



OFFICE: THE CENTER FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (BEATTY 026A)

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Q: How can I get a student discount on a T-Pass?

A: The MBTA offers a Semester Pass program for college students. If you pre-pay for the 4 months of the semester, you save 15% overall. All commuters receive email communications with reminders once the passes go on sale, and flyers are posted around campus. Passes provide you unlimited access to transportation, including evenings and weekends.

- For payment information & more, visit mbta.wit.edu
- Deadline to purchase fall semester pass: August 10th
- Deadline for spring semester pass: December 10th
- If you miss the deadline for a semester pass, but still need to use the MBTA, you can load a monthly pass at a kiosk at most T stations. It is recommended to ask an MBTA attendant for a plastic Charlie Card, as opposed to printing a paper one from the machines, because fare on the cards is 50 cents cheaper!
- The MBTA's "Student Discount" refers to high school-aged students & younger
- The MBTA does not provide a discount for the summer semester

Q: How can I park on campus?

A: Parking permits cost \$200 per semester and can be purchased on LConnect before classes begin or in the Student Service Center in Williston Hall any time thereafter.

- Parking Permits give you access to Parker, Annex & North lots 7 am-10 pm, and West Lot 3- 10 pm.
- Only want to drive in every now and then? You can pay \$8 to park at campus for one day or night.

Q: Where can I be productive on campus as a commuter?

A: There are many quiet spaces around campus that allow students to concentrate on studying, homework or projects. Current commuters recommend these quiet places to do homework:

- Library and study group rooms
- Flanagan Campus Center (Ground & 1st floor of Beatty Hall)
 - Back of the cafeteria, breakout spaces, and pavilion seating
- Ira Allen lobby and study rooms and open forum
- Empty classrooms and conference rooms around campus
- The Center for Academic Excellence (4th floor, Beatty Hall)
- Any Colleges of the Fenway campus spaces and libraries with your WIT ID
- Meet up with friends in their residence halls

Q: Where can I store things on campus during the day?

A: Free lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on the first day of class in September at the Info Hub on the ground floor of Beatty Hall. Lockers are great places to store supplies, snacks, an umbrella for surprise weather changes, etc.

Q: Who are the Commuter Assistants (CAs) and how do they help students?

A: CAs are student employees who build community among commuters by providing fun programs throughout the year. They connect you to new people and are experienced, knowledgeable commuters- a great resource!

- Meet your CAs at any of our weekly programs: Commuter Coffee Break, Commuter Connection, & Faculty Lunch
- Program times vary, but are available on flyers, in the Campus Update via email, or by asking anyone in the Center for Student Engagement.

Q: How can I be involved in student organizations, fun activities, and meet new people?

A: Wentworth student orgs and departments host events and meetings you may be interested in and that will enhance your experience. Stay on campus after class at least 1 night/week to attend a club meeting, or a campus event.

- Read emails regularly to find out what is happening on campus (There's a weekly campus update!)
- Get involved with a club that interests you. Stop by the Center for Student Engagement for info.
- Participate in campus events.
 - Introduce yourself and spend time at events instead of just "stopping by."
 - You are more likely to meet new people if you stay longer and actively participate.
- Consider intramurals sports or other opportunities through Colleges of the Fenway.

Q: Will commuting impact my academic success?

A: Good time management and understanding your priorities is key to successful commuting. Managing your academic, social and family responsibilities takes planning and organization. Take time to come up with weekly and monthly plans to stay on top of work.

- Use a planner, calendar, and/or phone app to list homework and project due dates from your syllabus.
- Review your class syllabus weekly to see what is coming up and how you can best prepare.
- Do homework on campus before heading home or complete assignments between classes.
- Utilize professors' office hours and email to keep in contact and get help outside of class.
- The campus center, cafe, library, studios and learning center have extensive hours.

Q: What do most commuters do for meals on campus?

A: Meal plans are available, but not required. Many commuter students only eat 1-2 meals each day on campus. Many commuters purchase food in the cafeteria or at nearby restaurants using a debit card or cash.

- You may purchase a meal plan through the Student Service Center or on LConnect
- You may also load money on to your WIT ID called "Fenway Cash." Fenway Cash can be used for a variety of purchases and can be a good budgeting tool for families. Visit www.fenwaycard.com

Q: What services does Public Safety offer?

A: Public Safety is our on-call campus police that can be reached at 617-989-4400. Program this number into your phone in case of an emergency. Public Safety helps commuters get safely to and from campus.

- Public Safety offers complimentary escorts to walk you to your car or the nearest t-stop.
- Blue lights are located in and around campus to contact emergency and info services quickly if in need.
- Text message alerts are available through RAVE (notification system) to alert students of campus closures, lock downs or police action. Sign up for RAVE texts through LConnect.
- Open and accessible 24/7 by phone, email or by walking into their building in 610 Huntington Ave.

Answers provided by current commuter students and the Center for Student Engagement.



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