



Office of International Programs

400 South Orange Avenue

South Orange, NJ 07079

Presidents Hall, Room 9

Phone: 973-761-9072

Fax: 973-275-2383

Email: oiip@shu.edu

International Student Welcome Guide

Local embassies and phone numbers

Nearly every country has a consulate to represent their government in New York City. You can get information about your country's local consulate by calling 311 or searching on the internet for the contact information. They will often offer services such as replacing or renewing passports.

Local Weather cycles

In New Jersey, the weather throughout the year will fluctuate from as cold as 0° F (-17° C) in January or as hot as 100° F (37.7° C) in July. Here are some key points about the weather in New Jersey:

- **Hurricanes are dangerous wind/rain storms** that can damage homes and cause flooding. Please take them seriously and try not to go out if one hits our area (season runs from June to December).
- During the winter, **ice can be very dangerous** so please take your time walking around campus, especially on uneven ground or snow covered ground where ice is hard to see. The chance for snowfall is from early November and will go until mid-March.
- **The coldest month for our area is January.** Please make sure to dress appropriately, as it is dangerous to be underdressed in extreme cold, even if you don't feel cold. Please take care if you choose to play in the snow as well, as you can get frostbite if you are not careful.
- **The hottest month for our area is July.** Again, dressing appropriately is important. Also, make sure to drink plenty of water and carry extra with you, so you do not get dehydrated.

Off Campus Housing

There are several methods for renting a place in and around the South Orange area while you study at Seton Hall. Here are some tips to help guide you:

- **Renting a room in a house** – many large houses in South Orange will offer a room to rent, and will either include the cost of utilities. May require sharing cleaning duties with others in the house (such as taking turns cleaning the bathroom).
- **Roommates** – many students that live off campus will have roommates to help defer costs. There will be some postings around campus of those looking to share an apartment or you may live with some students already

renting a house in town. Fellow classmates can be a great source of information if you are in need of a place to stay, especially your fellow international students.

- **Local towns** – Since SHU has the South Orange train station nearby, you can look for rental places in cities nearby that are on the train line. **Maplewood, Milburn, Short Hills, and Summit** are all nearby and good areas to live. **Hoboken and Jersey City** are a bit further away, but is another good option since it does actually put you closer to NYC.
- **Housing websites** – You can use apartmentguide.com, bestrentnj.com, or trulia.com to look up local apartments, costs, amenities, and there will be contact information. Sometimes you can use Airbnb.com for shorter rentals. *Seton Hall University is not affiliated with any of these websites.*

Banks

1. **Bank of America** – 8 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 761-4018 – Large US national bank, has special offers for SHU students since SHU is affiliated with them. To open a free checking account, only need \$25 cash, SHU ID, and Passport. Will receive debit card upon opening of account.
2. **Chase Bank** – 18 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 763-3943 – Large US national bank. For students under the age of 24, to open free checking account, only need \$25 cash, Passport, and I-20 or DS-2019. Will receive debit card upon opening of an account.
3. **PNC Bank** -76 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 275-5502 – Large US national bank. For students, to open a free checking account, only need \$25 cash, passport, foreign address, and I-20 or DS-2019. Will receive debit card upon opening of an account.

Traveling to local cities and within South Orange, NJ

1. **SHU Fly** – Our shuttle will take you around campus and will stop off campus at certain times and locations, such as Rite Aid, Pathmark, and the South Orange NJ Transit station. Throughout this guide we have noted using a **blue highlight** to show the various SHUFLY stops. Please go to <http://www.shu.edu/offices/parking-services/shufly.cfm> for the most updated schedule and times.
2. **Saferide** – Available to all SHU students, you just need to show your ID to be able to use the service. Offered as a late night option to take you to within a few miles of campus when you don't want to walk for safety concerns. Those wishing to avail themselves of this escort service should respond to the Public Safety building (behind Corrigan hall) and request a ride at the service window. Return transportation can be arranged by calling Public Safety at (973) 761-7550.
3. **NJ Transit** – can take you into New York City or down into Southern NJ and Philadelphia area. Taxis are often available at any stop, should you need one. Our closest station is the South Orange station (**a SHU Fly stop**) on the Morris and Essex line. You can go to www.njtransit.com for more information and schedules.

Personal Hygiene

1. **Indulgence Day Spa** - 61 S Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 821-5609 – Nail care, waxing, massage therapy, skin care and facials.
2. **Supercuts** - 7 Sloan St, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-2800 – Great place for an inexpensive haircut. Full service hair salon for both men and women. **This is one of SHUFLY's location stops.**
3. **Jewels Studio** - 313 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-5300 – Salon geared more towards female clientele. Full service salon offering, cutting, curling/straightening, coloring, conditioning.

Shipping / Postal Services

1. **UPS Store** - 4 S Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 821-5380 – Store that you can pack and ship items anywhere in the world.
2. **United States Postal Service (USPS)** - 31 Vose Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-2872 – Store that run by the US government that has packing and shipping materials and where items can be mailed all over the world. There is also a location on campus in Mooney Hall, but they only accept Pirate’s Gold or personal check.

Supermarkets

1. **Ashley Marketplace** - 1 S Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079 - (973) 762-5200 – High-end grocery store offering regular groceries as well as high-end cheeses, breads, meat, and fish. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
2. **Kam Man Supermarket** – 200 New Jersey 10, East Hanover, NJ 07936 (973) 503-1770- offering Asian specific items, particularly Chinese items, as well as regular grocery store items.
3. **H-Mart** - 1761 Rt-27, Edison, NJ 08817, (732) 339-1530 - offering Asian specific items, particularly Korean items, as well as regular grocery store items. Also within the same lot are several Korean and Chinese restaurants ranging from Korean BBQ to Chinese Hotpot.
4. **East West Foodmart**- 67 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, (973) 748-0030 – Asian supermarket offering a wide variety of all different kinds of Asian specialty food items.
5. **Stop & Shop** - 407 Valley St, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-6608 – Large supermarket offering a wide variety of groceries, both premade meals and food for cooking. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
6. **Whole Foods** - 2245 Springfield Ave., Vauxhall, NJ 07088, (908) 688-1455 – Large supermarket offering a wide variety groceries, but also have more options for specialty meats, breads, spices, and many organic offerings. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
7. **Royal India Grocery and Catering** - 116 Broughton Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, (973) 748-6100 – Indian based supermarket offering a variety of Indian products. Has a daily fresh selection of Nan breads from their Tandoor.

Shopping

1. **The Mall at Short Hills** – 1200 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills, NJ 07078, (973) 376-7350 - has expensive items like Coach and LV, high end clothes, but some regular stores too (better for more expensive gifts and things of that nature).
2. **Livingston Mall** - 112 Eisenhower Pkwy, Livingston, NJ 07039, (973) 994-9390 – more leisure and fun items as well as clothes. Also the closet mall to SHU. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
3. **Rite Aid** - 139 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 275-3845 – has most any daily use items you can need. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
4. **Walmart** - 900 Springfield Rd, Union, NJ 07083, (908) 624-0644 – has many daily use items, clothing, and home goods. Also has good selection of electronics and seasonal items.
5. **Target** - 2235 Springfield Ave, Vauxhall, NJ 07088, (908) 622-9002- Has plenty of options for everyday use items, some grocery items, and some clothes as well. **This is one of SHUFLY’s location stops.**
6. **Jersey Gardens** – 651 Kapkowski Rd, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, (908) 354-5900 - A large mall that has many different shopping options. Many of these stores have better discounts and are larger than your average store. Also many different eateries and a movie theater are available.

7. **Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets** - 498 Red Apple Ct, Central Valley, NY 10917, (845) 928-4000 – Multiple shops that range for high-end designers to regular clothing stores. Great for high-end goods with large discounts, as these stores often offer great sales. Also great for buying gifts.

Restaurants

1. **Blue Ocean Chinese Restaurant** - 314 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ, (973) 761-9888 – take out Chinese food and delivery.
2. **Tung Tin Restaurant** - 315 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ, (973) 763-3232 – take out Chinese food and delivery.
3. **Ariyoshi** - 56 W South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ, (973) 378-8818 – Japanese sit down restaurant and sushi bar
4. **Harusame Restaurant** - 63 Academy St, South Orange, NJ, (973) 762-4988 – Japanese sit down restaurant and sushi bar, also has all you can eat sushi where you pay a set price and can eat as much as you want. Has a delivery option.
5. **Bon Chon** - 1045 Stuyvesant Ave, Union, NJ, (908) 258-0606 – Korean sit down restaurant famous for a special fried chicken dish.
6. **Toro Loco** - 23 Valley St, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 761-1515 – Mexican/Southwestern cuisine, sit down restaurant.
7. **Gaslight Brewery** - 15 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-7077 – Brewery/Pub specializing in unique and locally made beers. Also has wide selection of food, ranging from American to German options. **This is one of SHUFLY's location stops.**
8. **Cold Stone** – 3 Sloan St, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-1835 - specialty ice cream shop. Has a variety of ice cream cakes, cupcakes, and ice cream sundaes. Will also personalize cakes for special occasions. **This is one of SHUFLY's location stops.**
9. **Falafel-ly Yours** - 50 W South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 313-1333 – Specializes in Middle Eastern cuisine, specifically Moroccan food. Also offers delivery.
10. **Lalibela Ethiopian Restaurant** - 261 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 327-4840 – Ethiopian take out and sit down restaurant. Also offer a great spread of vegetarian and vegan options.
11. **Munchie's** - 307 Irvington Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 821-5471 – Offering of Jamaican and Caribbean style food.
12. **Tandoori Chef 2 - Authentic Indian Cuisine** - 6 Highland Pl, Maplewood, NJ 07040, (973) 763-6770 - Warm standby for traditional Northern Indian meals & Chinese-Indian dishes, plus a lunch buffet.
13. **Pandang** - 8-12 Village Plaza, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 763-6668 – Fusion of Thai, Japanese, and Chinese food, but mostly focusing on Thai food. Also offers spicy meal options.
14. **Bunny's** - 14 W South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 763-1377 – Sports bar offering pizza and regular dinner food such as hamburgers. Relaxed atmosphere with plenty of TV's to watch games on. **This is one of SHUFLY's location stops.**
15. **Reservior Restaurant** - 106 W South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079, (973) 762-9795 – Italian style restaurant. Best pizza in the local area. Cash only. **This is one of SHUFLY's location stops.**

NEARBY CITIES AND THEIR OFFERINGS

1. **Edison, NJ** – A city in NJ featuring many Asian inspired restaurants, shopping, and supermarkets. Primarily Chinese with some Korean and Indian places as well.

2. **Princeton, NJ** – home to Princeton University, one of the nation’s top Ivy League university. A town rich in history and sites. For a short period of time served as the nation’s capital.
3. **Trenton, NJ** – New Jersey’s state capital and home to all of the states’ political power and government offices.
4. **Fort Lee, NJ** – great area in NJ near the Hudson River with nice views of NYC. Large Asian community here with many Asian restaurants and one of the only Japanese market places and shopping areas in NJ, called Mitsuwa.
5. **Hoboken, NJ** – NJ Path train with quick access to NYC, as well as NJ Transit conveniently located in the city. Located on the Hudson River, there are a few parks, most notably the Frank Sinatra Park and the Pier A park that offer excellent views of NYC.
6. **Newark, NJ** – The largest city near South Orange, NJ. Offers many different historical and cultural sites. The NJPAC is a theater in downtown Newark, hosting many different events such as plays and classical orchestra concerts. Also, the Prudential Center, where our very own Seton Hall Pirates basketball team plays, is in Newark. They also have large scale concerts and events as well.
7. **New York City, NY** – Largest city in the US. Many different cultural sites, museums, restaurants, events, and historical sites. Use www.nycgo.com for the official guide on everything NYC.
8. **Washington, D.C.** – National capital of the United States. Many historical sites and museums. The White House, where the President lives and works, is located here too.
9. **Boston, MA** – Home to many historical sites from the early days of the US. Sitting right on the Boston Harbor in the Massachusetts Bay, the views from the city are great. Boston has a special annual events focusing on sailboats and historical boating as well. Within the greater Boston area sits Harvard university, one the US’s top Ivy League schools.

Local attractions

1. **Statue of Liberty** – Iconic national monument located on Liberty Island. Reachable by ferry. Go to <http://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm> for more information.
2. **Empire State Building** –The Empire State Building is a 103-story skyscraper located in Midtown Manhattan, New York City, at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and West 34th Street. Go to <http://www.esbnyc.com/> for more information.
3. **Madame Tussauds** - 234 W 42nd St, New York, NY 10036, (866) 841-3505 - Lifelike wax figures of celebrities, historical figures & more plus interactive theater experience.
4. **Freedom Tower / 9/11 memorial** – The Freedom Tower, soaring above the city at 1,776 feet, One World Trade Center is America's tallest building - and an indelible New York landmark. At ground level right next to the Freedom tower is the 9/11 memorial.
5. **Turtle Back Zoo** – 560 Northfield Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052, (973) 731-5800 - Voted #1 Zoo in New Jersey with over 15 exhibits representing animals from around the world.
6. **Brooklyn Botanical Gardens** – 990 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225, (718) 623-7200 - Beautiful 52-acre botanic garden in the heart of Brooklyn housing many different plants from all over the world.
7. **Jersey Shore** – up and down the east coast in New Jersey are many towns where you can go to swim in the ocean. Some of the more local beaches (starting at about an hour by car from SHU) are Sandy Hook, Sea Bright, Monmouth Beach, Point Pleasant, Seaside, and Long Brach. If you go all the way to the farthest most southern point in NJ (about 3 hours by car) you will reach Cape May, which is a great historic beach town, with many old Victorian style homes and a small town America feel.

Bars/clubs

If you go to a bar or club, make sure to have an ID with you or check ahead of time with the establishment if you need ID to get in. In the US, **the drinking age is 21 or older**, and it is against the law to drink below that age and it can create big problems for your status should you get arrested for it (of course it is against school policy too, and you can be expelled from school for underage drinking). It is still a good idea to bring ID even if you don't plan to drink, as some bars and nightclubs only allow someone 21 or older into their establishments.

Bars and clubs can be dangerous, so be careful and try to go with friends. Also, if you do bring your passport to act as your ID, be very careful with it that you do not lose it or it does not get stolen.

Local Hotels

1. **Best Western Turtle Brook Inn** - 555 Northfield Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052, (973) 731-5300 – Nice local hotel about 20 minutes from Seton Hall, right on the end of South Mountain near Turtle Back Zoo.
2. **Hilton Short Hills** - 41 John F Kennedy Pkwy, Short Hills, NJ 07078, (973) 379-0100 – Mid range upscale hotel right next to Short Hills Mall, about 20 minutes from Seton Hall.

Local Religious Offerings

1. **Roman Catholic Church** – Seton Hall University has a Roman Catholic Church on campus for all to attend. Please check this link for mass schedule: <http://www.shu.edu/events/mass-schedule.cfm>. It is located next to President's Hall and the University Green.
2. **Masjid Imam Ali K. Muslim** - 253 - 255 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, (973) 732-0769 – Local Mosque
3. **Mahayana Temple Buddhist Association** - 133 Canal St, New York, NY 10002, (212) 925-8787 – Local Buddhist Temple
4. **Ukrainian Orthodox Church** - 652 Irvington Ave, Maplewood, NJ, (973) 763-7644 – Local Christian Orthodox Church
5. **Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel** - 432 Scotland Rd, South Orange, NJ, (973) 763-3793 – Local Jewish Temple

Other helpful websites – *Seton Hall University is not affiliated with any of these websites.*

1. **Sovillagecenter.org** - South Orange Village website, with information about the local area and events that are going on
2. **GrubHub.com** - website that allows you to order food online from nearby restaurants and carryout places
3. **Yelp.com** - website for reviews on restaurants and shops
4. **Groupon.com** - website for local deals on anything
5. **Amazon.com, Ebay.com** - websites that sell textbooks and a variety of other things
6. **Half.com, Chegg.com** - websites that sell used textbooks
7. **Eventbrite.com** - website for special discounted events for SHU students and other events