



Resource Guide  
for International Students

Wharton MBA Program Office

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## The Weather

Philadelphia's summers are hot and humid with days averaging around 30° C, 85° F.

Winters are usually cold, averaging around -7° C, 30° F with the possibility for a few snowfalls per season.

The website [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) provides local & national weather forecasts.

## Disclaimer

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania does not endorse the organizations or individuals listed in this guide (other than UPENN programs). Individuals and organizations listed in this guide have not been screened in any way. The University assumes no responsibility for the actions or abilities of any organization or individual herein.

## Useful Conversions

### Length

12 **inches** (in) = 1 **foot** (ft) = 30.48 centimeters (cm)  
1 **mile** = 5,280 **feet** = 1.609 kilometers (km)

### Weight

1 **ounce** (oz) = 28.35 grams (gr)  
16 **ounces** = 1 **pound** (lb) = 0.454 kilogram (kg)  
14 **pounds** = 1 stone (st) = 6.356 kilograms

### Capacity

16 **US fluid ounces** = 1 **US pint** = 0.473 liter (l)  
2 **US pints** = 1 **US quart** = 0.946 liter  
8 **US pints** = 1 **US gallon** = 3.785 liters

### Temperature

33.8°F (**Fahrenheit**) = 1°C (Celsius)

**Bolded Text** = common unit in U.S. measure

## Welcome to Wharton!

Having left the comfort of your native country to study at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, you join a community of hundreds who have successfully managed the transition to life in the United States and greatly enjoyed their educational experiences.

You have at your disposal a robust support structure – ready and willing to assist. To help navigate this structure, the Wharton MBA Program Office of Academic Affairs has created this brief, informal handbook. Please note that this handbook should be used to compliment other invaluable resources that will help guide you through your time at Wharton. We recommend both [The MBA Resource Guide](#) and the [Graduate and Professional Student Handbook](#) as two valuable sources of information.

We are honored to welcome you into our proud community and pledge to do all that we can in the pages of this handbook and beyond to ensure your smooth transition to life as an MBA candidate at the Wharton School.

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MBA Program Office

# Academic Resources

## For general questions about academics, scheduling, support and advice...

Make your first stop for academic support, help or advice the *MBA Program Office of Academic Affairs*. For individual assistance, schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, using our appointment scheduler (link below) or stop by the MBA Program Office in 300 Huntsman Hall between 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday for answers to your quick questions.

For your reference, the Office of Academic Affairs has published the [Class of 2018 Resource Guide](#). This guide provides information to assist in planning your academic program and serves as an introduction to many of the facilities and resources throughout the University of Pennsylvania. The Resource Guide is available in print form but may also be accessed online. This guide will help to answer many of your questions but the office's friendly team of academic advisors is always ready to assist, clarify or translate any of the information within.

Address: Suite 300 Jon M. Huntsman Hall  
Email: [mbaprogram@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:mbaprogram@wharton.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.898.7604  
Website: <https://mba-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/>  
Appointment Scheduler: <https://spike.wharton.upenn.edu/mbaprogram/index.cfm>  
Resource Guide: [spike.wharton.upenn.edu/mbaprogram/publications/mba\\_resource\\_12-13.pdf](https://spike.wharton.upenn.edu/mbaprogram/publications/mba_resource_12-13.pdf)

## For course materials...

Readings and other materials for courses are available through *Wharton Printing*. Wharton Printing also manages the School's relationship with [Study.net](#); an online resource used to manage the distribution of course readings and packets. A "Course Materials Fee," assessed through your tuition bill, covers most of the course-related reading materials supplied through this resource.

Address: 400 Steinberg-Dietrich Hall  
Email: [repro-service@wharton.upenn.edu](mailto:repro-service@wharton.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.898.9945  
Website: [reprographics.wharton.upenn.edu](http://reprographics.wharton.upenn.edu)

## For academic and learning support...

The *Weingarten Learning Resources Center* provides academic support services and programs through two offices; the Office of Learning Resources and the Office of Student Disabilities Services. The Weingarten staff can assist with a broad range of issues, from studying and note-taking techniques to providing additional time or a quieter environment during exams for students with disabilities.

Address: Stouffer Commons, Suite 300, 3702 Spruce Street  
Email: [lrcmail@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:lrcmail@pobox.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.573.9235  
Website: [www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc](http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc)

## For help with the English language...

The *English Language Programs Office* (ELP) offers several programs for international students in the MBA program who wish to improve their English language skills. Partners are also eligible to take advantage of the ELP's many classes and services, though additional fees may apply. Check with the ELP for more details.

Address: 110 Fisher-Bennett Hall  
3340 Market Street  
Email: [elp@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:elp@sas.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.898.8681  
Website: [www.sas.upenn.edu/elp](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/elp)

# Academic Resources (continued)

## For help with writing...

The *Marks Family Writing Center* offers free consultations to anyone at the University looking to work on his or her writing. Consultants provide assistance and feedback based on regular coursework and can help students to select a topic, test a thesis, devise an outline and/or revise a draft.

E-mail: [critwrit@writing.upenn.edu](mailto:critwrit@writing.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.573.2729  
Website: [writing.upenn.edu/critical/writing\\_center](http://writing.upenn.edu/critical/writing_center)  
Appointment Scheduler: [fission.sas.upenn.edu/scheduler/writing](http://fission.sas.upenn.edu/scheduler/writing)

## For Wharton's online learning resources...

### "SPIKE"

Electronic communication tools are an integral part of the curriculum at the Wharton School. SPIKE is a collection of specialized, online tools for student communication. Through SPIKE you can access the central Wharton calendar, reserve Group Study rooms, look-up course descriptions, search the Wharton student and alumni community and access a wealth of information on the MBA Program page.

Website: [spike.wharton.upenn.edu](http://spike.wharton.upenn.edu)

### Canvas

Canvas is a series of "virtual rooms" on the internet where Wharton faculty, students and staff conduct academic work and collaborate on projects. If a class in which you are enrolled chooses to use Canvas, you will be informed by an instructor or through the syllabus and permission to access the class will be granted automatically. You can access those courses that you have permission to view through the "Courses" tab.

Website: [wharton.instructure.com](http://wharton.instructure.com)

### Math for Business

Math for Business is an online refresher course designed to incorporate key quantitative concepts as identified by Wharton faculty who teach in the core curriculum. Math for Business will supplement your preparation for the Wharton academic experience. You can study the subjects at your own pace and review the video material as you see fit.

[wharton.instructure.com](http://wharton.instructure.com)

## For Wharton's library resources...

### The Lippincott Library for The Wharton School

Lippincott Library is located within Van Pelt Library located on Locust Walk. Lippincott provides facilities including: a dedicated research specialist, conference rooms, group study rooms, workstations, and Specialized Database stations where students can access Bloomberg, Datastream, FactSet, SDC Platinum and others. The Yablon Financial Resources Lab (room 242), available to Wharton students, has sixteen machines dedicated to Bloomberg and S&P Capital IQ

[library.upenn.edu/lippincott/](http://library.upenn.edu/lippincott/)

### Weigle Information Commons

The David B. Weigle Information Commons (WIC) is a technology hub located in the library. WIC offers services such as video recording rooms, videoconferencing, "data diner booths", group study rooms, and photo, video, and music editing software.

[commons.library.upenn.edu/](http://commons.library.upenn.edu/)

For additional academic support resources...  
Visit [www.upenn.edu/programs/acadsupport.php](http://www.upenn.edu/programs/acadsupport.php)

# Computing Services

## Wharton Computing

To help students make the best use of Wharton's computing services, Wharton Computing provides consulting, documentation, and computer purchase assistance. They are able to answer questions ranging from creating and configuring an email account to online printing and virus protection. Their website is particularly helpful at offering answers to a wide variety of frequently asked questions.

Address: 114 Steinberg Hall-Dietrich Hall  
*Walk-in Hours – Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm*

Phone: 215.898.8600

Website: [spike.wharton.upenn.edu/support](http://spike.wharton.upenn.edu/support)

Appointment Scheduler:

## Email@wharton.upenn.edu

All Wharton MBA students have a Wharton email addresses. Much of the school's official correspondence is sent via this channel, including bills, program- and class-related information. Since so much important information is communicated this way **it is critical that you check your e-mail regularly**. Questions regarding your email account may be directed to Wharton Computing.

Website: [webmail.wharton.upenn.edu](http://webmail.wharton.upenn.edu)

# Immigration Resources

## International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

For questions pertaining to visas and immigration, contact Penn's Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). The ISSS's knowledgeable staff provides advice, information and referrals on matters such as immigration, employment and visas. They also assist with problems related to social and personal adjustments to new cultures, including practical matters related to living in Philadelphia.

Address: International House  
3701 Chestnut St Suite 1W  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Telephone: 215.898.4661

Email: [oiadm@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:oiadm@pobox.upenn.edu)

Website: [www.upenn.edu/oip/iss](http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss)

Appointment Scheduler: [www.ipenn.oip.upenn.edu/appointment](http://www.ipenn.oip.upenn.edu/appointment)

## Obtaining a Social Security Number

A Social Security Number (SSN) is a nine-digit number issued to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and temporary residents. Among other things, it is needed to gain employment in the U.S. **Note:** a Social Security number will only be granted for if needed for employment.

What you need to apply for an SSN:

- 1) A completed Social Security Card Application (Form SS-5). The form can be found here: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>.
- 2) I-20 or DS-2019
- 3) Passport, visa stamp, I-94 card
- 4) Letter from on-campus employer (optional)
- 5) (If for an on-campus job) Social Security: On-Campus Work Authorization for F-1 and J-1 Students. The form can be found here: [http://global.upenn.edu/uploads/media\\_items/ssn-f1j1.original.pdf](http://global.upenn.edu/uploads/media_items/ssn-f1j1.original.pdf).

Take or mail all documents to the local Social Security Office:

### **The Social Security Card Center for Philadelphia Residents:**

Address: 2 Penn Center, Suite 2000B  
1500 JFK Boulevard  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3:30 pm

## Obtaining a PA State ID

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) requires that non-immigrants' entry documents (I-20, DS-2019, or I-797) be valid for one year or more to be eligible for a Pennsylvania ID Card or Driver's License. Thus, if at all possible, obtain your PA driver's license or ID within your first month of checking in at ISSS and arriving in Pennsylvania. You may download the Driver's License application forms from the [PA Division of Motor Vehicles](#). Effective March 2016, PennDOT no longer requires you to provide a letter from ISSS. The required documents are listed below.

You will need to visit your local [PennDOT office](#) with:

- A completed [application for Initial Identification Card](#) (Form DL-54A).
- Your social security card.
  - If you are not eligible for a social security number you will need to bring a letter of denial/indecision from the Social Security office. You can obtain this letter at the Social Security card center, located at 2 Penn Center, Suite 2000B, 1500 JFK Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19102. This office is open Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm. Be sure to take all your immigration documents with you to obtain this letter.
- Two of the following as proof of residency in Pennsylvania:
  - Current utility bills (for example, electric, cable, telephone, etc., but not cell phone bills) -- Online billing statements are not acceptable. You may use two of the same type of utility bill as long as they are for two different months.
  - Tax records

- Lease agreements or proof of residency letter from the housing office for on-campus students
- W-2 forms
- Mortgage documents
- Car insurance statements
- Current weapons permit
- If you have only one of the above-mentioned documents, a bank statement may be acceptable.
- If you do not have any utility bills, any mail (not email) from Penn sent to your PA residence may be acceptable.
- Your original immigration documents to verify your status and authenticate your duration of stay:
  - I-20 (F-1), DS-2019(J-1), I-797 (H-1B)
  - EAD (if any)
- Your valid passport
- I-94 card (if issued paper I-94) or I-94 printout (if issued electronic I-94), Refer to the automated I-94 process
- Your US Entry Visa (used for last entry)
- Payment for the \$29.50 fee. Driver License Centers do not take cash or credit cards only checks or money orders made payable to "PennDOT".



# Social Activities

## The Wharton Graduate Association (WGA)

The Wharton Graduate Association (WGA) is the the MBA program's student government. The WGA provides monetary and logistical support for many student events including Wharton Follies, the International Cultural Show, Cohort Paintball and many more. The Association oversees more than one hundred student-organized clubs and dozens of conferences.

Website: <http://groups.wharton.upenn.edu/wga/home/>

## GAPSA

The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) is the official student government body for graduate and professional students at Penn, representing over 10,000 students across twelve graduate schools. GAPSA plans a range of social activities to bring students across Penn's 12 grad schools together.

<http://gapsa.upenn.edu/>

## The Graduate Student Center

The Graduate Student Center was established to meet the unique needs of graduate and professional students at Penn. The Center empowers graduate and professional students to create and participate in a graduate community at Penn, transcends school and department affiliations, facilitates cross-disciplinary and cross-cultural exchanges through intellectual and social programs and provides graduate and professional students with a centrally-located home that includes a lounge, computer lab and meeting/event space.

Address: 3615 Locust Walk  
Email: [center@gsc.upenn.edu](mailto:center@gsc.upenn.edu)  
Phone: 215.746.6868  
Website: [www.gsc.upenn.edu](http://www.gsc.upenn.edu)

The WGA sponsors a number of clubs that focus on specific countries, regions and cultures. These clubs help form bonds between students with similar backgrounds while introducing fellow students to the rich diversity present in each class. Clubs include...

African Students Association	Asia Club
Australia/New Zealand Club	Canada Club
Europa!	Francophone Club
Greater China Club	India Club
Israel Club	Japan Club
Korea Club	Latin American Students Organization
MENA Club	Southeast Asia Club

# Banking

You may wish to open a bank account as soon as possible. Even without a Social Security number (SSN), you should be able to open an account and get a debit or a check card. A check card is basically a debit card with a Visa logo that can be used to make purchases. Getting a credit card may be more difficult because, as an international student, you probably don't have a credit history in the United States. If you have difficulty obtaining a credit card, talk with a customer service representative at your bank and ask them if they offer a "secure credit card" or if they can offer some other suggestions or assistance to help you establish a credit history.

The University of Pennsylvania encourages students to enroll in direct deposit to expedite payments from University employment or refunds from financial aid. You may enroll online at [www.sfs.upenn.edu](http://www.sfs.upenn.edu). The checking or savings account tied to direct deposit must be with a U.S. financial institution; accounts in foreign financial institutions are not accepted.

The following bank branches are located within a few blocks of campus and offer a wide range of financial services:

Bank of America<sup>1</sup> - [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com)

Address: 3925 Walnut Street Phone: 215-222-6610

Citizens Bank - [www.citizensbank.com](http://www.citizensbank.com)

Address: 134 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street Phone: 215-387-1900

PNC Bank<sup>2</sup> - [www.pnc.com](http://www.pnc.com)

Address: 200 South 40<sup>th</sup> Street Phone: 215-823-2300

Address: 3535 Market Street Phone: 215-823-2322

Sovereign Bank - [www.sovereignbank.com](http://www.sovereignbank.com)

Address: 3131 Market Street Phone: 215-349-6000

Student Federal Credit Union at the University of Pennsylvania (SFCU) - [www.upennsfcu.org](http://www.upennsfcu.org)

Address: 3401 Walnut Street, Suite 431A Phone: 215-222-2604  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, above Starbucks

TD Bank - [www.tdbank.com](http://www.tdbank.com)

Address: 3735 Walnut Street Phone: 215-387-1000

Wells Fargo - [www.wellsfargo.com](http://www.wellsfargo.com)

Address: 3431 Chestnut St Phone: 215-222-2139

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<sup>1</sup> Convenient to Rittenhouse Square, BoA is also helpful in establishing credit lines.

<sup>2</sup> PNC branches and ATMs are pervasive throughout Philly, and they are familiar with Penn students.

# Safety

## Emergency Phone Numbers

**911** Police, fire & ambulance services anywhere in the United States

**215.573.3333** Penn Public Safety – for emergencies on and around campus

### The Division of Public Safety

The University's Division of Public Safety strives to deliver a comprehensive and integrated safety and security program to enhance the quality of life, safety and security of the Penn Community. The Division provides a wide variety of services including uniformed officer patrols, security escorts, car lock-out and jump-starts, self-defense courses, victim support and emergency preparedness.

Address: 4040 Chestnut Street

Phone – General Information: 215.898.7297

Phone – Emergencies: 215.573.3333 or 511 from any campus phone

Website: [www.publicsafety.upenn.edu](http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu)

### On and Around Campus

*Immediately upon arrival...*

- **Note the address and phone number of your nearest consulate or embassy:** If you need help finding this information, ask the staff at the ISSS (see page 7)
- **Familiarize yourself with campus:** Walk around in the daylight; make yourself aware of “Blue Light” Emergency Phone locations
- **Program emergency numbers into your phone:** Be sure to include the Division of Public Safety's emergency number – 215.573.3333 and the number for the walking escort service – 215.898.9255

*Daily safety tips...*

- **Do not “walk and talk” on your cell phone:** Talking on a cell phone distracts from your surroundings and makes you an easier target for would-be criminals.
- **Do not walk alone at night:** Walk in groups of three or more people after dark. If forced to walk alone around campus, use Penn's free walking escort service by calling 215.898.9255. This service does not extend into Center City.
- **Do not let anyone follow you into a secured building:** Some students, faculty and staff have restricted access to facilities after hours. If a member of the University community is meant to have after-hours access, he or she will have the appropriate permissions programmed into his or her PennCard.
- **Do not prop doors:** Propped doors are how people who don't belong in buildings gain access.
- **Report a crime if you are a witness or victim:** Crimes may be reported confidentially through our Special Services department by calling 215.898.4481.
- **Call the Division of Public Safety or the police if you notice something suspicious:** Many crimes are prevented by phone calls about suspicious activity.



## On-Campus Emergency Phones

Emergency telephones are available to the University community throughout Penn's campus and are a direct connection to the University Police Department. These phone sets are sometimes referred to as "blue light phones," for the blue lights mounted above them to draw attention to their locations. Penn's Division of Public Safety monitors and maintains these telephone sets.

Two types of blue light phones are available: a cradle phone and a push button phone. Push button blue light phones may also serve as building entrance devices. Users may either call a phone extension inside a building or press the emergency button to immediately be connected with Penn's police.

# Safety (continued)

## Crimes and Scams

The most common crime that happens on and off campus is theft of property left unattended or in an unlocked room, car, or apartment. More serious crimes, such as identity theft, robbery, drug dealing, assault and rape, also occur. You can help protect yourself by exercising good sense and caution:

- **Do not leave personal belongings unattended:** Books, bags, purses, laptops and especially iPads make easy opportunities for thieves.
- **Exercise caution when using an ATM:** Use an ATM inside of a bank or University building. Try not to withdraw cash from an ATM on the street and do not count your money in public.
- **Protect sensitive information:** Unless you have initiated a transaction with a source you know and trust, never give anyone your credit card number, bank account number or Social Security number.
- **Be wary of internet scams:** No reputable source will *ever* ask for passwords, credit card numbers or other sensitive information via email. Secure sites that collect or request such information will always be encrypted. Secure, encrypted web addresses begin https://.
- **Do not carry large amounts of cash:** Use credit or debit cards, checks or money orders when making large purchases. Handbags should be tucked under your arm; wallets kept in the front pocket of your pants.
- **Do not use your passport as ID:** Obtain a driver's license or state identification card as soon as possible (see page 12). Once you have this document, leave your passport safely at home. Many bars and restaurants will request age verification before they will serve alcohol – a Pennsylvania driver's license or state ID will suffice.
- **Avoid confrontations:** If approached by someone demanding your money or personal belongings while threatening to do you harm, do not resist. Get to safety and inform the police and Penn Public Safety as soon as possible.
- **Be careful around strangers:** Take care around those who may appear overly friendly, who offer you money or who ask you to accompany them to an unknown place. If you are reluctant in the face of a request just say, "I am sorry, but I cannot help you," and walk away.

## Safety at Home

- **Keep your doors and windows locked:** Lock all exterior doors at night and while away. Keep windows not in use locked.
- **Demand identification:** Do not open your door to strangers unless they have presented official identification and never "buzz" someone you do not know or were not expecting into your apartment building.
- **Don't prop doors:** Never prop open a door to let "friends" in. This is especially important in apartment buildings which require keyed access.
- **Be wary of phone scams:** If you are called on the phone and are not interested in or do not understand the caller, just interrupt, say "No thanks," and hang up.

## Domestic Violence

**Violence against a spouse or partner is Domestic Violence and is a crime in the United States.** Some cultures believe that all domestic matters, especially those that occur within the home, are private matters but in the United States, these matters cease to be private when a person uses or threatens physical violence. Violent assault by a spouse or partner is a criminal act.

If you are a victim of domestic violence seek help immediately through any of the following resources:

The University of Pennsylvania's Division of Public Safety – Department of Special Services

Phone: 215.898.4481  
-or- 215.898.6600  
Website: [www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/special-services](http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/special-services)

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Phone: 717.545.6400  
-or- 800.932.4632  
Website: [www.pcadv.org](http://www.pcadv.org)

# Transportation

## Why you should apply for a Pennsylvania driver's license (even if you don't have a car)...

Drivers' licenses (or state Photo IDs) are useful forms of identification. They are easier to transport (and replace, if lost) than a passport and can serve as an age verification documents at places like bars, restaurants and casinos. For more information on obtaining a driver's license or state photo ID, refer to this handy guide published by the ISSS <http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/penndot>.

## Public Transportation

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (**SEPTA**) provides bus, trolley and train services in Center City Philadelphia and across the region. Below is some basic information to help navigate the public transportation system.

Phone – General Information: 215.580.7145

Website: [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org)

## Penn Transit

The PennBUS East makes stops from campus to Center City. It picks up at 20<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets in Center City, and the closest stop to Huntsman is in front of the Pottruck Center, just across the street. Shuttle hours are 5:00 pm to 12:00 am, Monday through Friday. You must show your Penn Card before getting on.

Website: [cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/](http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/)

## Buses, Subways & Trolleys

The base cash fare for bus, trolley and subway service is \$2.25. Cash is accepted for travel on all services. Exact fare must be used. For longer trips (such as to King of Prussia or Valley Forge) the fee is higher. SEPTA tokens may also be used for fare and cost \$1.80 each. Tokens may be purchased in the Penn bookstore, most SEPTA stations and Rite Aid pharmacies. The University provides discounted passes to current students: visit their website at [www.upenn.edu/transportation](http://www.upenn.edu/transportation) to learn more. Weekly & monthly fare cards are also available for purchase through SEPTA. A full fare schedule and service map may be found at [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) or use the Public Transportation mapping features at [www.hopstop.com](http://www.hopstop.com) or [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com).

### *Bus & Trolley Routes from Center City to Wharton*

#21 Bus: Travels west along Walnut Street and stops at 38<sup>th</sup> St. and Walnut St.

#40 Bus: Travels west through Center City along Lombard Street and stops at 38<sup>th</sup> St. and Walnut St.

#s 11, 13, 34 & 36 Trolleys: Make stops at 36<sup>th</sup> and Sansom St. or 37<sup>th</sup> and Spruce St.

Trolley Stops in center city are found on Market St. at 22<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> (Suburban Station) & 13<sup>th</sup> Sts.

*Note: The number 10 trolley does not stop on Penn's campus.*

## Amtrak

Amtrak trains depart from 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Station, located at 30th & Market Streets, bound for points including New York, Boston and Washington, DC. Amtrak is the only rail carrier that offers direct service from Philadelphia to Newark International Airport.

Phone: 1.800.872.7245

Website: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

## Inter-City Bus Service

Inter-city bus services like Bolt Bus [www.boltbus.com](http://www.boltbus.com) and Mega Bus [us.megabus.com](http://us.megabus.com) are an increasingly popular and inexpensive way to travel between cities. Some services offer fares as low as \$1 depending on how far in advance you book.

## Ride-sharing Services

Ride-sharing services are a convenient way to get a ride from door to door. Both [Uber](http://Uber) and [Lyft](http://Lyft) operate in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. Uber offers several ride options, that vary in price, from luxury cars and SUVs, to cheaper, non-luxury rides through its UberX service.

# Transportation (continued)

## Taxis

Taxis are a convenient and safe way to get around the city. Taxis can usually be hailed on Walnut Street in front of Huntsman Hall. The fare from Huntsman Hall to Center City ranges between \$9.00 and \$16.00. Fares start at \$2.70 and increase based on mileage and time. Taxi fares are not changed based on the number of passengers. Visit [www.taxifarefinder.com](http://www.taxifarefinder.com) and enter “Philadelphia, PA” for an unofficial rate calculator and more information.

## Bicycling

Many students use bicycles to get to and from campus. Bicycle riding is not permitted on sidewalks as they are considered vehicles according to Pennsylvania state law and are governed by the same rules of the road as cars. Bicycles are permitted on non-peak (that is, not during the rush hours) SEPTA trains. Many SEPTA busses are also equipped with bike racks and the Philadelphia area maintains hundreds of miles in bike lanes. For an interactive map, click [here](#).

Riders should familiarize themselves with proper safety procedures before taking to Philadelphia’s busy roads. Penn’s Division of Public Safety is a great resource for rider safety; visit [www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/bicycle-safety-information](http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/bicycle-safety-information) for more information.

You should always ride with proper equipment, including a helmet, a bell, a **bike lock** and lights/reflectors if you intend to ride at night. The following are great places to get equipped with bicycling gear and information:

### **Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia**

The Bicycle Coalition is an organization serving bicycle riders throughout the Philadelphia area. They offer seminars, classes, maps and a wealth of other information.

Website: [www.bicyclecoalition.org](http://www.bicyclecoalition.org)  
Phone: 215.242.9253  
Email: [bike@bicyclecoalition.org](mailto:bike@bicyclecoalition.org)

### **Bicycle Therapy**

Address: 2211 South Street  
Phone: 215.735.7849  
Website: [www.bicycletherapy.com](http://www.bicycletherapy.com)

### **Breakaway Bikes & Training Center**

Address: 1923 Chestnut Street  
Phone: 215.568.6002  
Website: [www.frankinstienbikeworx.com](http://www.frankinstienbikeworx.com)

### **Frankinstien Bike Worx**

Address: 1529 Spruce Street  
Phone: 215.893.0415  
Website: [www.frankinstienbikeworx.com](http://www.frankinstienbikeworx.com)

**Bike sharing:** Philadelphia recently launched **Indego**, a bike share program, with 500 bikes at over 60 stations across the city. There are a multiple membership options to choose from; you can also pay per trip by credit card. For more detailed information, visit <http://www.rideindego.com>.

## Bike Locks

If you plan on riding a bicycle to campus or around Philadelphia, then a sturdy bike lock is an absolute necessity. U-locks, like the kind pictured to the right, are usually the best option for city riders. Heavy chain locks offer good protection but are usually heavy and bulky to transport. Cable locks generally do not provide enough security on their own to deter theft. For more information, ask at your local bicycle shop or check out these useful pages on bike locks and procedures:

<http://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/bike-lock.html>

<http://lifehacker.com/5942301/the-proper-way-to-lock-your-bicycle>



# Transportation (continued)

## Maps

Whether you want directions or a bird's-eye view of your neighborhood, most Americans turn to one of three online map services. All three offer directions by car, public transit and foot:

**Google** - [maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com)    **Bing!** - [www.bing.com/maps](http://www.bing.com/maps)    **MapQuest** - [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

## Car Sharing

Car sharing is a growing trend in cities across the United States. Users pay a low monthly or annual fee and then can rent cars by the hour or day. Cars are located at several convenient spots throughout the city. Gas and insurance are included in most packages. Discounts are offered to members of the Penn Community so ask if you sign-up. To learn more check out Philadelphia's most popular car shares using the information below:

### **Enterprise CarShare**

Phone: 888.989.8900

Website: <https://www.enterprisecarshare.com/us/en/home.html>

### **ZipCar**

Phone: 215.735.3691

Website: [www.zipcar.com/Philadelphia](http://www.zipcar.com/Philadelphia)

## Car Rental

If you would like to rent a car but are not a car share member, contact one of the following car rental companies. Each has a location and vehicles at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station: 30<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets.

<b>National</b>	215.387.9077	<a href="http://www.nationalcar.com">www.nationalcar.com</a>
<b>Budget</b>	215.222.4262	<a href="http://www.budget.com">www.budget.com</a>
<b>Hertz</b>	215.492.2958	<a href="http://www.hertz.com">www.hertz.com</a>
<b>Alamo</b>	215.387.9077	<a href="http://www.alamo.com">www.alamo.com</a>
<b>Avis</b>	215.386.2332	<a href="http://www.avis.com">www.avis.com</a>

Those who are not US citizens may be required to purchase a "loss damage waiver," which is additional insurance costing approximately \$20 more per day.

## Van or Truck Rental

Moving or transporting large items like furniture may require the rental of a van or truck. The following companies offer affordable rental options for larger vans and trucks.

<b>U-Haul</b>	314-322 North 13th St.	215.627.4100	<a href="http://www.uhaul.com">www.uhaul.com</a>
	1015-25 South 12th St.	215.336.8080	
<b>Penske</b>	1216 Washington Ave.	215.271.6340	<a href="http://www.gopenske.com">www.gopenske.com</a>

## Travel beyond Philadelphia

There are a tremendous variety of travel sites available to consumers in the United States. Here are just a few of the more popular options for booking travel online.

<a href="http://www.google.com/flights">www.google.com/flights</a>	<a href="http://www.travelocity.com">www.travelocity.com</a>	<a href="http://www.bestfares.com">www.bestfares.com</a>
<a href="http://www.priceline.com">www.priceline.com</a>	<a href="http://www.cheaptickets.com">www.cheaptickets.com</a>	
<a href="http://www.kayak.com">www.kayak.com</a>	<a href="http://www.expedia.com">www.expedia.com</a>	

## Airports

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is the closest though not always the cheapest option for air travelers.

Many (especially those travelling abroad) shop the following options as well:

New York Area: Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) & John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport

Baltimore/Washington: Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport

### *Getting to the Airport*

SEPTA's Airport Line departs Suburban Station for Philadelphia International Airport every ½ hour between 4:30am and 11:30pm

# Communications

## Cable TV & Internet

The Philadelphia market is served primarily by two major cable TV and internet service providers: [Comcast X-Finity](#) and [Verizon Fios](#). The service to which you have access may depend upon the building in which you live as most are wired for one service or the other. Check with your building's landlord or manager to determine which service you have and what you must do to get access.

## Cell Phones

Most of the nation's top service providers are located near campus. UPenn partners with AT&T, Verizon, and Sprint to provide discounted services to students, and T-Mobile offers a plan with free international data.

<b>AT&amp;T Wireless</b>	3741 Walnut Street	215.222.1421	<a href="http://www.wireless.att.com">www.wireless.att.com</a>
<b>Verizon Wireless</b>	3631 Walnut Street	215.382.1304	<a href="http://www.verizonwireless.com">www.verizonwireless.com</a>
<b>T-Mobile</b>	3441 Chestnut Street	215.222.1084	<a href="http://www.t-mobile.com">www.t-mobile.com</a>
<b>Sprint</b>	1700 Market Street	215.561.1600	<a href="http://www.sprint.com">www.sprint.com</a>

Be sure to bring two forms of ID, including your passport and proof of residency (bank statement or lease, for example).

## Mail & Shipping

### United States Postal Service

The US Postal Service is considered "standard mail." It is comparably cheap, safe and efficient. Letter sized pieces weighing less than one ounce (like bills) and sent at the standard first class rate (\$.49) usually reach their destination within two or three days.

Address:	228 South 40 <sup>th</sup> Street (between Walnut St. and Locust Walk) 3000 Chestnut Street
Phone:	215.387.7756 or 215.895.8975
Website & Hours:	<a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>

### Federal Express (FedEx)

Address:	3535 Market Street
Phone:	215.386.5679
Website & Hours:	<a href="http://www.fedex.com">www.fedex.com</a>

### United Parcel Service (UPS)

Address:	3720 Spruce Street
Phone:	215.222.2840
Website & Hours:	<a href="http://www.ups.com">www.ups.com</a>



# Getting Settled

## Philadelphia

The city of Philadelphia is arranged in a rough grid with Broad Street as the y-axis and Market Street the x-axis. The two axes intersect at City Hall in the heart of what is known as “Center City.” Four public parks evenly spaced mark the rough boundaries of Center City – Washington Square in the southeast, Rittenhouse Square in the southwest, Logan Square at the base of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in the northwest and Franklin Square in the northeast.

## University City

The University of Pennsylvania is located in a neighborhood known as University City. Learn more about University City and the many events it sponsors at [universitycity.org](http://universitycity.org).

## Computers

The University of Pennsylvania’s campus computer retailer is Computer Connection. Students are not required to purchase products from Computer Connection though it may be a good place to start shopping if you haven’t already. Computer Connection is known among students for its impressive warranty and service offerings. If you are looking for buying advice, click on the “Computing” tab in SPIKE ([spike.wharton.upenn.edu](http://spike.wharton.upenn.edu)) to access Wharton Computing then select “Buying Advice” from the left hand navigational bar.

### **Computer Connection**

Address: 3601 Walnut Street  
Phone: 215.898.3282  
Website: [cms.business-services.upenn.edu/computerstore](http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/computerstore)

## Renter’s Insurance

To protect your new home, you may want to obtain renter’s insurance. In addition to purchasing insurance that protects your personal property you can buy additional coverage for family liability protection (to pay for covered damages for which may be legally obligated), guest medical protection (to pay medical expenses for your guests who are accidentally injured on your property), and additional living expenses (in the event that you are injured and unable to work).

Some major insurance companies that offer renter’s insurance are:

**Allstate** - [www.allstate.com/renters-insurance.aspx](http://www.allstate.com/renters-insurance.aspx)

**Geico** - [www.geico.com/getaquote/renters/](http://www.geico.com/getaquote/renters/)

**Statefarm** - [www.statefarm.com/insurance/renters/renters.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/insurance/renters/renters.asp)

**National Student Services** – [www.nssi.com](http://www.nssi.com)

*National Student Services offers discounted insurance options for current students.*

## Furniture

*Furniture – Chairs, sofas, tables, desks, etc.*

### **IKEA**

*Cheap yet stylish furniture and décor; some assembly required*

Address: 2206 Columbus Boulevard Phone: 215.551.4215

Website: [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

### **BoConcept**

*Furniture with a modern look and feel*

Address: 1719 Chestnut Street Phone: 215.564.5656

Website: [www.boconcept.us](http://www.boconcept.us)

### **Hello World**

*A boutique Philadelphia furniture and décor store*

Address: 257 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street Phone: 215.545.5207

Website: [shophelloworld.com](http://shophelloworld.com)

# Getting Settled (continued)

## *Furniture (continued)*

### **West Elm**

*Huge selection of modern furniture, home accessories & kitchen items*

Address: 1330 Chestnut Street Phone: 215.731.0184

Website: [www.westelm.com](http://www.westelm.com)

### **Uhuru**

*A used furniture bazaar; profits are used to defend the rights of the African community*

Address: 1220 Spruce Street Phone: 215.546.9616

Website: [uhurufurniturephilly.blogspot.com](http://uhurufurniturephilly.blogspot.com)

### **Dwelling**

*Furniture and décor located in the city's Manayunk section*

Address: 4050 Main Street Phone: 215.487.7400

Website: [www.dwellinghome.com](http://www.dwellinghome.com)

## *Beds & Mattresses*

### **1-(800)-MATTRESS**

Phone: 1.800.628.8737

Website: [www.1800mattress.com](http://www.1800mattress.com)

### **Mattress Giant**

Address: 1420 Chestnut Street Phone: 215.557.9015

Website: [www.mattressgiant.com](http://www.mattressgiant.com)

### **Sleepy's**

Address: 1221 Chestnut Street Phone: 215.569.1840

Website: [www.sleepys.com](http://www.sleepys.com)

## Everyday Items

### *Household Supplies and everyday items (soap, shampoo, cleaning supplies, etc.)*

#### **Target**

*A large multi-national chain department store with just about everything you need*

Address: 1 Mifflin Street

Phone: 215.463.7311

Website: [www.target.com](http://www.target.com)

#### **Wal-Mart**

*Another large multi-national chain department store with just about everything you need*

Address: 1601 S. Columbus Boulevard

Phone: 215.468.4220

Website: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

#### **CVS**

*Sells everyday items including medications and cold remedies, is also a prescription pharmacy*

Addresses: 3401 Walnut Street, 1826 Chestnut Street and 1424 Chestnut Street

Website: [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com)

#### **Rite-Aid**

*Sells everyday items including medications and cold remedies, is also a prescription pharmacy*

Addresses: 1628 Chestnut Street, 1426 Walnut Street, 2301 Walnut Street

Website: [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com)

### *Hardware Stores – Tools, paint, nails, screws, etc.*

#### **Rittenhouse Hardware**

Address: 2001 Pine Street

Phone: 215.735.6311

#### **Home Depot**

Address: 1601 South Columbus Boulevard

Phone: 215.218.0600

Website: [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)

# Food

Most Americans buy food in **grocery stores** – stores that carry a wide variety of food products including meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, frozen foods, etc.; **convenience stores** – stores designed to get consumers in and out quickly, they carry a more limited variety of food than grocery stores and are more suited for smaller purchases; **wholesale clubs** – huge stores that charge an annual membership fee and sell products in bulk; **specialty stores** – usually smaller stores that concentrate on food of a specific type or ethnicity; and, of course, **restaurants**.

## Grocery Stores

### Whole Foods

Addresses: 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue -or- 10<sup>th</sup> and South Streets

Website: [www.wholefoodsmarket.com](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com)

### Trader Joe's

Address: 22<sup>nd</sup> and Market Streets

Website: [www.traderjoes.com](http://www.traderjoes.com)

### Super Fresh

Address: 10<sup>th</sup> and South Streets

Website: [www.superfreshfood.com](http://www.superfreshfood.com)

### The Fresh Grocer

Address: 40<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets

Website: [www.thefreshgrocer.com](http://www.thefreshgrocer.com)

## Convenience Stores

*As you will learn, there are far too many of these stores to list here. We'll point out a few.*

### Wawa

Addresses: *near campus:* 38<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets, 36<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets  
*in Center City:* 10<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets, 17<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets

### 7-Eleven

Addresses: 20<sup>th</sup> and Locust Streets

### Old Nelson Food Market

Addresses: 20<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets, 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station

### Food & Friends

Addresses: 20<sup>th</sup> and Spruce Streets

## Wholesale Clubs

*Most of the wholesale clubs are located either outside or on the periphery of the city. You'll probably need a car to get there and you'll definitely need one to bring home whatever you buy because they sell everything in bulk.*

### BJ's Wholesale Club

Address: 2300 W. Oregon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

Website: [www.bjs.com](http://www.bjs.com)

### Costco

Address: 201 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA

Website: [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com)

### Sam's Club

Address: 1000 Franklin Mills Circle, Philadelphia, PA

Website: [www.samsclub.com](http://www.samsclub.com)

## Talk like a Philadelphian

*Philadelphians have a language all their own – especially when it comes to food.*

**Hoagie** A sandwich on a long roll split lengthwise and filled with meats, cheeses, vegetables and seasoning; known in other parts of the US as subs, grinders, heroes and torpedoes

**Soda** Carbonated drinks like Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Sprite, etc.

**Cheesesteak** A sandwich built on a long roll split lengthwise and filled thinly sliced pieces of steak and cheese

**Water Ice** One of Philadelphia's favorite snacks, it is made of flavored, frozen, shaved ice.

# Food (continued)

## Specialty Stores & Markets

*Some of the best food in the city can be found at stores that specialty stores like these.*

**DiBruno Brothers** – Specializing in gourmet cheeses, meats and Italian foods

Addresses: 1730 Chestnut Street -or- 930 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street (in Philadelphia’ Italian Market)

Website: [www.dibruno.com](http://www.dibruno.com)

**Termini Brothers** – A pastry shop renowned for its cannolis

Addresses: 1523 South 8th Street with locations in the Comcast Center and Reading Terminal

Website: [www.termini.com](http://www.termini.com)

**The Italian Market** – Once mostly “Italian,” this market has grown to include foods from many cultures

Address: 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Christian Street and Federal Street

**Reading Terminal Market** – A wide variety of specialty stores all under one roof

Address: 12<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets

Website: [www.readingterminalmarket.org](http://www.readingterminalmarket.org)

**Garces Trading Company** – A gourmet restaurant/market selling everything from wine to pastries

Address: 1111 Locust Street

Website: [garcestadingcompany.com](http://garcestadingcompany.com)

## Restaurants

Philadelphia has dozens of great restaurants. If you want a good suggestion, just ask a classmate – Wharton students are renowned “foodies” (an American term for adventurous food connoisseurs) – or check out these suggestions from MBA Program Office Staff:

Cindy Armour

Salento ([salentorestaurant.com](http://salentorestaurant.com)), Fri Sat Sun ([www.frisatsun.com](http://www.frisatsun.com)), Distrito ([distritorestaurant.com](http://distritorestaurant.com))

Amy Miller

Le Viet ([levietrestaurant.com/](http://levietrestaurant.com/)), Fond ([fondphilly.com](http://fondphilly.com)), Morimoto ([www.morimotorestaurant.com/](http://www.morimotorestaurant.com/))

Eric Morin

Chloe ([www.chloebyob.com](http://www.chloebyob.com)), Cochon ([cochonbyob.com](http://cochonbyob.com)), Catahoula ([catahoulaphilly.com](http://catahoulaphilly.com))

Larry Rappoport

Zorba’s ([zorbastavern.com](http://zorbastavern.com)), Nam Phuong ([namphuongphilly.com](http://namphuongphilly.com)), Kabul ([kabulafghancuisine.com](http://kabulafghancuisine.com))

Lisa Rudi

Roberto Cafe ([robertocafe.com](http://robertocafe.com)), Porcini ([porcinirestaurant.com](http://porcinirestaurant.com)), Melograno ([melogranorestaurant.com](http://melogranorestaurant.com))

Christine Sweeney

Tria ([triaphilly.com/](http://triaphilly.com/)), Cantina Dos Segundos ([cantinadossegundos.com/](http://cantinadossegundos.com/)), Umai Umai ([locu.com/places/umai-umai-philadelphia-us/](http://locu.com/places/umai-umai-philadelphia-us/))

## Dining out in the United States

- **BYOB** means “Bring Your Own Bottle.” BYOBs do not serve alcohol but invite diners to bring their own.
- Good service is defined in part by constant attention from the waiter/waitress. This means that they should check on your satisfaction a couple of times while you are at the restaurant.
- If given a choice of tap, sparkling or spring water, it is perfectly safe and socially acceptable to choose to drink the tap water. Sparking or Spring water comes at an extra charge while tap water is free.
- It is customary for the waiter/waitress to leave the check on the table shortly after the meal has ended. You may then choose to pay when you are ready.
- Some restaurants do not accept credit cards. If you plan to pay by credit card, check to see that yours will be accepted before placing your order.
- If you would like separate checks for each person, it is customary to make this request to the waiter/waitress before you order. Some restaurants offer this service and some do not.
- If you feel that you have received “good service”, a 15 to 20% gratuity is usually given to the waiter/waitress. You can leave the tip on the table in cash or you can add it on your credit card slip when you sign. Some restaurants include the gratuity in the check for larger groups.
- Make sure you bring identification if you plan to buy alcoholic beverages. Many places have strict policies

# Food by Country/Region...

## India/South Asia

- Ekta** – Top rated Indian restaurant on Yelp  
Addresses: 250 E Girard Ave  
Website: [www.ektaindianrestaurant.com](http://www.ektaindianrestaurant.com)
- IndeBlue** – Located in Center City  
Addresses: 205 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Website: [www.indebluerestaurant.com](http://www.indebluerestaurant.com)
- Sitar** – Lunch buffet is popular among Penn students  
Address: 60 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Website: [www.sitarindiapa.com](http://www.sitarindiapa.com)
- International Food and Spices** – Small Indian grocery located close to campus  
Address: 4203 Walnut Street
- Mood Cafe** – Pakistani food  
Address: 4618 Baltimore Ave  
Website: [www.moodcafephilly.com](http://www.moodcafephilly.com)
- Kabobeesh** – Indian/ Pakistani food  
Address: 4201 Chestnut Street  
Website: [www.kabobeesh.com](http://www.kabobeesh.com)

## China/HK/Taiwan

- Han Dynasty** – Several locations around Philadelphia including on campus  
Addresses: 3711 Market Street  
Website: [www.handynasty.net](http://www.handynasty.net)
- Nan Zhou Hand Drawn Noodles** – Top rated Chinese restaurant on Yelp  
Addresses: 1022 Race Street  
Website: [www.nanzhounoodlehouse.com](http://www.nanzhounoodlehouse.com)
- Dan Dan** – New restaurant from the owners of Han Dynasty  
Address: 126 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Website:
- Dim Sum Garden** – Lunch buffet is popular among Penn students  
Address: 1020 Race Street  
Website: [www.dimsumgardenphilly.com](http://www.dimsumgardenphilly.com)
- Empress Garden** – Chinese/Taiwanese food  
Address: 108 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**South Korea** (many of these recommendations are located North of Center city and require a car. However, the Korean food in center city is lacking)

- Koreana** – Located 1.5 blocks from Huntsman Hall  
Addresses: 3801 Chestnut St  
Website: [www.koreanafood.com](http://www.koreanafood.com)
- Bonchon** – Korean fried chicken chain  
Addresses: 1020 Cherry Street  
Website: [www.Bonchon.com](http://www.Bonchon.com)
- HMart (69<sup>th</sup> Street)** – Korean grocery store that is accessible via subway. Food court on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
Addresses: 7050 Terminal Square  
Website: [www.hmart.com](http://www.hmart.com)
- Seorabol Korean Restaurant** – Top rated Korean restaurant in Philly metro area  
Address: 5734 Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Olney PA  
Website: [www.philadelphiakoreanrestaurant.com](http://www.philadelphiakoreanrestaurant.com)
- Everyday Good House** – Good BBQ  
Address: 5501 North Front Street
- HMart (Elkins Park)** – Worth a visit because of food court and additional Korean shops

## Food by Country/Region... (continued)

Address: 7300 Old York Road

Website: [www.hmart.com](http://www.hmart.com)

**Dubu (Elkins Park)** – Located next to Hmart. Specializes in soondubu

Address: 1333 Cheltenham Ave, Elkins Park

Website: [www.thedubu.com](http://www.thedubu.com)

**Paris Baguette (Elkins Park)** – Korean bakery chain

Address: 7300 Old York Road

Website: [www.parisbaguetteusa.com](http://www.parisbaguetteusa.com)

**Café Bene(Elkins Park)** – Korean coffee shop chain

Address: 1333 Cheltenham Ave

Website: [www.cafebeneusa.com](http://www.cafebeneusa.com)

### Japan

**Morimoto** – Iron Chef Morimoto. Expensive but delicious

Addresses: 723 Chestnut Street

Website: [www.Morimotorestaurant.com](http://www.Morimotorestaurant.com)

**Ramen Bar** – Located 4 blocks from Huntsman Hall

Addresses: 1022 Race Street

Website: [www.ramenbarphilly.com](http://www.ramenbarphilly.com)

**Terakawa Ramen** – Located in Chinatown

Address: 204 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.terakawaramenphilly.com](http://www.terakawaramenphilly.com)

**Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ**– Extensive menu focuses on BBQ

Address: 1901 Callowhill Street

Website: [www.gyu-kaku.com](http://www.gyu-kaku.com)

**Umai Umai** – BYOB sushi Bar

Address: 533 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

### Russia/Eastern Europe

**Chaikhana Uzbekistan** – Russian and Uzbek cuisine

Addresses: 12012 Bustleton Ave

Phone: (215) 671-1990

**Golden Gates** – Restaurant/ Night club.

Addresses: 11058 Rennard Street

Website: [www.mygoldengates.com](http://www.mygoldengates.com)

**Shish Kabob Palace** – Russian/ Middle Eastern/ Uzbek

Address: 1683 Grant Ave

Website: [myshishkabobpalace.com](http://myshishkabobpalace.com)

**Bells Market** – Grocery store with specialty items from Eastern Europe

Address: 8330 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia

Website: <http://mybellsmarket.com/>

### Mexico and Latin America

**Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse** – Brazilian churrascaria chain

Addresses: 1337 Chestnut Street

website: [www.fogo.com](http://www.fogo.com)

**BrazBQ** – Brazilian Food Truck located on Penn's campus

Addresses: 3500 North Market Street

Website: [www.brazbq.com](http://www.brazbq.com)

**Mixto** – Latin American/ Carribean cuisine

Address: 1140 Pine Street

Website: [www.mixtorestaurante.com](http://www.mixtorestaurante.com)

## Food by Country/Region... (continued)

**Alma de Cuba** – Popular Latin American restaurant with good happy hour specials

Address: 1623 Walnut Street

Website: [www.almadecubarestaurant.com](http://www.almadecubarestaurant.com)

**Tacos Don Memo** – Food truck located that serves authentic tacos, tostadas, and tortas

Address: 38<sup>th</sup> Street between Walnut & Spruce

Phone: (610) 529-2039

**Distrito** – High end Mexican restaurant from Iron Chef Jose Garces. \$15 pre fix lunch

Address: 3945 Chestnut Street

Website: [philadelphia.distritorestaurant.com/](http://philadelphia.distritorestaurant.com/)

**Cantina Dos Segundos** – Located in Northern Liberties- Great Margaritas

Address: 931 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Website: [cantinadossegundos.com](http://cantinadossegundos.com)

**La Calaca Feliz** – Located in Northern Liberties- Great Margaritas

Address: 2321 Fairmount Ave

Website: [lacialacafeliz.com](http://lacialacafeliz.com)

### Southeast Asia

**Erawan Thai Cuisine** –

Addresses: 925 Arch Street

Phone: (215) 922-7135

**Little Thai market** – Great lunch spot

Addresses: Located inside of Reading Terminal Market.

Website <http://www.yelp.com/biz/little-thai-market-philadelphia>

**Penang** – Malaysian and Cambodian

Address: 117 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.penangusa.com](http://www.penangusa.com)

**Rangoon Burmese Restaurant** – Burmese cuisine in Chinatown

Address: 112 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.rangoonphilly.com](http://www.rangoonphilly.com)

**Le Viet** – Fantastic Vietnamese restaurant

Addresses: 1019 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.levietrestaurant.com](http://www.levietrestaurant.com)

**Pho 75** – Located in Bella Vista. Popular among local chef community

Addresses: 1122 Washington Avenue

Phone: (215) 271-5866

**Nam Son Bakery** – Has a large selection of bahn mi and bubble teas

Address: 1601 Washington Avenue

Website: (215) 545-3888

**Hung Young Super Market** – Vietnamese grocery store

Address: 1122 Washington Avenue

Website: (215) 271-2505

**Hardena Waroeng Surabaya** – Owned by a Indonesia family. Serves authentic Indonesian food

Address: 1754 South Hicks Street

Website: [www.harenas.com](http://www.harenas.com)

**Sky Café** – Indonesian Food

Address: 1540 West Ritner Street

Website: <http://skycafephilly.wix.com/skycafe-philly>

### Europe

**Kanella** – Cypriot cuisine; great spot for brunch

Addresses: 757 South Front Street

Phone: (215) 922-1773

**Effie's** – BYOB Greek restaurant

Addresses: 1127 Pine Street

Website [www.effiesrestaurant.com/site/index.html](http://www.effiesrestaurant.com/site/index.html)

## Food by Country/Region... (continued)

### **Dmitri's** – Greek/Mediterranean

Address: 944 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & 795 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Website: [dmitrisrestaurant.com](http://dmitrisrestaurant.com)

### **The Dandelion** – British gastropub

Address: 124 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [thedandelionpub.com](http://thedandelionpub.com)

### **Amada** – Spanish tapas bar

Address: 217 Chestnut Street

Website: [philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com](http://philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com)

### **Jamonera** – Raciones and wine bar, with an extensive sherry list

Address: 105 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [jamonerarestaurant.com](http://jamonerarestaurant.com)

### **Tinto** – Spanish tapas bar

Address: 114 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com](http://philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com)

### **Bar Ferdinand** – Spanish tapas bar

Address: 1030 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Website: [www.barferdinand.com](http://www.barferdinand.com)

### **Artisan Boulanger** – French patissier

Address: 1218 Mifflin Street

Phone: 215-271-4688

### **Bibou** – BYOB French restaurant

Address: 1009 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.biboubyob.com](http://www.biboubyob.com)

### **Parc** – French bistro and café located right on Rittenhouse Square

Address: 227 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.parc-restaurant.com](http://www.parc-restaurant.com)

### **Brauhaus Schmitz** – German beerhall

Address: 718 South Street

Website: [brauhausschmitz.com](http://brauhausschmitz.com)

## North Africa/Middle East

### **Zahav** – Israeli/Middle Eastern cuisine

Addresses: 237 St. James Place

Website: [www.zahavrestaurant.com](http://www.zahavrestaurant.com)

### **Dizengoff** – Middle Eastern “hummusiya”

Addresses: 1625 Sansom Street

Website: [www.dizengoffphilly.com](http://www.dizengoffphilly.com)

### **Mama's Vegetarian** – Middle Eastern, vegetarian & kosher

Address: 18 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [www.mamasvegetarian.com](http://www.mamasvegetarian.com)

### **Hummus Grill** – Middle Eastern/Mediterranean

Address: 3931 Walnut Street

Website: [www.hummusrestaurant.com](http://www.hummusrestaurant.com)

### **Abyssinia** – Ethiopian cuisine

Address: 229 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street

Phone: 215-387-2424

### **Almaz Café** – Ethiopian cuisine

Address: 140 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street

Website: [almazcafe.com](http://almazcafe.com)

### **Marrakesh** – Moroccan cuisine with a lot of atmosphere

Address: 517 S. Leithgow Street

Website: [marrakesheastcoast.com](http://marrakesheastcoast.com)



# Shopping, Recreation & Entertainment

## Shopping

*Just about everything you need you can find in or around Center City. Some popular shopping centers include:*

### **Walnut Street**

Tons of shops, beginning with the Shops at the Bellevue (Broad and Walnut Streets) and heading west all the way to Rittenhouse Square

Shops include: The Apple Store, Anthropologie, Zara, Urban Outfitters, H&M, Banana Republic, Williams Sonoma, Polo/Ralph Lauren, Nicole Miller, Kenneth Cole, etc.

### **Macy's**

A full American department store, right in the heart of Center City

Address: Market Street between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets

Website: [www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com)

### **King of Prussia Mall**

The largest shopping mall on the East Coast of the United States

Address: 160 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA

Website: [www.kingofprussiamall.com](http://www.kingofprussiamall.com)

Shops include: Burberry, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Lord & Taylor, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Lily Pulitzer, Ralph Lauren, White House Black Market

## Recreation

### Gyms & Fitness Centers

#### *On-Campus*

The annual membership fee for graduate students is \$348. For more information about registration, schedules, classes and fees [www.upenn.edu/recreation](http://www.upenn.edu/recreation) or email [pennrec@upenn.edu](mailto:pennrec@upenn.edu).

#### **Potruck Health & Fitness Center**

Address: 3701 Walnut Street (across the street from Huntsman Hall)

#### **Fox Fitness Center**

Address: Weiss Pavilion/Franklin Field – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between South and Walnut Streets

#### *Off-Campus*

There are a wide variety of fitness centers and gyms in Philadelphia each offering different rates, classes and services. We will just offer the addresses and websites of a few of the larger chains.

**Sweat Fitness** – 24<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Sts.; [www.sweatfitness.com](http://www.sweatfitness.com)

**Philadelphia Sports Clubs** – 20<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton Sts. -or- 17<sup>th</sup> and Market Sts.; [www.mysportsclubs.com](http://www.mysportsclubs.com)

**City Fitness** – 2101 South St.; [www.cityfitnessphilly.com](http://www.cityfitnessphilly.com)

#### *Organized or Club Sports*

You need look no further than the Wharton Graduate Association ([www.wgaworld.com](http://www.wgaworld.com)) for club sports like soccer, rugby, hockey, volleyball and many more. The WGA also has clubs for non-team sports like yoga, running and skiing.

## Movies

Use sites like [www.moviefone.com](http://www.moviefone.com) or [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com) to look up show times and theaters and buy tickets. Use your PennID for discounted, student rates.

## Culture, the Arts and Live Performances

Philadelphia has a wealth of museums and great venues to experience concerts and other live performances. Compiling an exhaustive list would be impossible but if you want an idea of what is going on when, check out [www.philly.com/entertainment](http://www.philly.com/entertainment).

A few museums and venues you should definitely check out are

The Philadelphia Museum of Art	<a href="http://www.philamuseum.org">www.philamuseum.org</a>
The Barnes Foundation	<a href="http://www.barnesfoundation.org">www.barnesfoundation.org</a>
The Academy of Music	<a href="http://www.academyofmusic.org">www.academyofmusic.org</a>
The Kimmel Center	<a href="http://www.kimmelcenter.org">www.kimmelcenter.org</a>
Mann Center for the Performing Arts	<a href="http://www.manncenter.org/">www.manncenter.org/</a>
World Café Live	<a href="http://www.worldcafelive.com">www.worldcafelive.com</a>

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Union Transfer	<a href="http://www.utphilly.com">www.utphilly.com</a>
Electric Factory	<a href="http://www.electricfactory.info">www.electricfactory.info</a>
The Trocadero	<a href="http://www.thetroc.com">www.thetroc.com</a>
Helium Comedy Club	<a href="http://www.heliumcomedy.com">www.heliumcomedy.com</a>

## Sports

Philadelphia has five major-league, professional sports teams, listed below. The baseball, football, basketball and hockey teams play in three stadiums at the South Philadelphia Sports Complex. The Sports Complex is easily accessible via the Broad Street subway line. The Philadelphia Union play games at PPL Park in Chester, PA, a thirty minute drive southwest of the city. Some bars and restaurants in the city run buses to the park for matches.

<b>Baseball</b>	The Phillies ( <a href="http://philadelphia.phillies.mlb.com">philadelphia.phillies.mlb.com</a> )
<b>American Football</b>	The Eagles ( <a href="http://philadelphiaeagles.com">philadelphiaeagles.com</a> )
<b>Basketball</b>	The 76ers ( <a href="http://nba.com/sixers">nba.com/sixers</a> )
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	The Flyers ( <a href="http://philadelphiaflyers.com">philadelphiaflyers.com</a> )
<b>Football/Soccer</b>	The Union ( <a href="http://philadelphiaunion.com">philadelphiaunion.com</a> )

# Family

Wharton partners (i.e. spouses, significant others, etc.) are integral parts of the Wharton community. We want them to have a memorable Wharton experience as well. To this end, the MBA Program Office helps organize a number of events that are both partner- and family-friendly.

## Meeting other Wharton Partners

The Wharton Partners Club is a great way for partners to meet each other and share similar experiences or exchange information. The Partners Club holds several events and activities throughout the year.

Website: [www.whartonpartners.org](http://www.whartonpartners.org)

Email: [wgpartners@gmail.com](mailto:wgpartners@gmail.com)

## The University of Pennsylvania Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center at Penn is a hub for information, resources, activities, and advocacy for students and post-doctoral fellows with children. The Family Center provides a forum for parents to connect and develop supportive networks, and offers a welcoming environment for Penn students, post-docs, caregivers, and children.

Address: Suite 240, Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street

Website: [familycenter.upenn.edu](http://familycenter.upenn.edu)

Email: [kids@gsc.upenn.edu](mailto:kids@gsc.upenn.edu)

## Get a PennCard for your spouse/partner...

Spouses or domestic partners of University of Pennsylvania students are eligible for a Spouse/Partner PennCard. For more information on how to apply, visit [www.upenn.edu/penncard](http://www.upenn.edu/penncard).

## Work for non-immigrant partners...

INS regulations allow no circumstances under which the spouse (F-2) of an F-1 student can apply for work permission while in the United States. The spouse (J-2) of a J-1, however, may apply to INS for permission to be employed if he or she can demonstrate a need for supplemental support for self or children. The spouse cannot obtain work permission in order to support the J-1 student. Contact International Student and Scholar Services for more information at [oipadm@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:oipadm@pobox.upenn.edu) or [www.upenn.edu/oip/iss](http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss) for more information.

## Family Friendly Philadelphia

Need something to do with the family during the weekend? Here are some daytrips suitable for kids of all ages:

### Independence National Historical Park - [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

Experience the history of the United States of America from the place where it all began. At Independence National Park you can visit the sites where George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and their contemporaries laid the foundation of a country. Nearby are the National Constitution Center ([constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)), the National Museum of American Jewish History ([nmajh.org](http://nmajh.org)) and the Independence Seaport Museum ([phillyseaport.org](http://phillyseaport.org)).

### The Please Touch Museum - [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org)

The nation's first museum to target families with children seven and younger has grown into one of the best children's museums in the nation. With a focus on highly interactive exhibits, this museum is a great place for children to learn and explore.

### Sesame Place - [www.sesameplace.com](http://www.sesameplace.com)

The world's only Sesame Street-themed park is just a half-hour's ride from Center City in Langhorne, PA. Spend the day with Big Bird, Elmo and the rest of the Sesame street crew as you child enjoys attractions designed for kids five and under.