

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Student Health Services

If you are a full-time student enrolled at the Language Institute, you are required to pay an \$80 health service fee, which entitles you to use the Georgia Tech Student Health Center if you become sick or injured. The fee will be automatically added to your GT account. This fee is optional for part-time students. For most routine services, there will be no additional cost to students who have paid the health fee. However, you may be charged for some medications and medical procedures. You must always show your Georgia Tech BuzzCard when you use the Georgia Tech Health Center. Health Services is staffed by physicians, registered nurses and nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dentists, and psychiatrists.

If you are sick or injured, go to the front desk of the Language Institute to make an appointment to see a doctor. If you cannot be treated at the Georgia Tech Health Center, you will be referred to another medical facility. However, if your condition is life-threatening, you should go to the nearest hospital emergency room or CALL 911. Website: www.health.gatech.edu

Tuberculosis Testing

All new students are required to have a Quantiferon blood test to screen for tuberculosis. This will be done at the Student Health Center during the first half of the session. Tuberculosis testing is a mandatory requirement for all new students.

Immunization Requirements

The Board of Regents sets the required immunizations for all Georgia colleges and universities. All new students are required to submit completed documentation of immunizations at the time of application. Students who are missing required immunizations will be required to receive additional shots in Atlanta during their first session. All Georgia Tech students must provide documentation for the following immunizations:

- Measles (Rubeola), Mumps (Parotitis), and Rubella (German Measles) or MMR Note: Students born before 1957 are exempt from the MMR immunization requirement.
- Tetanus-Diphtheria
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal

The Certificate of Immunization must be completed and signed by a doctor or medical provider. The Medical Entrance Form is required for students under 18 years of age and must be signed by their guardian. It is required that students satisfy the first dose of each immunization requirements at the time of application to the Language Institute.

The Language Institute insurance plan, BCBS, covers all required immunizations at 100 percent.

Vaccine	Cost Per Dose	Total Cost Per Series
Hepatitis B	\$56.00	\$168.00
Hepatitis A & B Combination	\$79.00	\$237.00
Meningococcal (Menactra)	\$125.00	\$125.00
MMR (Live)	\$79.00	\$158.00
TDAP	\$68.00	\$68.00
Varicella (Live)(Chicken Pox)	\$114.00	\$228.00

Laboratory Tests	Cost Per Test	Total Cost Per Test
Hepatitis A Titer	\$18.00	\$18.00
Hepatitis B Titer	\$17.00	\$17.00
Varicella Titer	\$32.00	\$32.00
Measles Titer	\$30.00	\$30.00
Mumps Titer	\$27.00	\$27.00
Rubella Titer	\$30.00	\$30.00
Chest X-Ray	\$45.00	\$45.00
Quantiferon™	\$78.00	\$78.00

Insurance Requirements

All students who have an F-1 visa are automatically enrolled in the student insurance plan that has been selected by Georgia Tech unless they have an approved waiver. The cost of the plan is \$209 per session, with fees charged to each student's Georgia Tech account and paid at registration. You will receive an insurance card which you should carry with you at all times.

F-1 students who have their own insurance policy must apply for an insurance waiver in Room 108 by the end of week 2 of the session. All students are required to pay the student health insurance premium at the time of registration but will be refunded if their insurance qualifies for a pre-approved waiver.

Insurance is also available online for part-time students (you must be taking at least two classes) and full-time students who are not F-1 visa holders. Please see Jackie Ramezani for additional details about how to enroll in the voluntary insurance plan. Student must enroll in the voluntary plan by the end of week two.

Campus Recreation Center (CRC)

Students who have valid health insurance and are currently enrolled at the Language Institute are eligible to purchase a CRC membership for \$93.00 per session.

To obtain your membership, come to the Front Office at the Language Institute; bring your Georgia Tech BuzzCard and \$93.00. Fill out the CRC Membership Form. After you have submitted your completed form and paid the membership fee, the CRC will activate your BuzzCard on the following business day.

Language Institute students can bring in guests if they are a member. Guest Passes may be purchased at the Member Services Desk (front entrance) during all hours of operation. The cost is \$5.00 for students and \$7.00 for non-student guests. The member must stay with the guest at all times; therefore, the guest must leave when the member leaves. A member may bring up to two guests per visit. Passes are sold for the day of the visit only. No one under the age of 18 (unless a Tech student) may come into CRC without a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must stay with the individual at all times.

Campus Police

The Georgia Tech Police Department is located at 879 Hemphill Avenue and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including weekends, holidays, and semester breaks. The primary responsibility of the department is to protect the life and property of people on the Georgia Tech campus. Officers are professionally trained and certified in accordance with the Georgia Police Officer's Standards and Training Council. Campus police officers have the authority to make arrests for crimes committed on campus. The GT Police Website is www.police.gatech.edu The GT Police phone number is 404-894-2500. Please keep this number with you in case of an emergency. If you are off campus, call 911, specify your location and the nature of your emergency.

Emergency Warning System

The [Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System](#) (GTENS) allows urgent messages to be distributed in the form of e-mail, voice mail, and text messages in a matter of minutes. These messages warn students about severe weather or other emergencies. To sign up go to: <http://www.police.gatech.edu/emergencypreparedness/notification/>

If a tornado warning is issued for the Atlanta area, seek shelter in the basement or in the interior hallways, stairways, or rooms of the lowest floor of the building. Stay away from windows, remain inside the protected areas, and do not go outside to watch.

LIVING IN ATLANTA

Banking

You may open a checking account at any Atlanta bank, although it is preferable to have an account with a bank near the campus so that you can handle your money conveniently. The two closest banks to Georgia Tech ARE:

Wells Fargo

645 State Street

(located across from the Student Center)

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday

www.wellsfargo.com



Bank of America

600 Peachtree Street

(corner of Peachtree Street & North Avenue)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday

www.bankofamerica.com



You can easily open a checking account by depositing money in a bank. You do not need a social security number to open a bank account. Use your passport and local address. Banks require proof of a local address on each account. You will need your Georgia Tech ID, passport, and I-20 to open an account.

Make sure you clearly understand how to keep a checking account before you begin writing checks or using your debit card. If you write a check when there is not enough money in your account, you will have to pay additional fees to the bank and to the business where you wrote the check. This is called an overdraft.

If the bank does not provide a blank check, ask for the routing number to your account so that your family can transfer money directly to your account.

If you are planning on renting an apartment or a room, you will need to write checks or use the online banking feature to pay your rent and utility bills.

For security reasons never give your PIN to anyone. Only give your credit card number when YOU initiate a purchase or service.

BuzzCard (Student ID)

All currently enrolled Intensive English students are required to get a Georgia Tech BuzzCard for identification. To get your BuzzCard, take your yellow Buzzcard form to the BuzzCard Center located on the 2nd floor of the Georgia Tech Barnes and Noble Bookstore. At the BuzzCard Center, you will turn in your yellow BuzzCard form and show a valid picture ID (passport) to have your BuzzCard made.

You can use your BuzzCard for many different things on campus —identification at the Student Health Center, library privileges, parking permits, and your meal plan (if you purchase one). You will also need to have a BuzzCard to enter the Campus Recreation Center (CRC).

Students can deposit money into a BuzzCard account and use their BuzzCard as a debit card for purchases at the Georgia Tech Bookstore, in vending machines, laundry machines, and at numerous places to eat on campus and in Technology Square.

The cost to replace a lost BuzzCard is \$30.00. For more information about the BuzzCard, please visit: www.buzzcard.gatech.edu

Dating

Dating customs are different all over the world. You may experience some dating customs that are new to you or seem strange to you. In the United States, it is acceptable for either a man or a woman to extend an invitation for a date (often dinner and/or a movie). When on a date, men and women have equal rights and both should treat each other with dignity and respect.

The United States has very strict laws against sexual relationships between adults (someone 18 years or older) and minors (someone under 18). Strict laws also protect individuals who do not want to have sexual relationships. Penalties for forced sexual relationships or relationships with minors are very serious.

Food

Part of the fun of living in a new country is experiencing different food. American food is NOT only fast food hamburgers and French fries! There are many different kinds of food from the different areas of the United States, so you should ask your American friends, host families, teachers, or any other Americans you come in contact with, where you can go to find some good American food.

If you miss the food from your own country, there are many international stores and markets in the metro area where you can find food from all over the world. Likewise, Atlanta has many ethnic restaurants, and you may find one or more where food from your home country is served. Be sure to check the restaurant guides in the Friday Atlanta Journal Constitution or the Creative Loafing newspaper for suggestions.

Here are some ideas of places to eat on-campus:

Student Center Food Court (Building # 104):

Website: www.gatechdining.com/locations/index.html

Restaurants include: Zaya Mediterranean, Simply To Go, Pizza Hut, Dunkin' Donuts, Rosita's Cantina, Ms. Ruthie's Deli, Salad Bar, Café Spice, Far East Fusion, Great Wraps, Chef Sharon's Station, Essential Eats

Student Center Commons and Food Court (Building #104); 1st and 2nd floor

Check the website for a listing of restaurants and hours of operation.

Website: www.gatechdining.com/locations/commons.html

Restaurants include: Burger Bytes, Chick-fil-A, Subway, Taco Bell

Other Locations Around Campus

Check the website for a listing of restaurants and hours of operation.

Website: <http://www.gatechdining.com/locations/campus.html>

Freshens at H2O—Campus Recreation Center (Building #122)

Starbucks—Second floor of CULC (Clough Commons) (Building #166)

Brittain Dining Hall (Building #12) [Closed during the summer session]

Woodruff (“Woody’s”) Dining Hall (Building # 116)

North Ave Dining Hall (Building #191)

Check the Georgia Tech Dining website for the most current information on dining facilities.

Website: www.gatechdining.com

Housing

Dormitories

A limited number of rooms are available on campus year round.

To apply for a room on campus:

- Complete the housing request form
http://esl.gatech.edu/sites/www.esl.gatech.edu/files/downloads/housing_request_form.pdf
- Return completed form by e-mail to lihousing@pe.gatech.edu
- Make the full housing payment at least 1 month before the semester start date. Rooms are assigned in the order that payments are received. (Instructions for making the payment are sent when the application is received.)

The following information should be noted if you are thinking of requesting a room:

- Rooms are assigned as they become available according the waiting list.
- Students must accept whatever style room is available.

Floor plans and rates are at: www.housing.gatech.edu/rates/index.cfm

A variety of meal plans are available at www.buzzcard.gatech.edu/meal-plans/plans These plans are available to students living on-campus or off-campus.

Family Housing

Students that come to Atlanta with dependents can rent an apartment at 10th & Home, Georgia Tech's married and family housing complex. <http://10thandhome.housing.gatech.edu>

- Proof of family relationships required.
- Apartments are unfurnished.
- One-bedroom apartments are \$1,164 per month.
- Two-bedroom apartments are \$1,355 per month.
- All utilities are included in the monthly rent.
- Internet and cable are provided.
- Contracts are for one year.
- An \$80 application fee required, refunded only when no apartments are available
- \$300 prepayment required to process application

Contact person for the Language Institute: Maz Kosma maz.kosma@housing.gatech.edu

Hygiene

Americans may have different hygiene habits from people in your country. Here are some common American customs:

- Most Americans shower once (or more) a day.
- Americans wash their clothes frequently, especially during hot months. Check your clothes often for body odors.
- Americans use deodorant and antiperspirants because body odors are considered offensive.

Student Mail

When a student receives mail, the Language Institute staff will send an email advising that mail or a package has arrived. Please come to the front desk and present your Georgia Tech BuzzCard to receive your mail or package. Your personal correspondence should be addressed as follows:

(NAME)
Georgia Tech Language Institute
151 6th Street N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30332 USA

Leaving Your Forwarding Address

When you leave Georgia Tech, please leave a valid forwarding address at the post office.

If you receive mail at your home address (not at the Language Institute), complete a forwarding address card at your local post office or online at <http://www.USPS.com> If the post office does not have a forwarding address for you, your mail will be returned to the sender.

If you receive mail at the Language Institute, it is your responsibility to give individuals and businesses your new address information. The Language Institute does not forward student mail.

Social Customs

Professional Building Etiquette

- Speak softly
- Walk slowly
- Keep phone on silent
- Leave the building if you need to talk on the phone and if you are in a large group, go outside.
- Eat and drink carefully – don't spill or leave trash
- Use trash and recycling containers appropriately
- Dress appropriately
- Smoke away from building if you must smoke

Classroom Etiquette

- No cell phones, texting, or surfing
- Speak only English in class
- Be on time
- Don't get up and leave during class
- Don't eat or drink during class

Native Language

We encourage all students to speak English as much as possible during their stay here. Remember that when you are with a group of people whose first languages are not the same; it is polite to speak only English so that no one feels excluded.

Tipping

When going out to eat in a restaurant, you will typically see a space on your receipt to leave a tip for the server. It is customary in restaurants to leave a tip ranging from 10-20% with 15% being the average. If you choose to go out to eat at a restaurant, take this extra 15% expense into account when purchasing your meal. If you feel that the service you received was less or more than what you expected, you can adjust the amount to reflect this.

Please note: It is rude to not leave a tip or to leave a tip below 10%. The waiters and staff in restaurants receive most of their job's income from tips. If you do feel that the service provided by the staff was bad enough to not leave a tip, you should speak with the restaurant's management as well to tell them about the problems you had.

Bathroom Etiquette

When you travel to another country, one of the things that you have to get used to is bathrooms and public restrooms. Each country has its own set of unwritten rules about behavior in a public restroom. Here are some tips about using a public restroom in most places in the U.S.:

- Do not stand on the toilet seat or bowl. It might break and you might hurt yourself.
- Put your toilet paper in the toilet.
- Put paper towels and any other trash in the garbage can.
- Always flush the toilet after use. You might need to flush more than once.
- Wash your hands after using the toilet.
- If you spill water on the counter or floor, clean it up.

General Etiquette

In the U.S. it is considered impolite or rude to:

- Talk with food in your mouth.
- Make chewing or slurping sounds while you are eating.
- To burp, expel gas, or spit in public.
- To talk on the cell phone in front of others and in public buildings like banks, grocery lines, offices and classrooms. It is best to step outside.

In the U.S. it is customary to:

- Put your napkin on your lap before you start eating.
- Knock and wait for a reply before entering an office or room.
- Say please and thank you often.
- Use requests rather than demands (For example: Saying "Give me a form." would be considered impolite, but saying "Could you please give me a form?" would be polite.)

Keeping Appointments

If you have made an appointment of any kind—doctor, dentist, hair stylist, your teacher, etc.—and are unable to keep it, it is important to telephone and cancel the appointment. Arriving on time for appointments is customary. You may be charged for missing an appointment if you do not call to cancel the appointment in advance, so be aware of cancellation policies.

Visiting American Homes

It may be important for you to know the following customs when you are invited to an American home.

- If you have received a written invitation that has the letters **RSVP** on it, it means “Please reply.” (From French “repondez-vous s’il vous plaît.”) It is expected that you answer the invitation to let the host know if you will or will not be able to attend. Not replying to an RSVP is considered rude.
- If you have been invited to dinner at someone’s home, it is very important to be on time. If you arrive early, the host/s may not be prepared to begin the event. Arriving more than 10 minutes late is inconsiderate, so try to be prompt. If you are not able to attend or if you are going to be late, let your host/s know in advance by calling.
- After you have been to someone’s home, it is a nice gesture to write a short thank-you note/e-mail message or telephone the person to express your thanks. This should be done a day or two after the visit.
- It is acceptable to bring a small gift such as flowers or a souvenir from your country when you visit someone’s home for dinner, but it is not expected.
- If you want to visit someone, it is usually a good idea to telephone the person before stopping at his or her home.

Transportation, Parking, and Driving in the US

Georgia Tech Trolley/Stinger

Students who come to school by MARTA train can get off at the Midtown Station and take the (free) Georgia Tech Trolley to the campus. The trolley picks up riders at the south exit of the station on Peachtree Place. Language Institute students should get off the bus at Fifth Street and Techwood Drive after crossing the bridge over the interstate highway. The O’Keefe Building is one block north at Techwood Drive and Sixth Street. In addition to the MARTA shuttle, there are 3 other campus shuttle (Stinger) routes. Stinger bus service is provided on weekends to Atlantic Station and Publix with the exception of GT holidays.

Georgia Tech Stingerette

Stingerette Van Escort Service offers safe, after hours travel from academic buildings and living accommodations within the service area. Stingerette provides call-in and reserved on-campus transportation for students, faculty and staff of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Hours of

operation are 6pm to 7am. To request a ride, call 404-385-RIDE (7433). Give the dispatcher the number of people that will be riding, name of the building you are departing from, and the name of the building you wish to travel to. The dispatcher will inform you of an approximate time that the van will arrive to pick you up.

For schedules and more information about Georgia Tech transportation, please look at the following link: http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/routes_schedules/Pages/routes_schedules.aspx

Parking on Campus

There is no free parking on campus! If you receive a parking ticket, the Language Institute cannot help you. Most parking spaces require a permit, which is available at the Parking Office. There are also visitor parking lots and coin operated parking meters.

<http://pts.gatech.edu/visitors/Pages/Visitors-Parking-Areas-and-Prices.aspx>

Parking Permits

Parking permits are available for lot E65 for \$70 per month (non-refundable). How to get a parking permit:

1. Bring your BuzzCard and car registration to the Parking Office at 828 West Peachtree Street, NW.
2. Request a permit for lot E65 or a SmartPark permit.
3. Pay all required parking permit fees (cash, checks, money orders and travelers checks accepted).

After you get your permit:

1. Hang the permit from your rear-view mirror.
2. Park only in the parking lot you purchased the permit for.
3. Use the permit only for cars registered at the Parking Office.
4. Parking is available on a first-come-first-served basis. Spaces are not assigned or guaranteed to be available.
5. If you have a SmartPark permit, keep money in your BuzzCard account.

Visitor Parking

- The Technology Square Deck is located on Spring Street next to the Georgia Tech Hotel (this is the closest visitor's lot to the Language Institute).
- The Student Center Lot is located next to the Student Center in the same lot that the visitor information booth is located.

Parking meters

Metered parking is available throughout the campus. Some areas have meters which accept coins only and some areas have pay stations, which accept credit cards. There is a two hour maximum. Hours of enforcement are posted at every parking area. Malfunctioning or broken meters (meter will flash "Failed") are considered "No Parking" zones.

Parkmobile

To use the new Parkmobile system, customers can now register for free at www.parkmobile.com

Once registered, they can use a mobile app, the internet, QR code, or call toll free, 1-877-727-5714, to pay for parking at metered spaces. After setting up the account, customers can immediately start using the system with their registered mobile phone. They can also select the option to receive text message alerts and reminders prior to expiration. Check this link to view Parkmobile locations -

<http://pts.gatech.edu/park/Documents/parkmobile%20locations.jpg>

Website: www.parking.gatech.edu

Driving in the United States

Georgia recognizes valid driver licenses issued to and held by residents of other countries as long as the "Out Of Country" license is valid (not expired) and is in English. If your driver's license is not in English, you must also have an international driver's permit. You may drive in Georgia for up to one year on a valid foreign license.

You must carry the following documents at all times when you are driving in the U.S.:

- Your out of country/international license
- Your student ID card or proof of program registration
- Proof of payment of tuition for current session
- Proof of insurance and car registration

If you purchase a vehicle, you must have a valid Georgia driver's license.

Before you apply for a State of Georgia Driver's License

You must wait 15 days after the session starts before you can obtain your driver's license. For those drivers who are not citizens and not authorized to work in the United States, you will need to obtain a Form SSA-L676 (Social Security Card Denial Letter) from a local Social Security office before visiting a Department of Driver Service (DDS) Office to apply for a driver's license. The nearest Social Security Office to Georgia Tech is located at

401 West Peachtree Street, Suite 2860, Floor 28
Atlanta, GA 30308

You must bring your passport with the I-94 card, your I-20, and your Student ID to the Social Security Office.

You should bring the following documents when applying for a Georgia driver's license:

- Social Security Number or Letter of Denial (SSA-L676)
- Passport and I-94 Record
- Proof of Local Residency (a lease agreement, a utility bill, a bank statement with your name and local address on it)
- \$10 (cash, money-order, MasterCard, Visa credit or debit card)
- Proof of payment of tuition for current session (receipt)

How to Obtain a Georgia Learner's Permit or License

- To obtain a Learner's Permit, you will need to pass the vision test, road sign test and the road rules Test. This will allow you to drive with a licensed driver in the car with you.
- You can schedule an appointment for the road test any time after obtaining your Learner's Permit. To make an appointment for the road test, call 678-413-8500 (select option 3). The road test fee is \$20. When you pass the test, you will be given a temporary License. The permanent card will be mailed to your home.
- Your Georgia Driver's license will be valid for the length of time that your I-20 is valid.

Important Links for Getting a Driver's License

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)

Home page<http://www.dds.ga.gov>
 Office locator..... <http://www.dds.ga.gov/locations/index.aspx>
 Driver's license manual <http://www.dds.ga.gov/docs/forms/driversmanual.pdf>
 Info for non-U.S.citizen.....<http://www.dds.ga.gov/drivers/dldata.aspx?con=1741471757&ty=dl>

Social Security Administration (SSA)

Home page<http://www.ssa.gov>
 Office locatorlower-left corner of ssa.gov. click 'Locate a Social Security Office'
 Application form ssa.gov/online/ss-5.pdf

Purchasing a Car

- Every car comes with a "title", which is a legal document showing ownership of the vehicle. A car title contains the car's unique "VIN" or Vehicle Identification Number. Titles are transferred from owner to owner as cars are bought second-hand.
- With the car title, you must register your vehicle in the county in which you reside. This is done at the "county tax commissioner's office". To locate your county tax office, click [here](#).
- Before you can register your vehicle, the "ad valorem" tax must be paid. This tax is based on the value of the vehicle. If you buy a car from a dealership, this tax is usually collected at the time of purchase along with the sales tax (around 7% of the purchase price). If you buy a used car from an individual, you will pay the ad valorem tax when you register the car. For more information, please click [here](#).
- In order to register a vehicle, you must also have and maintain proper automobile insurance. The minimum type of insurance required for all vehicles is called "liability insurance". This protects another driver(s), not you, if an auto accident is your fault. Auto insurance companies will issue an insurance card, which must be in your car at all times, along with the certificate of registration. It pays to shop around for rates, which differ from company to company.

Important Links for Purchasing a Car

The Georgia Department of Revenue

Motor Vehicle Division..... <http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/tagoffices/selecttagoffice.aspx>

Vehicle Ad Valorem Assessment..... <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/advalorem/default.aspx>

Public Transportation

MARTA -Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

MARTA buses operate weekdays from approximately 5 a.m. to 1:00 a.m and until 12:30 a.m. weekends and holidays. Bus schedules may vary by neighborhood.

Train Frequencies

Weekdays: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.: 15 minutes all lines

Weekdays: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.: 20 minutes all lines

Weekends: 20 minutes all lines

Train Service Hours

Weekdays: 4:45 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Weekends: 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

After 7 pm, Red line travels between Lindbergh & North Springs

After 7 pm, Green line travels between Bankhead & Vine City

Use the online [MyCommute Trip Planner](#) or contact MARTA Customer Service at 404-848-5000 for assistance with planning your trip.

5 simple steps to riding MARTA:

1. Plan your trip. Use the [MyCommute Trip Planner](#) to create personalized trip plans, view schedules and find the MARTA bus stops or train station closest to you.
2. Get a Breeze Card. All riders must have a Breeze Card to access the bus or train. Breeze Cards can be purchased at a Breeze Vending Machine located in all 38 rail stations or at any of the MARTA Ridestores.
3. Load Value on your Breeze Card. Fares can be loaded on your card at the Breeze Vending Machines, MARTA Ridestores and on the MARTA website.
4. Tap your Breeze Card. Go to the train station or bus stop closest to you (remember to be a few minutes early) and tap your Breeze Card on the blue target to pay your fare. Once your card has been read, you will have access to the system.
5. Exit to destination or transfer. Tap the blue target with your Breeze Card to exit the train station. You may transfer for free by tapping again immediately on the bus or at the station at your point of exit.

The fare for riding MARTA (train or bus) one way is \$2.50 after purchasing a Breeze Card. Discounted weekly passes are available at Ride Stores, located at the following stations: Lenox,

Lindbergh, Five Points and the Airport. University Passes are available to students with a valid BUZZ Card at Buzz office on the second floor of the Barnes and Noble Book Store. The University Pass allows unlimited riding of trains and buses for the month in which the pass is valid. Passes are valid from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.

Marta Schedules, Fees, and Maps:

<http://www.itsmarta.com/schedules-maps.aspx>

A Rookie's guide to riding MARTA:

http://www.itsmarta.com/uploadedFiles/News_And_Events/Newsletters/Rookies%20Guide.pdf

CCT

The Cobb Community Transit (CCT) provides bus service throughout Cobb County with connecting service to MARTA rail and buses. The CCT also has express bus service to downtown Atlanta. Transfers to MARTA buses and trains are free. The CCT operates Monday through Saturday.

Website: <http://www.cobbdot.org/cct.htm>

Gwinnett County Transit

The Gwinnett County Transit (GCT) provides bus service throughout Gwinnett County with connecting service to MARTA rail and buses. Transfers to MARTA buses and train are free. The GCT also has express bus service to downtown Atlanta. The GCT operates Monday through Saturday.

Website: www.gctransit.com

Road Service/Auto Clubs

If you drive or own a car, we strongly urge you to purchase membership with an auto club or road service, which provides services such as towing, opening cars when keys have been locked inside, charging dead batteries, and changing flat tires. One of the most common and reliable auto clubs is AAA-Auto Club South (1-800-222-1134). The cost of AAA for 1 year is approximately \$100. Road service is often available to customers who carry credit cards with gasoline/oil companies such as AMOCO, TEXACO, BP, or CITGO. If you are able to receive a credit card from one of these companies, you should be able to purchase this service for a reasonable fee.

Zipcars

There are other options for people who need access to a car occasionally, but not on a daily basis. The Zipcar company provides 24 hours a day/7 days a week access to Zipcars parked on campus to borrow for short-term use. Once you join, you can reserve a car online, let yourself in with your Zipcard, and drive. Hourly and daily rates are available, and include gas and insurance. Students age 18-20 can use the cars that "live" on campus, while members age 21 and older can access thousands of Zipcars around the world. It costs \$25 to join. Please refer to the website for more information.

Car Rental Companies

- Hertz— www.hertz.com
- Enterprise—www.enterprise.com
- Budget—www.budget.com
- Sixt—www.sixt.com/atlanta

If you are involved in an automobile accident:

1. Stop your vehicle - It is against the law to leave the scene of an accident, whether or not the accident was your fault, or you are in a hurry.
2. Keep calm - This is very important. You will have a lot of things to remember! Do not accuse anyone of causing the accident and do not admit that you may have caused the accident.
3. Call the police - Call 911 to report the accident to the police and to request medical assistance for anyone who is injured. Take pictures, if possible, of all cars and damages before moving the car out of traffic.
4. Gather driver information - From every driver and car involved in the accident collect the following information:
 - Full name, phone number and driver's license number.
 - Name of the insurance company, the name of the insured person and the insurance policy number from each driver.
 - Make, model, year, and color of the car.
 - State and license plate number.
 - If the person driving the other car is different from the owner of the car, remember to get the name of the owner of the car, and the full name, address and phone number of the registered owner of the vehicle.
5. Gather witness information - Get the names, and telephone numbers of all the witnesses. Potential witnesses could be:
 - Passengers in your car and other cars involved in the accident,
 - People from other cars not involved in the accident, or
 - Pedestrians
6. Wait for the police to arrive - A police investigation is extremely helpful in gathering information that may be needed later on in a court of law or by the insurance companies. The police officer should give you information on how to obtain the accident report. Remember to ask the officer about the accident report if you do not receive that information when it is time to leave the scene of the accident.
7. After the Accident
 - If you feel at all injured or unwell, get medical attention as soon as you leave the accident location. Do not delay – injuries can turn out to be more serious than they seem at first.
 - Write down the details of the accident so that you don't forget them.
 - Notify your insurance company of the accident, whether or not you think you were at fault.
 - Contact the police for the accident report.

- Provide your insurance company with a copy of the accident report.

Follow this procedure even if the accident is minor.

Weather

Atlanta has four distinct seasons, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy a range of comfortable climates. During the fall and spring, Atlanta is quite comfortable with temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (21-26 Celsius). Summers can be quite hot and humid, and winters are normally mild with a few colder spells. The annual rainfall is only about 48 inches (122cm). You should bring clothing suitable for both hot and cold temperatures, although extreme cold weather is very rare. Student dress on campus is quite casual and entirely according to your personal taste.