



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TRAVEL GUIDE

## Flying to the United States

Start working with your travel agent or airline of choice as early as you can to arrange your trip to the US!

## Inland Transportation

### **By plane:**

You can then fly on to Ithaca directly! Our local airport -- the **Ithaca Tompkins County Airport (ITH)** receives flights by American Airlines, Delta, and United Airlines, please see <http://flyithaca.com>. Another option is to fly to Syracuse, NY, a larger city north of Ithaca, which is served by most major American airline carriers. More information on the **Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR)** is available at [www.syrairport.org](http://www.syrairport.org). From Syracuse, you can take a **shuttle van ride** directly to the Ithaca College campus offered by Ithaca Airline Limousine (see <http://www.ithacaairlinelimousine.com/to-ithaca> for specifics; you must book your shuttle ride in advance!)

### **By Train:**

There is no train station in Ithaca, the nearest train station is in Syracuse – so if you decide to take the train, you will need to book a shuttle ride to campus, see <http://www.ithacaairlinelimousine.com/to-ithaca> and book your shuttle ride in advance!

### **By Bus:**

**Shortline Bus** ([www.shortlinebus.com](http://www.shortlinebus.com)) or **Greyhound** ([www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)) will take you from the Port Authority in Manhattan to the Ithaca Bus Station. The bus usually makes 3 stops in Ithaca – so if you are traveling in the dark or otherwise not sure whether you have reached the bus station, confirm with the driver. Another option is the express service offered by **Big Red Bullet** <http://bigredbullet.com> which departs from downtown Manhattan (Bryant Park - at the corner of 40th Street on 6th Avenue) and the **Campus-to-Campus** bus operated by Cornell University, see [www.c2cbus.com](http://www.c2cbus.com).

### **By Taxi:**

Taxis are usually available at the airport and bus station. You can call a taxi by contacting Ithaca Taxi Dispatch at +607-277-7777.

## **A note on ground transportation from the airports in New York City:**

There are three major international airports in New York City:  
Newark (<http://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html>)  
JFK (<http://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html>) &  
LaGuardia (<http://www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html>).

After you go through passport control, collect your luggage and go through customs, proceed to Ground Transportation and then take the New York Airporth Express Bus to the Port Authority in Manhattan <https://www.nycairporter.com/> or your other destination. The Ground Transportation desk can also offer you information on other transportation options (Air train, MTA Subway, bus) to fit your needs.

**If you need assistance**, look for the information desk near the exit of the Arrivals Terminal at the airport or ask uniformed officials for help. Don't be shy about asking people to repeat any directions or instructions you do not understand. Slow down or speak more clearly if they look uncertain about what you are saying. New Yorkers are known for their fast, abrupt and loud communication style; don't be offended if they address you in this way, just ask for clarification. Do not accept assistance with directions, rides, or help with your luggage from non-uniformed persons; if in doubt, look for an airline official or a uniformed police officer.

## Arrival Information

If you are **arriving on your own** (if you are not accompanied by friends or family and if you are not going directly to a hotel in Ithaca) and you would like a member of our staff to meet you at the Ithaca bus station or the Ithaca airport, please send us your detailed travel information as soon as you have it, as well as an e-mail address and phone number we can use to reach you while you are travelling. We will do our best to assist you -- we will send you a confirmation e-mail with the relevant details. Our staff is small and therefore we cannot offer this service outside of Ithaca (in Syracuse or NYC).

## How to get to Ithaca College

If you have notified us ahead of time and we have confirmed a pick-up service for you, we will do our best to be at the bus station or airport to meet you and bring you to campus. If, however, something happens outside of our control or your travel plans have been altered, be prepared to make it to Ithaca College on your own by taking a taxi – there are usually taxis waiting at the airport or bus station, or you can call one by dialing +607-277-7777. Ask the driver to take you to Ithaca College; the ride should cost about \$20; additional charges for extra luggage may apply. If you have a lot of luggage or if there are several of you traveling together, give that information to the taxi company when you call, so they can send a larger car or a van. When you get to campus: ask the taxi driver to take you to Campus Safety (called Center for Public Safety at [www.ithaca.edu/map](http://www.ithaca.edu/map)). Ask the taxi driver to wait for you while you collect your room key and then the taxi can take you and your luggage to your residence hall room. If you are **coming with relatives or friends**, please go to [www.ithaca.edu/directions.php](http://www.ithaca.edu/directions.php) for directions on how to drive to Ithaca. Go to Campus Safety to collect your residence hall keys when you get to campus.

## Phone numbers for the road

Please, have these numbers with you when you travel and call us if there is a change in your travel plans or if you have an emergency. Our office phone number is 607-274-3306. You can also e-mail us: Diana at [ddimitrova@ithaca.edu](mailto:ddimitrova@ithaca.edu) and Michail at [mchalki1@ithaca.edu](mailto:mchalki1@ithaca.edu).

In the event of an emergency, please call Ithaca College Campus Safety at 607-274-3333, they are open all the time and they will be able to assist you in contacting us right away.

One last note about dialing US phone numbers: if you are dialing from the US outside of Ithaca, dial the entire number: 1, then area code 607 and the 7 digits of the number (for example, you'll dial 1-607-274-3306 to call our office from NY City). If you are in Ithaca, you only need to dial the last seven digits of the number (for example, you'll dial 274-3306 from your hotel downtown to reach our office). If you are on campus calling an Ithaca College office number, dial 4 and the last 4 digits (for example, you need to dial 4-3306 to call our office from another campus phone).

## Where to Stay

If you will be living on campus: you can check into your residence hall starting on Saturday, August 18. If you will be living off-campus or if you plan to arrive in Ithaca prior to the date the residence halls open, you must secure off-campus accommodations. A list of local motels and hotels is available at [www.ithaca.edu/ithacaguide](http://www.ithaca.edu/ithacaguide). Book your hotel reservations as early as possible!

Please note: there is no on-campus housing for family, friends, or guests – if family or friends will be accompanying you to Ithaca for Orientation, make sure they book a place to stay as early as possible!

## More information

There is additional information you may find helpful on our website [www.ithaca.edu/oip/international.htm](http://www.ithaca.edu/oip/international.htm). You can also contact our office by phone at +607-274-3306 or via e-mail [intlprog@ithaca.edu](mailto:intlprog@ithaca.edu).

More information on the city of Ithaca is available at [www.visitithaca.com](http://www.visitithaca.com) and <http://www.downtownithaca.com>.

You may also enjoy reading the online editions of local newspapers:

*The Ithacan*, IC's student newspaper, can be found at <http://theithacan.org>

*The Ithaca Journal*, the daily city paper, is online at [www.theithacajournal.com](http://www.theithacajournal.com)

*The Ithaca Times*, a weekly area paper, is available at [www.ithacatimes.com](http://www.ithacatimes.com)