



Newcomer's Guide 2019-2020

Dear Newcomer,

The Hellenic Student Association (HSA) welcomes you!

We are a non-profit, non-political and non-discriminant organization with primary goal to promote the Greek culture and provide a warm environment for Greek and Cypriot students at Purdue University. HSA assists new students and provides information about ethnic or cultural issues.

You don't have to be of Greek/Cypriot heritage to become a member. Your interest in Greek culture is enough 😊

During the year we organize cultural events that are associated with Greek customs, food, music, and dancing. You are very welcome to participate.

This Brochure aims to provide a few tips for the new Boilermakers to ease their adaptation in the Greater Lafayette area.

Welcome at Purdue,

The Board of HSA

Phone & Internet

Phone Companies:

1. AT&T - <https://www.att.com/>
2. Boost Mobile - <https://www.boostmobile.com/>
3. Sprint - <https://www.sprint.com/>
4. T-Mobile - <https://www.t-mobile.com/>
5. TPO Mobile - <https://store.tpo.com/>
6. Verizon - <https://www.verizonwireless.com/>
7. Mint Mobile - <https://www.mintmobile.com/>

Ask for the prepaid programs. They are like contracts but without the commitment of one or more years. Also, be aware that if you buy a phone from any carrier, it might be locked and it will not be functional outside the country or with any other carrier. Ask us for more information.

Internet Providers:

1. AT&T- <https://www.att.com/internet/>
2. Comcast- <https://www.xfinity.com/>
3. Frontier- <https://internet.frontier.com/>
4. Metronet- <https://www.metronetinc.com/>
5. Verizon- <http://fios.verizon.com/>
6. Wintek- <https://www.wintek.com/>

Some companies provide Internet, phone and cable as a combo. Do your research and see what suits best for you.

Grocery stores

When it comes to grocery stores you can select among many choices.

Grocery Store	Address
Aldi	210 Sagamore Prkwy W, WL
Asian Global Market	2400 Yeager Rd, WL
Fresh Thyme	2410 N Salisbury St. WL
Khyber Super Market	237 E State St, WL
LA Village Food Mart	208 suite B South St, WL
Meijer	2636 US-52, WL
Payless	1032 Sagamore Pkwy W, WL
Target	3630 South St, Lafayette, L
Walmart	2801 Northwestern Ave, WL

You can save some money using the **Moocho** app which you can download from your app store. Keep in mind that referrals are available and can give you extra bucks.



Services

Christian Orthodox Church:

St Alexis Orthodox Church
2115 IN-225, Battle Ground, IN 47920
Program: <http://www.saintalexis.org/>

Greek Consulate General in Chicago:

650 North St. Clair Street
+1312 3353915, 3358848
<http://www.mfa.gr/usa/en/consulate-general-in-chicago/>

Office of International Students and Scholars at Purdue:

Schleman Hall of Student Services, Room #136
475 Stadium Mall Drive
765-494-5770
<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/>



Banks and credit score

Banks:

1. Purdue Federal Credit Union (PFCU)
2. Chase Bank

Usually they run special promotions. Ask us, or any of your friends for refers, so you can both get money in your bank account. If you want to transfer money from out of country bank it is better to use Chase.

Build your Credit Score:

The United States Economy is based on the so-called credit history. Every person that owns a credit card, starts to build its credit score. High score means high financial fidelity which makes, financial transactions (loans, credit card applications etc.) easier and with low interest rates. Ask us for more information.

Useful Link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Credit_score#United_States

Drink regulations

Indiana State forces the following Drink Regulations:

1. You **must always** appear your passport or Driver's License or State ID when you want to sit at a bar. The Greek driver's license usually is not accepted.
2. You **must** be at least 21 to be served any alcoholic beverage.

Drink regulations differ from state to state, so make sure that you know the rules when it comes to drinking.

Greek restaurants & Coffee Places

In case you missed Greek cuisine, here are some Greek restaurants around the area.

Restaurant	Address
Akropolis	3311 South St, L
Christos New City Grill	3291 Teal Rd W, L
Christos New City Grill	1018 Sagamore Pkwy W, WL
Red Seven	200 Main St, L
Parthenon	2060 US 52 West, WL

Since we know how much you like coffee here is a list of some cafeterias other than **Starbucks**:

Cafeteria	Address
Barnes and Noble	2323 Sagamore Pkwy S, L
Fuel	1005 Main St, L
Fuel West	460 Northwestern Avenue, WL
Greyhouse	100 Northwestern Ave, WL
Java	130 N 3rd St, L
Literato	1920 Northwestern Ave, WL
Star City	210 Main St, L
Vienna	208 South St, WL

Hit these cafeterias not only for your favorite beverage, but also for delicious sweets. If you are bored of your common study area, most of these places offer a welcoming environment for studying plus free high-speed internet.

Transportation

Local transportation:

Local transportation is operated by **City Bus**. Local buses are running every day between West Lafayette, Purdue University and Lafayette. Check the schedules and the current location of the busses using **MyCityBus**, a free app for your smartphone. And don't forget, local transportation is **free**, with your PURDUE ID Card!!!!

Useful links:

City Bus - <http://www.gocitybus.com/>

Private local transportation:

1. Locomotive Taxi: (765) 477-1234, (765) 426-3109, (765) 490-9192
2. Uber
3. Lyft
4. Zipcar (rental car, charges by hour)
5. Spin, Gotcha (scooter)
6. Pace, Zagster (bike share)

Out of city transportation:

To/From Chicago/ Indianapolis

1. Greyhound Buses
2. Amtrak Train

To O'Hare Airport

1. Lafayette Limo
2. Reindeer Shuttle
3. Express AirCoach

To Indianapolis Airport

1. Lafayette Limo
2. Reindeer Shuttle

Indiana Driver's License

Do you need to get a driver's license? Here's how you do it:

- If you don't have an international license you will need a validated translation of your Greek license. Ask us for a template. The translation can be validated by any Greek faculty member at Purdue.
- One proof of ID (ex. unexpired passport, or birth certificate, or unexpired Indiana ID, etc.).
- One proof of lawful status (ex. I-94-provide link here)
- Social security number (ex. social security card, or W-2 form, etc.).
- Two proofs of residency (ex. utility company, credit card, doctor/hospital bill issued within 60 days of application)
- If you are a student, you also need your I-20 (F1 visa) or your DS-2019 (J1 visa).

Useful links:

<http://www.in.gov/bmv/index.htm>,

http://www.in.gov/bmv/files/BMV_Documentation_List.pdf

Useful Links (for transportation):

<http://locations.greyhound.com/>

<https://www.amtrak.com>

<http://www.lafayettelimo.com>

<https://reindeershuttle.zaui.net/modules/webBooking/>

<http://expressaircoach.com/>

Don't miss our social events!!

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for news about our social events. Also, don't forget to include yourself in our mailing list.



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