

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - AIRPORTS, PENN STATION, AND GRAND CENTRAL

AIRPORTS: If you have a choice, book your flight to/from [JFK Airport](#) rather than LaGuardia or Newark. It is closest to the Hofstra campus. Some families prefer a smaller [MacArthur Airport](#) in Islip, Long Island.

FROM JFK AIRPORT TO HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Travel time to Hofstra campus depends on the time of the day and train shuttle connections, but it is about 1.5 hours: take the AirTrain from the airport to Jamaica station and then take a Long Island Railroad (LIRR) train east. At Jamaica Station, purchase a train ticket at the LIRR station counter, at the machine, or on the [TrainTime app](#) before boarding the train to Hempstead or Mineola stations. You can see potential trains and accompanying transfers as well as purchase your ticket on the app. Tickets bought on board the train are more expensive.

FROM HOFSTRA TO JFK AIRPORT

Take Hofstra's Train Shuttle to the Hempstead (during the day) or the Mineola (morning, evening, or night) Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train station. Purchase train tickets at the station counter, machine, or [TrainTime App](#) before boarding the train. Tickets bought on board the train are more expensive. Get off at Jamaica station in Queens and take the overpass to Airtrain. Take the AirTrain from Jamaica to your flight's JFK terminal. Allow about 1.5 hours from the residence hall to JFK. On Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Hofstra shuttle makes three trips from the campus directly to JFK. Your student should regularly check their Pride email account for information.

FROM HOFSTRA TO LAGUARDIA (LGA) AIRPORT

Take Hofstra's Train Shuttle to the Hempstead or the Mineola Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train station. Purchase train tickets at the station counter, at the machine or on the [TrainTime app](#) before boarding the train. Take LIRR to the Woodside Station, Queens. Take the MTA 070 Limited bus to LaGuardia. Many LIRR trains make Woodside as a regular stop. If not, customers can change at Jamaica Station for a train to Woodside. Allow about 2.5 hours from campus to LGA.

FROM HOFSTRA TO PENN STATION, MANHATTAN

Take Hofstra's train shuttle to the Hempstead or Mineola Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) Train Station. Mineola is preferable. The Mineola station is on the mainline branch, which includes Port Jefferson, Ronkonkoma, and Oyster Bay lines, whose trains go directly into Penn Station. Campus shuttle buses are scheduled to meet incoming trains during the day and outgoing in the evening. Purchase train tickets at the counter, on the [TrainTime app](#) or at the machine before boarding the train to avoid paying more on board. The Hempstead line goes to Penn Station and Grand Central Station (Manhattan), and Atlantic Terminal (Brooklyn). If the train is heading to Atlantic Terminal, you will need to transfer to a Penn Station train at Jamaica Station, Queens. You can see transfers on the *TrainTime* app or you can ask the conductor. When transferring take your ticket with you. When you arrive at Penn Station, the signs will guide you to Amtrak or New Jersey Transit PATH trains if you are continuing your travel. If staying in the city, the following subway lines can be found at Penn Station: A, C, E (34th Street and 8th Avenue) and 1, 2, 3 (34th Street and 7th Avenue). Allow about 1.5 hours from campus to Penn Station.

FROM HOFSTRA TO GRAND CENTRAL STATION

Take Hofstra's Train Shuttle to the Hempstead or the Mineola Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) train station. Purchase train tickets at the station counter, machine, or on the [TrainTime app](#) before boarding the train to avoid paying more on board. The Hempstead line has a direct train to the Grand Central Station. If leaving from Mineola Station, you can take a Penn Station train and transfer, at Jamaica, to a Grand Central train. The *TrainTime* App or a conductor will inform you of necessary transfers.

SCHEDULES AND INFORMATION

[Hofstra Train Shuttle](#). Please note the different schedules for Mineola and Hempstead train stations.
[Long Island Rail Road \(LIRR\) train/ MTA subway/bus schedules and fares](#)
[AirTrain to JFK](#)

TAXI SERVICES

Do not take a NYC yellow cab to/from the airport. Yellow cabs charge more when going outside the New York City limits. Use an online app such as Uber or Lyft or take a "black" cab. Many drivers are unfamiliar with campus buildings. We suggest that your students know the exact location of their destination and pickup and a precise pickup time. Following are the "black" cab companies Hofstra students have been using: **All Island Taxi 516-481-1111 | Long Island Checker Cab 516-746-4666**

UBER & LYFT : Download the [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#) app to make an account. Rides may be ordered on demand or scheduled in advance.

CAR SHARING: Hofstra students may [join Zipcar](#), a car-sharing alternative.