

WELCOME TO RENSSELAER

Important Numbers on Campus	Extension
Conference Services (Summer Housing)	6694/2833
Rensselaer Public Safety (Emergency)	6611
Rensselaer Public Safety (Non-Emergency)	6656
Rensselaer (General)	6000/6003
Campus Bookstore	6555
Office of Summer Programs	6431

Getting Around

Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)

The two main bus lines that run through the campus are the 87 and the 90. The 87 is useful for getting to Brunswick, where the closest Wal-Mart and Price Chopper are located, as well as various food establishments. The 87 also goes to downtown Troy, and stops at River & Front (stop #7) which is a major connection stop for other routes. The 87 runs approximately every 20 minutes during the work day. The 90 is useful for getting to all the malls in the capital region. This bus stops at Latham Circle Mall, Latham Farms, Colonie Center, Northway Mall and Crossgates. The 90 also stops at SUNY Albany. The 90 runs approximately once every hour during the week. Schedules for these routes can be found online at cdta.org. Students may ride CDTA buses for free if they show their RPI picture ID.

Amtrak

RPI is located about 15 minutes from the Rensselaer Amtrak station (ALB). Taking the Amtrak is a great way to travel to New York City or Boston for under \$200 both ways. The station is accessible via public bus (CDTA) but it is usually less of a hassle to take a cab. Visit their website for more information: Amtrak.com

Cab Companies

A convenient way to get to the Amtrak station, airport, or even just around town is to take a cab. The local cab drivers are usually friendly, but make sure you call for a cab WAY in advance of when you need it to guarantee you'll get where you need to be on time. Some of the better cab companies in town are: Troy Capitaland Taxi (270-8294) and Yellow Cab (518) 434-2222.

Shopping

Crossgates

Albany is home to one of the largest malls in the northeast. It is located at the junction of I87 and I90, and is also accessible via public bus (90). Crossgates has a large food court and many restaurants located within it. It also has a regal cinema 18, and is probably the best place to go if you are interested in watching a movie. Some of the major stores at Crossgates are Macy's, Gap, A&F, Hollister, FYE, H&M, and Best Buy. A complete listing of stores can be found at shopcrossgates.com.

Colonie Center

Colonie Center is one of the nicest malls in the capital region due to recent renovations, including the addition of a movie theater. It has become the home of the area's first Cheesecake Factory, as well as many other stores including Macy's, Victoria's Secret, Express, Boscov's, Sears, and American Eagle. Across the road from Colonie Center is the Northway Mall, which is a large strip mall housing a Target, Marshall's, and Eddie Bauer Outlet. Colonie Center is also accessible via public bus (90). For more information you can visit shopatcoloniecenter.com

Latham Farms/Latham Circle

The Latham Circle Mall and Latham Farms are located about 30 minutes away from RPI (via the 90 bus) and have quite a lot to offer. Latham Farms is a huge shopping center/strip mall that has a Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Hannaford's grocery, Red Robin, and many other stores. The Latham Circle mall is not one of the best malls in the capital region, but it is fairly close and does have a movie theater.

Troy Farmer's Market

Located on River Street in Downtown Troy, the farmers market is a great place to pick up fresh produce, listen to local music, and just have a good time on your Saturdays. For more information on this market you can visit their website at troymarket.org.

Dining and Take-Out

Restaurants:

- Troy Pub aka Brown's Brewery
 - 417 River St. Troy, NY (273-2337)
- **Holmes & Watson**
 - **450 Broadway, Troy, NY (273-8526)**
- I Love NY Pizza
 - 125 4th St. Troy, NY (274-0071)
- **Daisy Baker's**
 - **33 2nd Street Troy, NY (266-9200)**
- Red Front
 - 71 Division St. #2, Troy, NY (272-9241)
- **Manory's**
 - **99 Congress St. Troy, NY (272-2422)**
- South Troy Diner (STD)
 - 579 1st St. Troy, NY (274-1956)
- **Bob's Diner (open 24 hours)**
 - **929 19th St. Watervliet, NY (274-2393)**

- Ted's Fish Fry (and other foods)
 - 700 Hoosick St. Troy, NY (272-0144)
- **Jack's Drive-In (Great Burgers!)**
 - **24 Main Ave. Wynantskill, NY (283-5110)**
- Lots of restaurants are located on Wolf Road in Albany! Search online for more info.

Dessert

- **Snowman Ice Cream (Homemade Ice Cream!)**
 - **531 5th Avenue, Troy, NY (233-1714)**
- Cheesecake Factory
 - Colonie Center, Albany, NY (438-8646)

Entertainment

Musical Concerts (Troy)

Revolution Hall

421 River Street, Troy, NY (274-0553)

Troy Music Hall

32 2nd Street, Troy, NY (273-0038)

Musical Concerts

Times Union Center – Albany

Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC)

Musicals

Proctor's in Schenectady

Movies

Crossgates & Colonie (Regal Cinemas)

Latham Circle Mall (Regal Cinemas)

Hollywood Drive –In

9270 Route 66, Averill Park, NY (283-4425)

Live at 5:00 PM

Starting June 4th downtown Albany will be hosting live music events every Thursday.

<http://www.albanyny.org/Government/Departments/GeneralServices/SpecialEvents/AliveAtFive.aspx>

Looking for something specific? Check out the Times Union webpage or Metroland Online. They have listings of most everything happening in the Capital Region.

<http://www.timesunion.com/entertainment>

<http://www/metroland.net>

Sports and Recreation

Arena Football (Times Union Center)

The Times Union Center, formerly known as the Pepsi Arena, is located in downtown Albany. During the summer it hosts Arena Football games, tickets ranging from \$8-\$35.
Timesunioncenter-albany.com

Tri-City Valley Cats

Located near the Hudson Valley campus in South Troy, the Valley Cats are the capital region's minor league baseball team. Tickets start as low as \$6 a game.
www.minorleaguebaseball.com/indez.jsp?sid=t577

Hiking Trails

Information about many of the capital region's hiking trails can be found at:
<http://www.localhikes.com/MSA/MSA 0160.asp>

Bowling

Uncle Sam Bowling Lanes
600 Fulton T. Troy, NY (271-7800)

Golfing

Frear Park in Troy, north of RPI
(a few blocks on the other side of Hoosick)

Lazer Tag

Zero Gravity
1240 Central Ave.
Albany, NY (437-9334)

Soccer @ Afrim's Sports

636 Shaker Rd.
Loudonville, NY (438-3131)
Latham Dome

Mueller Center

RPI's fitness center is available to anyone with their RPI issued ID. The Mueller Center is located next to the Armory and Public Safety. They usually offer fitness classes, so call for more information.

Outdoor Activities

There are a few tennis courts located Behind Sharp (residence) Hall. There is also a baseball field next to the Robinson Pool, and a running track behind the field house.