



# INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY State University of New York

## TRAVELING TO ALBANY, NEW YORK, USA

### Flying to the U.S.



The best way to travel by airplane to **Albany (ALB)** is to book your trip through **Chicago (ORD), Detroit (DTT), Philadelphia (PHL), Atlanta (ATL), Newark (EWR),** or other airports with good connections to Albany.

If you arrive in the U.S. at **John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport** in New York City or **Newark (EWR) International Airport** in New Jersey, you will need to travel another 150 miles (240 kilometers) to Albany. See the sections below on “Traveling by Shuttle,” “Traveling by Train,” and “Traveling by Bus” for information on how to get from New York City to Albany.

**U.S. Customs** – You must present your passport, non-immigrant visa, and I-20/DS-2019 upon arrival. Carry these items on your person, along with your UAlbany letter of admission and proof of funding. You will not receive a paper copy of your I-94 form (arrival-departure record for immigration). Wherever you arrive in the U.S., you will need to claim your luggage and walk with it through U.S. Customs. If you will be continuing by airplane to Albany, you will need to recheck your luggage before boarding the next flight.



### Traveling by Taxi or Lyft from the Albany Airport or Train Station to your New Home



After you arrive at the airport, train, or bus station in Albany, you will need to take a taxi to your local address. The cab fare will be \$20–\$30, depending on the address. We recommend you pay in cash. Tip the driver \$1 to \$3. Have your address written in English to give to the driver. The Lyft ride-sharing service also operates in Albany and may cost less than a taxi. Download the Lyft mobile app, create an account, and pay using your phone.

### Traveling by Shuttle from New York City to Albany



To travel from New York City to Albany, you can take a shuttle van. **Premier Transportation Group** offers an **Express Shuttle Van** ([www.premierelimo.com](http://www.premierelimo.com)) daily. The van departs at 6:30 pm from JFK and Newark Airports.

The JFK van arrives at the Albany International Airport at 11:00 pm, the fare is \$65, and reservations are required. The Newark Van arrives at Albany International Airport at 9:00 pm, and the fare is \$60. Call 518-459-6123 (outside U.S.) or 800-515-6123 (inside U.S.). Then you will need to take a taxi to your address in Albany.

### Traveling by Train from New York City to Albany



To travel from New York City to Albany, you can take the train. **Penn Station** is located on 8th Avenue between 31st and 33rd Streets under Madison Square Garden in NYC.

**Amtrak trains** leave Penn Station daily from 7:00 am–7:00 pm. It is about a 3-hour trip to Albany. You will arrive at Albany-Rensselaer Station. Then you will need to take a taxi to your address in Albany. The cost is \$40–\$70. Most credit cards are accepted. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone, or at the station.

Two pieces of luggage may be checked at no charge, with a weight of 50 lbs. total. Up to three additional pieces of luggage may be checked for \$20 per piece. For more information, please visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

### Traveling by Bus from New York City to Albany



To travel from New York City to Albany, you can also take a bus. The Port Authority Bus Terminal is located at 625 8th Avenue, between 40th and 42nd Streets in NYC. Two bus companies, **Adirondack Trailways** ([www.trailways.com](http://www.trailways.com)) and **Greyhound** ([www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)), provide direct service to Albany.

The trip takes about 3 hours and costs about \$20. There are 2 convenient stops in Albany: the downtown Albany bus terminal and the University at Albany (listed as “Albany SUNY”).

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## Traveling by Car from New York City to Albany



If you will be traveling to Albany by car, we suggest you take advantage of a good Internet map (e.g., [www.googlemaps.com](http://www.googlemaps.com)).

## Travel Tips



- Before you depart, photocopy all your important documents (passport, visa, I-20). Put copies in a different place from the originals (your carry-on or checked luggage).
- For safety and convenience, do not book a flight into the U.S. that arrives late at night.
- Never leave bags unattended or carry anything given to you by a stranger. While in an airport, train or bus terminal, ignore non-uniformed persons offering help with baggage or transportation. Go to ground transportation information counters, bus stops, and taxi stands for safe and legitimate transportation.
- Trust yourself! If something doesn't feel right, avoid it. Be aware of your surroundings and stay alert.

## Hotels (within ½ mile of UAlbany campus)\*

Tru By Hilton	1651 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203	<a href="https://bit.ly/2yKfwaB">https://bit.ly/2yKfwaB</a>	518-704-4010
Homewood Suites by Hilton	1651 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203	<a href="https://bit.ly/2OypruV">https://bit.ly/2OypruV</a>	518-704-4040
Days Inn by Wyndham Albany	1230 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203	<a href="http://bit.ly/1MoEsJ1">http://bit.ly/1MoEsJ1</a>	518-489-4423
Hampton Inn Albany Western	1442 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203	<a href="http://bit.ly/1MoEsJ1">http://bit.ly/1MoEsJ1</a>	518-438-0001
Courtyard by Marriott Thruway	1455 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12205	<a href="http://bit.ly/2nBrkFs">http://bit.ly/2nBrkFs</a>	518-435-1600
CrestHill Suites SUNY	1415 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206	<a href="http://bit.ly/2oueLQ5">http://bit.ly/2oueLQ5</a>	518-454-0007
Extended Stay America Albany	1395 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206	<a href="http://bit.ly/2nBgG1w">http://bit.ly/2nBgG1w</a>	518-446-0680
Hilton Garden Inn Albany	1389 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206	<a href="https://bit.ly/2D1jrFo">https://bit.ly/2D1jrFo</a>	518-453-1300

## Northeastern United States

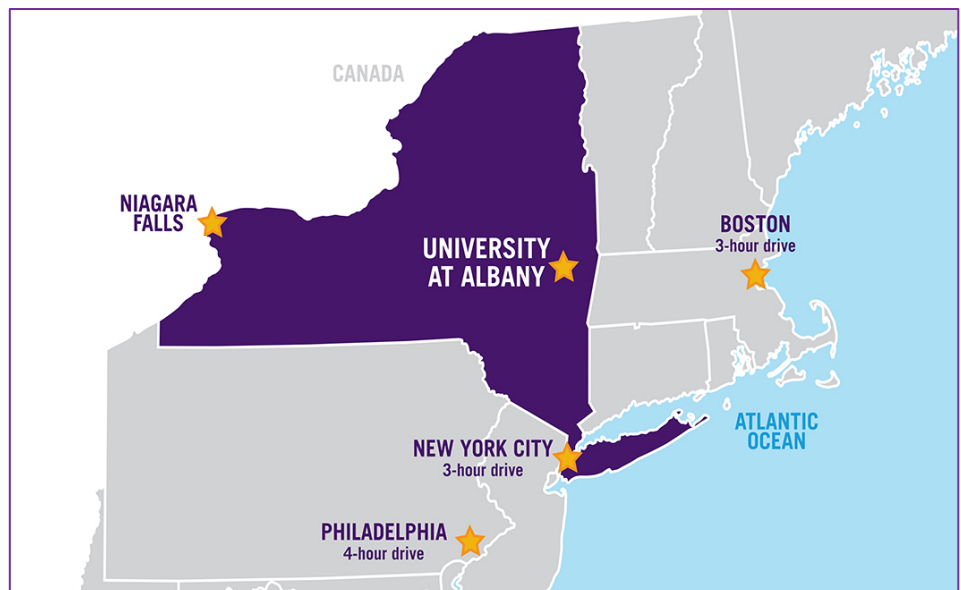
### Driving time to:

Boston	3 hours
New York City	3 hours
Philadelphia	4 hours

### Flight time to:

Philadelphia	1 hour
Detroit	2 hours
Chicago	2.5 hours

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