<http://www.nycgo.com/>  
<http://newyork.citysearch.com/>  
<http://cityguideny.com/>  
<http://newyork.timeout.com/>

For information on discounted theater tickets: <http://www.tdf.org/>