

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 \$2.75
7-day Unlimited Pass \$32
30-day Unlimited Pass \$121

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 7th Avenue New York, NY 10018
Citibank 201 West 34th Street New York, NY 10001
Bank of America 515 7th Avenue New York, NY 10018
Wells Fargo 535 7th 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 37th Street New York, NY 10018
Sprint 126 West 34th Street New York, NY 10001
T-Mobile 521 8th Avenue New York, NY 10018
AT&T 3 Times Square New York, NY 10036
Verizon Wireless 134 West 34th 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
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main branch is located in walking distance from ALCC at Bryant Park (455 5th 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.

366 West 31st Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues

New York, NY 10001

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 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/>

Places of Worship- One of the many extraordinary things about New York is the diversity of people, including their beliefs. Below are some places of worship for various religions near our institution.

The Journey Church (Non-denominational) 401 7th Ave New York, NY 10001

St. Patrick's Church (Catholic) 460 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022

West Side Jewish Center 347 West 34th Street New York, NY 10001

Masjid Manhattan 30 Cliff Street New York, New York 10038

Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan 154 E 55th St, New York, NY 10022

SGI Buddhist Center 7 East 15th Street New York, NY 10003

