

## **Dorm and Meeting Space**

The dorm is located at the corner of George and Seminary. Map attached. The meetings will be in the building adjacent to the dorm, AB1170 (East Wing, closest to the dorm). Breakfast and lunch will be served there as well.

## **Weather**

The weather is hot, with highs usually near 90, and lows in the upper 60's, and moderately humid. Extended periods of rain are unusual, but afternoon/evening thunderstorms are common. Bring an umbrella.

## **Arrival by train**

There is easy access from Newark Airport to New Brunswick via NJ Transit from Newark Airport. You can take the "Air Train" monorail to the train at the airport. Cost to New Brunswick is \$15. The dorm is just a 5-6 minute walk from the station. When you exit the train, walk to the back and take the stair down. You'll be on George St., walk along George to the dorm. Map attached.

## **Arrival by car**

If you are coming by car, or renting a car at the airport, there are a few things to be aware of.

From the airport – you'll want to get on the turnpike SOUTH. Look for the sign:



Some GPS units will tell you to get on Interstate 95. However, I-95 and the turnpike are the same thing, but there are almost no signs indicating that (i.e. no indication at all of I-95). You'll want to take Exit 9. Exits are numbered sequentially, not by mileage. So exits 13A (airport) to 11 are pretty close together, but there are several miles between 10 and 9, then it's really far to 8A, so if you miss 9, you've got a ways to go before you can do a U-turn. When you exit the turnpike take Route 18 North to get to the main campus.

The turnpike, I-287, Route 1, Route 18, and Route 27 intersect near New Brunswick, which, coupled with the Raritan river which limits exits, means the area is rather crowded and traffic can be quite heavy and slow. In addition, absolute directions get very confused in the vicinity of New Brunswick. That is, Route 18 North goes west, Route 27 North goes east, I-287 South goes east for the section north of New Brunswick, and north to the west of New Brunswick. Look at a map. It's not that bad, but nonetheless can be confusing if you aren't aware of it.

Once on 18 North, look for the exit to George St. This is an exit to the right which crosses back over 18. It comes to a light, turn right onto George. Parking is in a parking deck toward the end of George. There is no indication whatsoever for the entry to the deck. The entry is just before a "Y" in the road. Aerial view attached.

## **New Brunswick Restaurants**

There are many restaurants at all cost levels within a mile or so of the dorm, mainly on Easton (very close to the dorm) and on or just off George St (near the train station). Some more notable ones:

*Stuff Yer Face* – 49 Easton: very popular with students. Specialty is the “Stromboli”, basically a sandwich with stuffings wrapped in pizza dough and baked. It’s big, probably has about 1500 calories. Celebrity chef Mario Batali got his start here.

*RUHungry* – The Yard (Hamilton and College Ave): A long tradition at Rutgers are the “grease trucks”, specialty is the “Fat Sandwich”, designed for people who thought the Stromboli was too small. When the parking lot home of the trucks was turned into apartments (The Yard) with the first floor filled with restaurants, RUHungry opened up with the food truck menu.

*Mamoun’s Falafel*—58 Easton. Popular with students. Good quality for price. No alcohol.

*Evelyns* -- 45 Easton: Middle Eastern food. Has a very nice outdoor area behind. Food is pretty good, and prices are reasonable. Has alcohol.

*Old Man Rafferty’s* -- 106 Albany: Large place, variety of food, pretty good quality at a reasonable price.

*Harvest Moon* – 392 George: Collaboration dinner will be here. Food is good, American standards. Brews their own beer (and only their own beer available, but full bar). Beers change but usually a good variety. Reasonable prices.

There are several pretty expensive places that are also very good.

*Steakhouse 85* (85 Church) has great steaks, but at \$48 (for most) plus sides extra, it’s not a bargain. However, it has a great happy hour, which includes 5 oysters for \$5 (4-6 pm).

*The Frog & The Peach* (29 Dennis) is a really nice, elegant place. You’ll pay \$35-\$50 plus drinks. The name comes from a *Beyond the Fringe* (the older of you may remember them) sketch about a restaurant that only serves frogs and peaches.

*Clydz* (55 Paterson): An interesting place with an extensive Martini menu. But it’s most notable feature is that they have several game food items on the menu. It varies, but they’ve had things like rattlesnake sausage, or dishes with alligator. I had yak there once (very good actually).

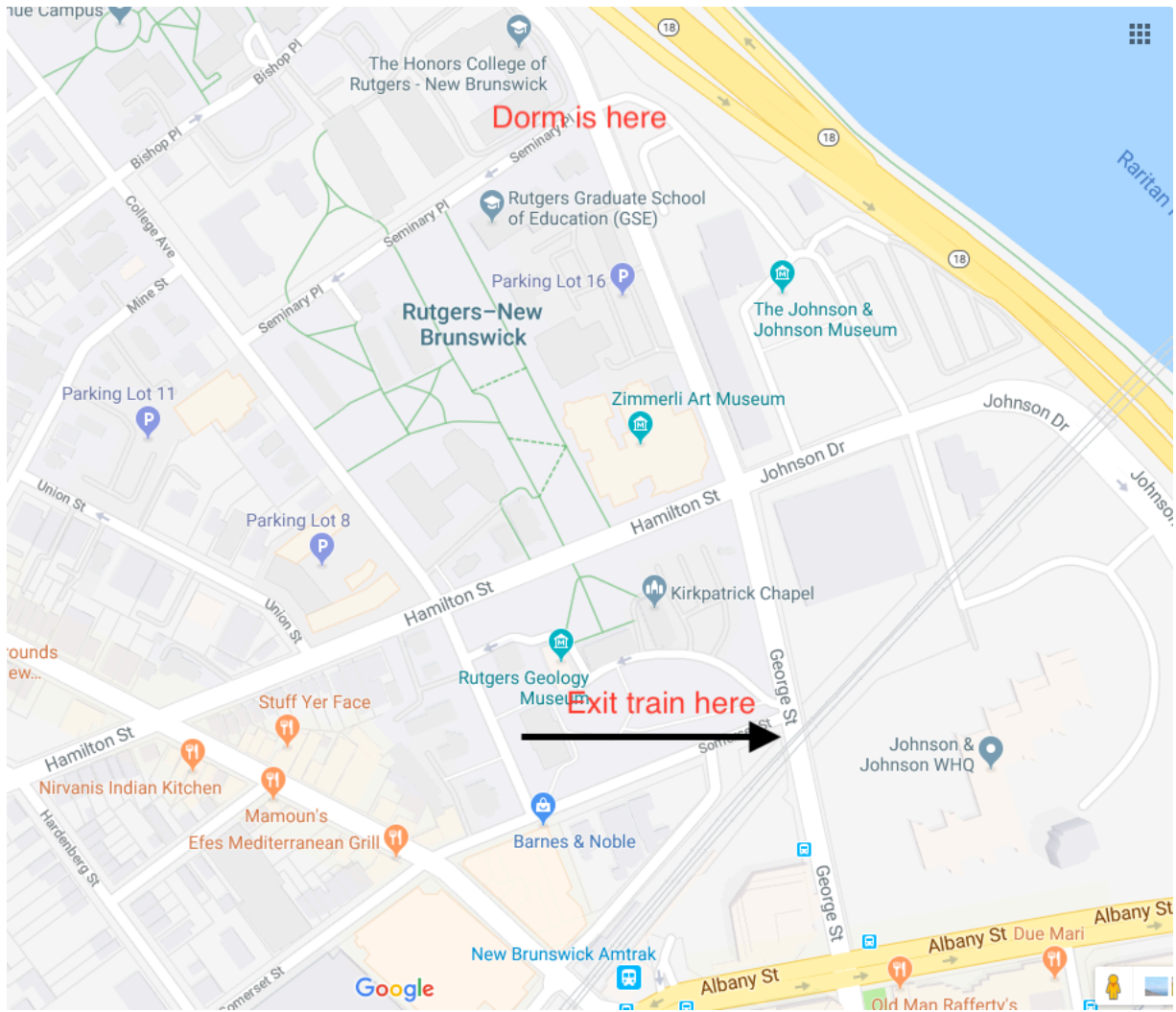
## **New York City**

By far the easiest way to get to NYC is by train. NJ Transit stops in New Brunswick, and there are many trains per day (about 5 per hour at rush hour, two per hour mid-day and evening). It takes about an hour. Fare is \$14 each way (\$6.25 if you are over 62). You buy tickets from vending machines at the train station. Be sure to select NEW YORK Penn station. The station in NEWARK is also called Penn Station. All trains go to NYC. When you return you'll look for the Northeast Corridor line. Most, but not all, trains stop in New Brunswick. Schedules are posted and there is an easy to use free app for your phone.

The easiest way to get around the city is by subway and foot. The subways are easy to use and safe. Subways run frequently (about every 10-15 minutes), and are by far the fastest way to get around. Buses are only marginally faster than walking. The city is pretty safe all around these days, especially lower Manhattan, where most sites of interest are.

There are of course many things to see, and your best bet is to search guide books for what interests you the most. The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History are both great and well worth the visit. You can easily spend a whole day in either. The Intrepid Aircraft Carrier Museum (an actual aircraft carrier) and the Frick House (very cool house with an exceptional collection of art) are two sites worth a visit that you may not have heard of.

As iconic as it is, the one thing I would say is not worth it for a shorter visit, is the visit to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, unless you have some personal connection to Ellis Island. It takes a long time (you have to take a ferry, which first goes to Ellis Island, then to the Statue), and isn't interesting enough (in my view) to justify the time on a one or two day stop. The best view of the Statue, and lower Manhattan, is actually from the Staten Island Ferry. You can take the ferry to Staten Island and back, 25 minutes each way, and it is free!



Parking garage on the upper left, entry is the second road.

