

EC New York

Arrival and First Day



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Airport Transfers

An airport transfer can be arranged by EC if you request it. Please let us know flight details such as your arrival time, flight numbers, airline, and point of origin at least 7 days before your departure.

If you have booked an airport transfer, you will be met at one of the three major local airports (JFK, LaGuardia, or Newark) by a representative from our airport pick-up services. After you collect your baggage from Baggage Claim and/or pass through Customs, go to the arrival waiting gallery. This is the last area BEFORE the exit of the airport building where passengers meet the people who come to pick them up. **Look for someone holding up a sign with your name on it and the EC Logo pictured above.**

If you are arriving at JFK airport, please make your way to the meeting point detailed below, where you will be met by a driver, holding an EC sign with your name displayed on it:

Terminal 1 - You should wait in the Food Court – by the seats on the right

Terminal 2 - You should stand by Starbucks (Inside the Terminal)

Terminal 3 - You should stand in front of Dunkin Donuts in the seating area (please do not accept a taxi ride from anybody who offers)

Terminal 4 - You should wait in the Food Court with seating

Terminal 5 - You should stand in front of Dunkin Donuts in the seating area

Terminal 7 - You should stand by Starbucks (Inside the Terminal)

Terminal 8 - You should wait in the Food Court with seating

You should not get into a car with anyone who does not have this EC sign

If your first flight into the U.S. is delayed or your flight number is changed, you must call the EC emergency number: +1 347 567 5343

If you arrive at the airport and you cannot find your driver, you should also call the appropriate number above. If your flight is delayed or canceled, you must call to reschedule at least two hours before your originally scheduled pick-up time. Otherwise, you will have to pay for a second transfer or take a taxi. If your flight is delayed for any reason, you should make sure to also call your host family. If you have not booked an airport transfer, you must inform EC of your expected time of arrival 5 days before your arrival.

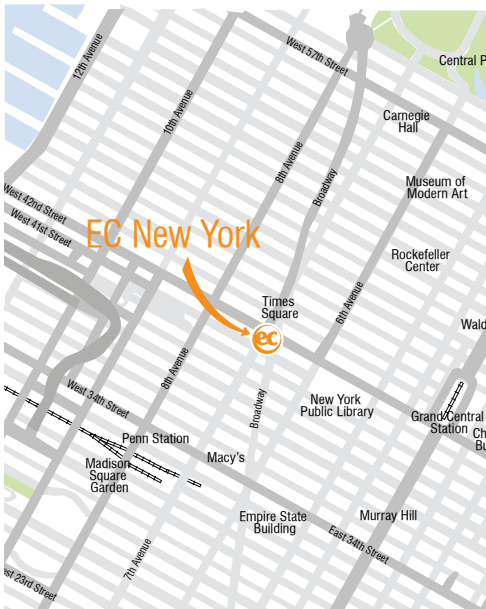
School Location

Our school is located near a few major subway hubs (Times Square and Grand Central Station), so that you will probably be able to travel to school by subway from anywhere in the city.

The following subway trains stop at Times Square: 1, 2, 3, 7, A, C, E, N, Q, R and S.

The following subway trains stop at Grand Central Station: 4, 5, 6, 7, and S.

The following subway trains stop at Bryant Park: B, D, F, and V.



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Transportation

Our school is located near **all** the major 42nd street subway stations. Like most New Yorkers, our students usually use public transportation (subways or buses) to go to school or get around the city. We strongly discourage our students from renting cars. New York has a lot of traffic and it's expensive to park here. EC staff can assist students with any transportation questions, including how to buy and use a MetroCard.

First Day

Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:30am on their first morning.

Students should bring the following to school with them on the first day:

- I-20 form(s) (F-1 student visa)
- pen and paper
- passport
- proof of health insurance (for the entire length of the program)

Placement Test

Following the welcome talk you will sit a placement test. The placement test assesses your key skills in English and helps us place you in the right group for your ability. The test evaluates you in all skills: reading, speaking, listening, and writing. Students are tested from 9am to 10:15am and then invited to take a break and enjoy a Welcome Breakfast where they will have a chance to meet other new students.

After the welcome breakfast, you will attend an orientation session where you will receive details about our school, the activities, the accommodations, transportation, and visa regulations. Depending on which course you've signed up for (General English, Semi-Intensive, or Intensive), you may start school on the first day at 12:45 or the following day.

Handbook

As a student, you will be given a handbook during orientation on the first day of class. This Handbook contains student information including school regulations, immigration policies, a NYC Subway Map, Monthly Student Activity Program, Student ID Card, and local maps of the School and Residence Neighborhoods.

Lessons

At EC New York, there are 3 timetable options when studying General, Semi-Intensive and Intensive lessons

- 20 lessons per week (15 hours) - **General English**. Students are assigned a morning or afternoon bank upon arrival.
- 24 Lessons per week (18 hours) - **Semi-Intensive English**. Elective lessons take place twice weekly between 12:45 and 14:15 in combination with General English courses.
- 30 Lessons per week (22.5 hours) - **Intensive English**. Elective lessons take place Monday through Friday from 12:45 to 14:15 in combination with General English courses.

Students attending General English will not be able to apply for an I-20. Students should apply for an I-20 if they are registering for more than 20 lessons. If students do choose to apply for an I-20, the minimum registration is 1 week.

Double Banking Timetable Explained

During busy periods EC New York uses an alternative timetable, called Double Banking. Put simply, all students attend either Bank A or Bank B for the duration of their stay.

EC New York Double Banking Timetable					
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
08:45 - 10:15	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK				
10:30 - 12:00	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A
12:00 -12:45	LUNCH BREAK				
12:45 - 14:15	ELECTIVES				
14:15 - 14:30	BREAK				
14:30 - 16:00	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B
16:00 - 16:15	BREAK				
16:15 - 17:45	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B	General English Bank A	General English Bank B

