

## Welcome to the Graduate College!

The Graduate College House Committee (GCHC) welcomes you to the Graduate College (GC) community. We hope this packet of information will make your adjustment to graduate life at Princeton a bit smoother. Graduate school may prove to be an academic challenge, but since we cannot make classes any easier, we work at making life outside of the classroom more enjoyable. The House Committee is a volunteer board of fourteen graduate students that makes use of your student dues to provide activities and services to the members of the Graduate College House, i.e. you!

The House Committee's work ranges from planning social events to providing firewood in the common areas. We can generally be reached at [gchouse@princeton.edu](mailto:gchouse@princeton.edu); if you would like to report a specific problem with Graduate College facilities (e.g. the GC laundry machines), the fastest way is to email [gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu). The Committee also maintains a [website \(http://gchc.princeton.edu/\)](http://gchc.princeton.edu/) with useful information about life at the Graduate College, including an online copy of this Guide with hyperlinks included. House Committee elections are held in the Fall. If you like what we do, we hope that you will consider joining us down the road!

You will find that the GC holds many pleasant surprises. Where else can you have an unlimited buffet for dinner during the week, Sunday brunch, among other perks; conveniently hang out in the bar in the basement playing pool with your friends; live with about 400 interesting and intelligent scholars; play soccer, tennis, basketball, and volleyball; learn how to play a carillon; and enjoy an entire social program every week? You can even experiment with ant colonies on your windowsill, as the physicist Richard Feynman did when he was here. The facilities of the Old GC and New GC are available to any resident of the GC or Annexes, including non-resident members of the Graduate College with only a few exceptions as noted in the Guide. Enjoy all that the GC has to offer, and fall in love with the cozy atmosphere and beautiful Collegiate Gothic architecture.

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# Survival Essentials

## Porter's Lodge and Mailroom

In your first few days at the Graduate College, one of the places of primary importance will be the **Porter's Lodge** (609-258-3443, x8-3443). The Porter's Lodge is located in Entry 15, on the ground floor next to Cleveland Tower. The Porter's Lodge contains the GC Mailroom, and there are mailboxes lining the Porter's Lodge where you can pick up your regular mail. You can pick up packages from the staff inside the Lodge. Please be advised that the Porter's Lodge notifies students when a package arrives for them. If you have not received an email from the Porter's Lodge, your package has not arrived yet.

In addition, the Porter's Lodge manages the circulation of a variety of items. For instance, you can check out movies, vacuum cleaners, pool and sports equipment, board games, bicycle pumps, and more. Please contact the staff of the Porter's Lodge for additional information on the items that are in circulation. Service hours are posted on its **website** (<https://gradschool.princeton.edu/node/215526>). If you are not on campus you will need to connect to the Princeton network via **VPN** (<http://helpdesk.princeton.edu/kb/display.plx?ID=6023>) to have full viewing access to the Porter's Lodge site. Please be respectful of Lodge hours. During hours when the Lodge is officially closed, do not disturb the staff inside the Lodge who may be trying to catch up with work, or may be taking a much-needed break.

The Porter's Lodge is staffed during the day by the Graduate College Office Coordinator and during the evening and on weekends by students or casual staff. The Coordinator manages the student porters and casual staff in the evening hours. The Coordinator can be contacted at [lmclist@princeton.edu](mailto:lmclist@princeton.edu).

## Sending and receiving mail

Mail is to be picked up at the Porter's Lodge, where you will have an assigned box. Regardless of your room or mailbox number, your mailing address should follow the following format:

**First name Last name**  
**88 College Road West**  
**(Your room assignment)**  
**Princeton, NJ 08544**

Use of the 08540 zip code can misdirect your mail to another address. Be sure to tell your friends and family to address everything with your first name (given name), followed by your last name (family name), **written clearly in English**. For purposes of sorting mail correctly, you **must** notify the GC Office Coordinator if you use a nickname/English name instead of your official name. **Please include your mailbox number in your address** and ensure you update your address if your mailbox changes. Any mail/packages that does not include your mailbox number will be sent back. Also note that mail addressed to "The Graduate School" may end up at Clio Hall!

Once your package has been received and processed, you will receive an email to pick it up. Note that while the Lodge staff will sign for your incoming deliveries if they are present when the delivery is attempted, there are many times when the Lodge will be closed for various reasons. **If you have an urgent package arriving, it is your responsibility to arrange to meet the delivery agent to sign for your package.** It is also suggested that you contact the Lodge staff well in advance to alert the staff that you have an urgent package, so that they can do their best to receive it.

In the alcove outside the Porter's Lodge, there are slots for outgoing U.S. (including international) and Campus Mail. **Put the mail in the correct slot or risk it being lost to history!** Questions about mail delivery at the GC should be addressed to [lmclist@princeton.edu](mailto:lmclist@princeton.edu)

The nearest **USPS Post Office** is in 259 Nassau Street. Note that the USPS automated mailing machine may still be available a few hours after window service closes. If the line is too busy at the Post Office, you can try the **UPS Store** at 174 Nassau Street. The nearest **Fedex** dropoff point is located at 188 Nassau Street.

## Graduate School staff

**Kevin Fleming, Assistant Director of Residential Life** resides at the GC on behalf of the Graduate School and serves as our official liaison to other University offices (Housing, Graduate School, Dining Services, etc.). Kevin's office is located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Pyne Tower. You can contact Kevin by email at [kevinaf@princeton.edu](mailto:kevinaf@princeton.edu). He is the person to see if you have a seemingly insoluble conflict with your roommate or a neighbor, or if you are just feeling a bit lost, or overwhelmed by graduate school. Additionally, Kevin works with the Community Associates and the Assistant Dean for Student Life to provide a wide variety of social programs and events for graduate students. Contact Kevin if you have suggestions, concerns, or need to know something that wasn't covered by this guide.

**Assistant Dean for Student Life Lily Secora** can also be contacted for assistance. Lily Secora's office is located in Clio Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, and she can be contacted at [lsecora@princeton.edu](mailto:lsecora@princeton.edu) or **x8-3029** (609-258-3029) if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions about graduate life. Lily works on general graduate student life issues and provides support to individual students, plans events, and serves as an advisor to graduate student organizations.

**Lynne McClister, The GC Office Coordinator**, in addition to managing the Porter's Lodge, also coordinates some of the interaction between the Graduate School, Building Services and Housing. Feel free to contact the GC Office Coordinator if you have any general questions so that they can point you in the right direction.

Graduate student **Community Associates** (CA's) assist Kevin Fleming and Lily Secora in carrying out their duties. They plan and run social and community-building activities, such as trips, study breaks, movies, dances, orientations, information seminars, etc. They are a good resource and can be contacted regarding information on programs/activities at the University.

## University Facilities and Building Services

Janitorial services are provided by **Building Services**. They collect garbage before 7:30 a.m. on weekdays; **leave full waste and recycling bins just outside your door** and they will empty them for you. Do not simply leave your waste and recycling bins outside of your door all the time, or they may be confiscated and you will be without bins. Cans, paper, glass bottles, and plastic bottles should be rinsed out and then placed in the large grey recycling containers minus any caps or lids. **Recycling is mandated by state law**. Recycling is important and required. Residents who do not recycle will not get their trash picked up.

Also note that you should take any really large items to the dumpsters yourself: the dumpsters are located in the parking lot behind OGC Entry 10. If you leave large quantities of trash outside your door when you move out at the end of the year, you can get fined.

Building Services are also the people to call (**x8-3490**) if you need more **toilet paper, dirty shower curtain replacement** or **light bulbs** for your room; if you call in the morning, they'll usually arrive by the afternoon. In the meantime, if you are desperately in need of toilet paper or regular light bulbs, the Porter's Lodge may have a small supply on hand. Building Services will clean bathrooms accessible without entering student rooms—typically in the NGC and some OGC suites.

If you have a maintenance issue with your room, such as **bugs, broken windows, clogged drains, or insufficient heat in the winter**, call **x8-8000** to place a **University Facilities** work order. You can also place your work order request **online** (<https://facilities.princeton.edu/services/request-service>). However, if you spot a **major and urgent problem**, such as large-scale flooding or incessantly flushing toilets, call Public Safety (**x8-1000**) instead to report the issue.

A tip for dealing with OGC cockroaches: many come up through dry in-suite bathroom drains (i.e. drains other than your shower drain). Use clear packing tape to seal drains off.

## Moving and storage

At the end of the year, the undergraduates also operate a **Moving and Storage Agency** (<https://www.studentagenciesms.net/Articles.asp?ID=268> or call **609-258-4906**). Please enquire about their handling of fragile furniture if you have any.

You can store boxed items (no furniture or appliances) in the basement of the GC for the academic year or for the summer, on a space-available basis. Call Building Services at x8-3490 to schedule an appointment to have the storage room opened for you. There are many companies that also allow you to rent storage units on a monthly basis, such as [Access Self Storage](#)—share a large unit with friends to save money.

## Laundry

There are laundry rooms in both the New and Old Graduate Colleges. The OGC Laundry Room is located in the basement underneath the Porter's Lodge (go down the stairs directly across from the mailboxes, turn left at the bottom, and the washers and dryers are in the first room on the left). The NGC Laundry Room is in the basement of Entry 34.

Upon arrival at the Graduate College, you should have received a refillable laundry card. If you didn't, please contact Lynne McClister at the Porter's Lodge to request a new card. To fill the card, go to [www.sdirevalue.com](http://www.sdirevalue.com). For first time customers, click the "New Customer" link to register your card. You will need to assign your "CVA" Add Value Center device: for the Old Grad House, the CVA ID# is 1137, while the New Grad House CVA# is 1138. After you purchase a code to revalue your card, you should take your card and code to either the OGC or NGC laundry rooms (based on the device/CVA ID# you associated with your card), and insert your card and enter your code on the CVA device. Note: you must take the card to the device that you previously paired it with (via the CVA ID#). Both washing and drying cost \$1.25 per load.

Please be careful not to overload the washers, as small items of apparel may get sucked into the water pump. Overloading also leads to broken machines, which just make life more complicated for everybody. Also, **please clean out the dryer lint trap** before you run a load; otherwise, your clothes will dry more slowly. If you experience a problem, place the magnetic "machine broken" sign on the broken machine (you can usually find them on the walls), *and send a brief email to the House Committee Regular Facilities Officers ([gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu)) explaining the nature of the problem.* Alternatively, please report problems with washers/dryers via the [CSC Serviceworks Service App](#). All you need to do is scan the barcode of the problem machine (via the app) and select, from a drop-down menu, the associated problem. If you do log a problem via the app, please also email the [gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu) address to let us know that a problem has occurred. If refund is needed, you can submit a request at <https://www.cscsw.com/refund-request/>. Do not try to repair the machines by yourself. Tampering with the machines can be dangerous – you could be electrocuted!

Ironing boards are also provided. Please do not put your detergent bottles and laundry baskets on the ironing boards, because it gets the boards dirty. Finally, please be considerate of your fellow students and promptly remove your laundry from the machines after use. Loitering laundry should be placed in the House laundry baskets; **please do not remove the House laundry baskets from the laundry room**. It is the law of the jungle, and laundry can be removed from the machines by anyone, as soon as the cycle is done! If there are no baskets left, your clothes may end up on the floor.

There are two dry-cleaning places downtown: **Craft Cleaners** (225 Nassau St; 924-3242) and **Pristine Fine Dry Cleaners** (23 Spring St; 921-8700). In the Princeton Shopping Center there's **Signature Cleaners** (301 N Harrison St; 921-8222). If you've got a car, there are many more options, such as [Mayflower Cleaners](#) (55 State Rd; 924-5144).

## Fire regulations and health regulations

Carefully read the information you receive about fire regulations at the start of the term. The University has very stringent regulations regarding fire safety. There are several inspections per year and you'll be fined a lot of money for violations. **Candles and incense are not permitted** (and that includes birthday candles—however, you can apply to the Fire Marshal for a pricey one-time event permit if you so desire).

We are also generally **not allowed heat-producing appliances** in our rooms (including space heaters, mug warmers, halogen standing lamps, halogen desk lamps, etc.). Appliances we do use must be pre-approved by the Fire Marshal. Due to health regulations governing dormitories, we are also **not allowed cooking appliances** in our rooms (such as rice cookers, microwaves, etc.). Certain models of coffee makers and kettles are allowed by the University. Approved kettles, for example, must satisfy both fire and health regulations. We are also allowed several models of food-related appliances that are not deemed "cookware": coffeemakers, popcorn makers, etc. The precise list of

authorized heat-producing appliances can be found on the Housing Department [website \(https://hres.princeton.edu/policies/fire-safety-policies\)](https://hres.princeton.edu/policies/fire-safety-policies).

**Rooms in the Graduate College are subject to periodic unannounced checks to make sure that residents are in compliance.** Inspectors will knock, announce themselves, and then enter. They will walk around and do a visual inspection, but will not physically invade your privacy by digging through your desk drawers. They will leave you a note stating that they have performed an inspection, and explaining when you will receive a report of results. Violations will result in confiscation of the offending item, as well as a hefty fine. Note that you can also be cited for blocking the path to your emergency exits (main door or “e-door,” i.e. the alternative exit door some OGC rooms have); putting any kind of sign on your doors (including a sign that says “EXIT”—don’t try it); using an “outlet splitter” instead of a proper power strip; or for having a room so messy it’s a danger to your health.

**Carbon monoxide detectors** are installed in all OGC rooms. Do not move or unplug these without permission from the Fire Marshal. Housing is responsible for keeping these detectors and your smoke detectors in good working condition (i.e. testing them and regularly changing the batteries). You will be charged if your carbon monoxide detector is not in your room when you move out.

## Refrigerators/Freezers, Microwaves, MicroFridges

Each resident is allowed one small refrigerating appliance: i.e. you can have a stand-alone refrigerator or a stand-alone freezer, but not both. The capacity may not exceed **5.2 cubic feet**. Kegeators are not permitted.

**Regular microwaves are not allowed** in the Graduate College (due to the above). However, **MicroFridges** (which are a specific type of appliance that combines a refrigerator and microwave, and doesn’t use too much electricity) are allowed according to the regulations of the [Housing Department \(https://hres.princeton.edu/policies/fire-safety-policies\)](https://hres.princeton.edu/policies/fire-safety-policies).

## Fireplaces

Many OGC rooms have fireplaces. These fireplaces were sealed in 2004, as they were deemed **not safe** for use. The University has since chosen not to invest money in repairing and maintaining the private fireplaces in working order. However, the fireplaces in the OGC Common Room, and the NGC Common Room are regularly maintained, and you will often find students toasting marshmallows by the fire on a cold winter’s night. **Remember to turn the ventilation fan on** if you make a fire.

## Mobile phones

One tip: mobile phone expenditure can be considerably reduced if you get a “Family Plan” (5 users) or “Mobile Share” (10 users) with friends you trust to pay their share of the bill. Make sure to get a plan that includes all the minutes you will need, as some companies will bill around 50 cents per additional minute. If you do not want a contract, prepaid plans are also available and for international students may be the only option until obtaining a social security number.

## Email

**E-mail** accounts are provided for all graduate students. You can check your quota and available space, as well as the steps for accessing mail on your own client at [the knowledge base page for setting up email clients \(http://helpdesk.princeton.edu/kb/display.plx?ID=5088\)](http://helpdesk.princeton.edu/kb/display.plx?ID=5088).

## Internet and Other

Three networks will provide wireless service on campus: eduroam, servicenet, and puvistor. Each service is intended for specific users and devices, and is described below. For general tech questions and issues, the Office of Information Technology (<https://oit.princeton.edu>) can be of help! Note that **violations of copyright via illegal file**

**sharing are actively prosecuted.** The University considers copyright violation a serious offense. If you get an email from Rita Saltz, you're probably in hot water.

Eduroam is the primary means for faculty, students and staff to wirelessly connect their computing and mobile devices to the network at Princeton. Eduroam is a secure roaming access service that provides encrypted wireless service across Princeton's campus, at participating peer institutions, and in 90 territories worldwide. For more information about configuring devices for eduroam, see [www.princeton.edu/eduroam](http://www.princeton.edu/eduroam)

A new wireless network, ServiceNet, provides network access for devices that cannot log into the eduroam wireless network due to limited login options. Examples of devices that you would register to this network include systems such as smart TVs, video streaming systems, gaming systems, and multi-user printers. Access to the ServiceNet wireless network requires a one-time registration. Registration and access to ServiceNet are available at <https://servicenet.princeton.edu>

PUVisitor provides wireless network access for campus visitors. With PUVisitor wireless service, visitors can choose either short-term access or longer-term access: the later requiring registration. Visitor Quick Access - For fast access, visitors can opt to use the Visitor Quick Access option. This option provides wireless network access for up to 7 days, without requiring registration. Visitor Long-term Access - The Visitor Long-term Access option provides access to the puvisitor network for 13 months, with a one-time, self-registration process for the duration. To register, visitors need only provide their name, email address, and optional mobile phone number.

GC residents can print to laser printers in the computer clusters, one in each of the NGC and OGC, from their rooms; OIT's [website](#) explains how. Don't print more than you really need to, and try to print double-sided when you do. You have an annual printing limit and your usage is displayed when you print.

## Purchasing Computers, Software, & Accessories

Princeton offers computers through the Student Computer Initiative (SCI) [website](http://www.princeton.edu/sci) (<http://www.princeton.edu/sci>). SCI offers students a select group of Dell and Apple laptops at competitive prices. If you buy an SCI computer, your computer will arrive configured for the campus network. This means that when you set up your new computer in your room, you can just plug in to the network and go. Note that the SCI program may not always be the cheapest or most customizable way to get a computer, but the easy start-up, substantial insurance plan that is included, and the option of getting fast service under warranty on-campus at Frist, make it a good choice for many students.

You can buy software at an academic discount through the [online PSR web store](#). The [OIT Tech Depot](#) in Frist sells a variety of computer accessories, and will lend you an Ethernet cable for free, for the duration of your stay here at Princeton.

## Computer Crises

**If your computer becomes suddenly ill**, you have many [support](#) options, e.g.:

- call the Help Desk at 8-HELP (8-4357), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, email [helpdesk@princeton.edu](mailto:helpdesk@princeton.edu), or use online chat from the [OIT home page](#);
- contact a graduate student Residential Computing Consultant at [gradrcc@princeton.edu](mailto:gradrcc@princeton.edu);
- take it to the [OIT Tech Clinic](#) in Frist. If it's a hardware problem, the Tech Clinic is your best bet. But you must stay with your computer while it's at the Clinic (generally around two hours), so bring something to read...

To help **avoid** computer-related crises:

- make sure you have the University's site-licensed (i.e. free while you're a student here) **antivirus** software installed and up to date, which you can [download](#);
- **back up your important files regularly**, either on the [Central File Server](#) (a.k.a. your 5GB "H-drive"), or using the unlimited [TSM Backup Service](#).



## Cable TV & Online Music

The OGC Projector Room and D-bar use the Comcast provider at the request of residents. The OGC Projector Room also has a Netflix subscription.

The **Princeton Public Library** may offer music streaming services if you register in person at the Library with your library membership card. You can also stream music from the University's **Mendel Music Library**, which is definitely a hidden gem on campus.

## Parking

Parking at the GC and on campus is an important issue for car owners. Because campus security (known as the **Public Safety**) does collect revenues from errant students and their friends (at \$25 a ticket, it can add up rapidly), it is best adhere to parking rules. To park at the GC, you will need a **parking permit**. For further information, call the **Parking and Transportation Office** (<http://www.princeton.edu/parking>) (x8-3157), or visit them in the New South Building. The easiest way to get a parking permit is at Fall Registration: bring your license plate number, make, and model. You can also obtain short-term passes for your visitors at New South.

Once properly registered, you will be able to park in the main parking lot behind the Old Graduate College, Lot 19, accessible via Springdale Road. Because the lot is large and somewhat isolated, locking doors is a good idea. For **short-term parking**, there are two lots at the GC. The first is by the Tower, and the second is behind the NGC (accessible via Springdale; turn left onto the drive marked for Wyman House and keep left); these are two-hour lots and are patrolled regularly by Public Safety. There is one space in the Tower lot marked Special Permit Only for the CPC and another for the Wecar, both of which are reserved 24/7. Unauthorized parking in the Special Permit Only is forbidden.

On-campus parking is prohibited, unless you are a holder of a special pass. You will be issued several one-use passes at the beginning of the year. In addition, your professor can grant you special passes when work requires that you park on-campus. You may direct **questions** about parking regulations to the **Parking and Transportation Office**. Please note that many of the trees in the lot off Springdale Road produce a large quantity of sap that can descend onto your hood and windshield, especially in the spring and summer. In event of storm or other natural disasters, fallen branches may damage your car.

## Public Safety

Aside from issuing parking tickets, **Public Safety** (x8-1000) runs an evening campus **shuttle** staffed by undergraduates (only during the school year when undergraduates are on campus). They will be willing to lend a hand if you find yourself stranded at Princeton Junction without a way to get back to Princeton.

More importantly, you can call Public Safety to transport a sick student to the University **infirmary (McCosh Health Center)** if needed. Public Safety will also open your room if you have locked yourself out, but they will swipe your TigerCard and charge your account \$30 every time you avail yourself of their service. Another option during business hours is to visit the Graduate Housing office at the New South building to borrow the key and return it the same day.

Registering your bicycle and laptop with Public Safety on arrival is also recommended.

## TigerCards (known as ID Cards, Prox Cards)

The Graduate College is equipped with a card security system for all entryways. If you lose your ID card, replacements are available at the **TigerCard office** (<http://www.princeton.edu/tigercard/>) in New South for a fee.

## Smoking



The state of New Jersey has banned smoking in dormitories. This means that **you may not smoke in any part of the GC** which is a dormitory. The smoking ban includes the D-bar. Furthermore, University policy prohibits smoking 20 feet from any area within a dorm; in particular, you may not smoke on balconies or under archways.

## Painting

Painting of the rooms is not allowed. The Housing Office policy regarding painting can be found here: <http://facilities.princeton.edu/services/painting-services>

## University Dining Services

Everybody in the Graduate College has to buy into the **meal plan**, and one of the best ways to meet your colleagues is over breakfast and dinner in **Procter Hall**. Almost all graduate students choose the 95-meals-per-semester plan. Make sure that you stay on pace to use all of your meals by the end of the semester, because you will not be refunded for unused meals. A **free continental breakfast** (i.e. not counted in the total number of weekly meals) is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. No lunch is served at the GC during the week. On Sunday brunch is served 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., which is regarded by many as the highlight of the week. Arrive early if you like fresh fruit—it goes fast. Dinner runs **5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**. You can check the week's menus online at the **Dining Services website** (<https://dining.princeton.edu/>).

A summary of dining service at Procter Hall:

Continental breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Monday to Friday.

Dinner: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Brunch: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sunday.

Lunch is not served.

Our meal contract is also good in any of the undergraduate halls. The undergraduate dining hall closest to the GC is in **Forbes College** on Alexander Road.

There is also a **late meal option** on weekdays. If you have missed the regular meal time at the GC, you have a *small* cash credit at the Frist Campus Center. The late meal times (and credit available for each) are: 2pm-3:30pm (\$5.95) and 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (\$6.95). If you have extra meals, note that you can elect to use up to two meals at once (and get two credits' worth) during a late meal period if you have not eaten a meal during the immediately preceding meal period. If you have eaten a meal in the immediately preceding meal period, you can still use one meal in the next late meal period. Finally, **you may use up to 10 of your meals per semester for guests** so that you can share the Procter Hall experience with your friends and family.

The **Center for Jewish Life** (<https://hillel.princeton.edu/>) has its own dining hall on campus and you may use your meal plan there. While their primary purpose is to nourish the Jewish community with kosher food, they do sometimes offer dinners to which any graduate student can get in free; get on their **mailing list** (<http://www.princeton.edu/hillel/student-life/join-mailing-list/>) for details.

**Procter Hall is often closed over holidays and breaks.** Sometimes only breakfast is offered—the best thing to do is to ask Dining Services for up-to-date information. Meals are, however, offered at one of the undergraduate dining halls for the weeklong breaks (fall recess, intersession, spring recess)—but you need to purchase a separate meal plan through Housing the week before the break; your regular plan will not be accepted. You can also charge meals during regular and break sessions to your student account.

Outside of the meal plan, you can **buy meals by charging** to your student account at **Frist Campus Center**, the **Woodrow Wilson Café**, the **Chancellor Green Café**, the **E-Quad Café**, or the **Genomics Café** (Icahn building); you will be billed monthly for these charges. The E-Quad and Genomics Cafés are run by Restaurant Associates, not Dining Services, so the food options are often different—and some say, better. Note that we are not allowed to eat at **Prospect House** (known as the Faculty Club) without being invited by faculty, unless there is a special event.

Also, very close to the GC is the **Princeton Theological Seminary** (PTS) cafeteria, in **Templeton Hall**. The food there isn't all-you-can-eat, but it is often decent quality at a moderate price, and usually open even when Princeton's food service shuts down. To get there from the GC, walk along College Road, pass the parking garage, and turn left into the PTS driveway. Templeton Hall is on your left at the top of the driveway.

**Cooking** is not allowed in student rooms, but there are three “snack” kitchens in the GC for student use (OGC Entry 4 basement, OGC Entry 9 Basement, and one in the NGC Common Area). Each kitchen has at least one refrigerator, stove, and microwave. The OGC Entry 4 kitchen has an ice machine as well. The NGC kitchen is equipped with personal lockers (request a locker in person at Graduate Housing in The New South Building). There is also a small **vending café** in the OGC Entry 14 basement, which includes a vending machine, a microwave and a sink.

## Banking

Princeton is home to a number of wealthy people, and there is no shortage of banks. With a little shopping around, you will probably be able to find an account that meets your particular needs. Most banks are located on Nassau St. Look for student-oriented promotions at the start of September. You should always check to see what fees might apply. There are several banks in the area (Google them for location and hours information): Princeton University Federal Credit Union, Chase, PNC Bank, Bank of America, Sovereign Bank, and Wells Fargo.

Most banks have free checking and no extra ATM charge on their machines if you keep a minimum balance somewhere between \$600 and \$2000, and some will waive charges if you have your stipend checks deposited directly into your account.

PUFCU has the lowest minimum balance in town, and the nicest people, some say. It even offers interest on the money in your checking and savings account. However, it does not do cash banking at its Frist kiosk location. You can access all available banking options at their on-campus location on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the New South Building.

Bank of America offers a great network of ATMs nationwide and a robust online banking website. It also offers a “**secured credit card**” which can help non-resident international students build up enough of a credit history to get a real credit card later on (since using a debit card will not help at all).

There are several ATMs from various banks at Frist. The ATM machine in the Wawa is a “free” one in that it will not add its own charges to your transaction, though your home bank might charge you for using an external ATM.

Princeton-issued checks can also be cashed depending on the bank. Inspect the check and take it to the appropriate bank; they usually ask to see your university ID. Money orders can also be purchased at the Post Office for a small fee, at CVS and perhaps at a few other places. Note that the **U-Store** (36 University Place) cashes checks for its members free of charge (you have to go to the office downstairs during business hours, 9am-5pm).

If you would like to make a start on some investments for the future, Princeton is home to the offices of a number of discount brokers, such as **Charles** and **Prudential Securities**. Finally, you might also want to look into the prospect of internet banking for other investment products.

## Working on and off campus

Despite the fact that Princeton stipends are among the most generous in the country, graduate students can always use a little extra. Many students have found summer internships, tutoring positions in town, or employment on-campus during the school year at the Porter’s Lodge, as Community Associates, as **OIT Residential Computing Consultants or Help Desk consultants**, and more. Make sure you know the rules of the Graduate School, any scholarship or fellowship you hold, and especially your visa rules if you’re an international student, before taking a part-time job! The Graduate School has a **website** (<http://gradschool.princeton.edu/policies/employment>) of information regarding employment policies.

## McCosh Health Center

**McCosh Health Center**, located near Frist, offers both by-appointment and urgent care health services on the ground floor. Annual women’s and men’s health exams are also available. You can find out more about what is covered under the student health plan (and the optional dental and vision plans) from a representative on-site, or browse for health information in the Janet C. Morgan Wellness Health Library. Counseling and Psychological Services, offering consultations as well as individual and group therapy, is located on the third floor of McCosh. During the school year, if you are having issues and for some reason do not want to go back to the GC, you are allowed to stay the night at the infirmary (“boarding”). Call McCosh for more information (x8-3129). Summer hours and

services are limited. When McCosh is closed, if you are having an emergency, don't hesitate to seek treatment at an area hospital the closest of which is the **University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro** on Route 1.

# Shopping

Princeton is an island of wealth in a sea of affluence. As such, rents are higher and prices are quite higher around the shops on Nassau Street. There are very few student-oriented shops within walking distance of the GC. The stores along Nassau Street and Palmer Square tend to be geared towards wealthy townspeople, tourists, and finicky pets. Chains like J. Crew sometimes have good sales though, and the commission store is worth visiting from time to time. Mostly, the big, inexpensive chain stores are all out on Route 1. TigerTransit's Saturday Shopper shuttles students to the Nassau Park malls. Please check <https://transportation.princeton.edu/getting-around/tigertransit> for current schedules. NJ Transit **Bus 605** runs from **Palmer Square** to **Market Fair** (a generally up-scale mall), **Nassau Park** (where you will find Target and Wal-Mart), **Mercer Mall**, and finally **Quaker Bridge Mall**, the largest shopping center in the area. Bus fee and schedule information can be found in the news kiosk at Palmer Square. The small **Princeton Shopping Center** is on Harrison Street, north of Nassau; NJ Transit **Bus 606** will get you there. About 50 miles away in Pennsylvania is the **King of Prussia Mall**, the largest mall on the East coast.

If you have access to a car (see below for short-term rental programs **Zipcar** and **WeCar**), several outlet malls are reachable within a couple of hours. Better variety is found at Liberty Village, in Flemington, N.J. Franklin Mills Mall, outside of Philadelphia, is huge, but has only a few high-end stores. The classiest outlets are the **Woodbury Common Premium Outlets**, located just north of New Jersey.

If you like to browse small independent shops rather than shopping in malls, the cities of **New Hope, PA** and **Lambertville, NJ** make a great day trip. They are full of antique shops and sell a great variety of quirky, interesting, and artsy goods.

## Groceries

The closest place to buy food is the **Wawa**, a 24-hour convenience store located at 152 Alexander Street, right next to the Princeton train station. The Wawa has a small selection of fresh fruit and vegetables in addition to standard convenience store fare. It sells the cheapest milk and bread in the neighborhood. You can also find an ever-expanding selection of prepared foods from local restaurants (Olives, D'Angelo's Italian Market, and more) or at the **U-Store** (36 University Place), open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m. when classes are in session.

A car, bus, or shuttle is recommended for getting to the area's large grocery stores. With the exception of the tow path, area roads are not well-designed for cyclists. **McCaffrey's** is located at the Princeton Shopping Center. In the opposite direction from the GC, there is **Wegmans**, which offers a tremendous grocery shopping experience. Also on Route 1 there is a **Whole Foods Market**, a chain supermarket which specializes in environmentally friendly products. The local **Trader Joe's** is perpetually popular, although this means the checkout line might be on the long side.

For Asian groceries, the **Asian Food Markets** in Plainsboro is probably closest. The next closest is **Good Fortune**, a massive supermarket. Reportedly, Plainsboro's Asian Food Markets have fresher produce, though at higher prices. Another option can be found a half-hour's drive away in Edison **Kam Man Foods**. These supermarkets offer meat, produce, seafood, and baked goods. **Han Ah Reum** offers Korean products and excellent produce in a smaller, but immaculately clean shop.

There are a few specialty food shops in town. **D'Angelo's Italian Market** offers genuine Italian food, as verified by Italian Princeton grad students; you can buy hot food at the counter and they have a grocery section as well. **Nassau Street Seafood** has reasonably priced lunch combos and the best fish in the region, though at the highest prices. They also carry a small selection of quality produce. The best place to buy bulk spices is the local organic grocery store, **Whole Earth Center**. **Bon Appetit** in the Princeton Shopping Center specializes in European gourmet foods. There is also **La Mexicana Grocery**, where you can find Mexican foods and goods.

## Liquor Stores

Several liquor stores are located within walking distance on Nassau and Witherspoon streets. They offer good selection (though not necessarily good value). **Public Wine Beer and Spirits** has the best local selection of mid-range to expensive wines. **Varsity Liquors** carries less expensive stuff. They do not advertise this discount, but Public Wine

Beer and Spirits gives student discounts! **Nassau Liquors** is also a popular choice. Many wine lovers recommend the **Princeton Corkscrew Wine Shop** for its selection and recommendations.

Hard liquor and champagne can be horribly overpriced in town. A short drive can save you up to \$15/bottle. A lot of students go to **Joe Canal's** for good prices and selection. Both **Shop-Rite Liquors** and **Kendall Park Liquors** have large selections and good prices. Shop-Rite is located on Quaker Bridge Road about 10 minutes south of Quaker Bridge Mall. Kendall Park Liquors is in a strip mall 6 miles east of Princeton on Highway 27 (Nassau Street). **Trader Joe's** and **Wegman's** both have a good beer and wine selection.

The **House Committee recommends that you drink responsibly**. Don't get into any bad habits! Grad school isn't *that* bad.

## Dorm Furnishings

The closest place to buy basic dorm furnishings is the **U-Store** at the University Place. You can also check out the **TigerTrade** online bulletin board to buy used items from other students. **Skillman Furniture Store** offers used and new furniture. Many students go to **Target** in the Nassau Park area off Route 1. **Ikea** also offers inexpensive furniture that is easy to assemble and take apart. They also offer delivery for a fee; it's cheapest if several students pool together their orders.

Before you buy **appliances**, make sure you have reviewed the refrigerator rules and the fire safety rules in the preceding sections, so you do not buy anything prohibited (e.g., halogen lamps, heaters, or microwaves). List of approved items can be found at <https://hres.princeton.edu/policies/fire-safety-policies>.

## Books

**Course books** are sold at **Labyrinth Books**. The **Theological Book Agency** of Princeton Theological Seminary, located right off of College Road, specializes in religion and philosophy. There is also a large community book sale each spring at PTS—a humanities bibliophile's dream. Of course many people also purchase books online at **Amazon**, **AbeBooks**, or **Alibris**. **Bigwords** is a useful site that compares prices from a number of online stores.

**For nonacademic books**, **Princeton Public Library** is housed in a beautiful building on Witherspoon Street. You can get a library card for free with proof of enrollment as a Princeton University student. There are used books for sale on the ground floor. **Barnes & Noble** at the Market Fair Mall offers a large-chain bookstore experience with cafe seating just off Route 1.

## Bicycles

A bicycle will certainly speed your trip from the GC to campus and back. Downtown, you'll find **Jay's Cycles** near the E-Quad and **Kopp's Cycle Shop** near Firestone. **Target** also sells bicycles, off Route 1. Buy a lock for your bike, and front and rear lights if you plan on riding at night. A helmet is always recommended—graduate students do get into accidents. And finally, do not forget to **register** your new bike with **Transportation and Parking**. There are several bike racks scattered around the GC for your use. Please do not leave your bikes in other areas, such as archways or covered walkways around the GC.

## Pharmacies

In town, there's the **Princeton Pharmacy at the U-Store** and **CVS Pharmacy**. The closest 24-hour pharmacy is **CVS Pharmacy** in Hamilton. Note that the Princeton Pharmacy is particularly convenient because if you are on the Student Health Plan, they will take care of the insurance paperwork for you automatically.

## Salons and Barbershops

In town, your barber shop options include **Mike's Barber Shop**, **Princeton Barber**, and **Continental Barber Shop**. Salons include **La Jolie** and **Cosmo Bleu**. Although there are a lot of options for hair care in downtown Princeton, haircuts are generally pretty expensive. You can easily knock \$10-\$20 off the price of your haircut by going to **Great Clips** at the Princeton Shopping Center. If you are shopping for Asian groceries in Plainsboro, you can try **Silk Cut** next door.

## Miscellaneous

The only real stationer downtown is **Hinkson's**. You can also find a decent selection of school supplies at the **U-Store** at University Place. The **Papery** specializes in a wide variety of gift cards and trinkets, as does the **Paper Source**. **Princeton Record Exchange** has an excellent selection of records and CDs. People will come from far and wide to paw through the bins. Lastly, if you are in the market for a camera or a passport, the staff at **New York Camera** gives good advice, and their prices are comparable to prices on line—plus they can often get your camera for you by the next day after you order. Cash/check preferred.

## GC Facilities

The Graduate College (GC) has 362 rooms and houses approximately 430 students. The GC has wireless internet. The GC also has a wide array of common spaces which you will find in the [Essentials](#), [Social](#), and [Recreational](#) sections.

In general, all the spaces described below are open at all times of day to all residents, with the exception of the D-bar, which is restricted to members and the guests of members (all of whom must be over the age of 21). Please remember that residents may be trying to sleep or study in the building near you, however, so keep noise levels down from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in holding an event in the NGC common room or holding an event in the Coffee House, please contact Kevin Fleming at [kevinaf@princeton.edu](mailto:kevinaf@princeton.edu). Graduate students can apply for funding in support of events at the Graduate College. These events should take place in one of the public spaces of the GC: Dbar, screening rooms, common rooms, coffee house, outdoors. Events must be open to all graduate students, and we require that a promotion email be sent via the GC and Annex listservs. The maximum amount granted is \$300 per event. We encourage submission of applications two weeks in advance of the proposed date. An application consists of a description of the event and an itemized budget including other sources of funding. Please note that we are unable to support purchases of alcohol. For more information, please contact [gchouse@princeton.edu](mailto:gchouse@princeton.edu).

### Old GC: above ground

#### Common Room

The **OGC Common Room** is used for study groups, board games, and the popular weekly Social Hour on Fridays after dinner. The Coats of Arms decorating the windows were designed by Charles J. Connick and represent the coats of arms of Lord John Berkeley and Sir George Carteret, the royal proprietors of the Colony of New Jersey; Sir Edmund Andros, who served in the colonial period as governor of New Jersey, as well as New York, New England, and Virginia; William Livingstone, first governor of the state; the royal colonies of East Jersey and West Jersey; and, finally, the arms of the State of New Jersey.

#### Coffee House

There's nothing like a warm coffee shop atmosphere to motivate us graduate students to sit down and focus. The GC Coffee House is an ideal place to study in a casual atmosphere. The Coffee House is located on the first floor of the 11th and 12th entryways of the OGC. It is open from 7:30- 10:30 PM from Sunday to Thursday during the academic year. Enjoy fresh coffee, tea, latté (caffè, chai, or matcha), cappuccino, americano, mocha, or gourmet hot chocolate. You can also earn \$15/hour by making great tasting beverages for your fellow GC residents. Contact the GCHC if you are interested in the barista position! The coffee house is also one of the only air-conditioned work environments in the GC, making it a popular spot for group study. White boards are also available for student use. The space adjacent to the Coffee House proper was, in a past era, the Breakfast Room, and it is still occasionally referred to by this name.

#### Van Dyke Library

The Van Dyke Library is located on the first floor, to the right of Entry 5 (note that there is a restroom immediately adjacent to the library entrance). It provides a warm, comfortable environment and is designated for silent study. Please note that Van Dyke Library is occasionally used by the University, so it may not always be available. Squirrels love to join you in the library, snacking on the furniture while they're at it, so please close the windows if you're the last one out.



## Old GC: the depths below

Beneath the main courtyard of the Old Graduate College is a basement. The basement is accessible from Entryways 1 through 15 (what would have been Entry 13 is known as Pyne Tower). **Basement rooms are numbered for the entryways beneath which they are located.**

### Laundry Room

The OGC Laundry Room is located beneath the Porter's Lodge, next to the Projector Room.

### Projector Room

The Projector Room is equipped with a large projector screen, cable, a Blu-ray player, and a surround sound audio system. The Projector Room is subscribed to a deluxe cable TV package that includes more channels than the standard TigerTV assortment. If you would like to watch a movie or a particular program, you may sign up in advance on the reservations board. **Please do not touch the cables**; it makes it difficult for the next person to use the system. Email [gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu) if there are any problems.

### The Debasement Bar

The Debasement Bar (D-bar) is a private club managed by the House Committee. It serves resident and non-resident members of the Graduate College House who are over 21 years of age. Its facilities are divided into two parts: the D-bar proper (where the bar is), and the Social Lounge, the large room with couches, booths, a pool table, a dartboard, foosball tables, and a high-definition TV. The D-bar features music, dim lighting and a wide variety of cheap beer and cocktails—it's a good place to meet neighbors and colleagues. Typically, Pub Quiz is held every other Wednesday. Most weekends the D-bar features student DJs or bands, and hosts 1-2 large parties per semester. The D-bar is usually open nightly from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. on weekends), with limited summer hours, and the D-bar is closed for Reunions. Beer and liquor prices are the lowest you'll find anywhere, since the bar is run by students and operates as a non-profit private club.

State of New Jersey regulations cause us to **restrict access** to the D-bar to members of the House of the Graduate College (identified by a current GC membership sticker) and their guests. If you live in the GC or dues-paying Annexes and are at least 21 years of age, then you are automatically a member. Graduate students who live on University Housing are also automatically a member except for those that opt out to. Graduate students who do not live in university housing can **become members** for a nominal fee. Note that when a member leaves, all guests must leave with the member; and no person may be signed in as a guest more than once per night. For issues concerning membership stickers, email [gchouse@princeton.edu](mailto:gchouse@princeton.edu). Note that DBar **does not accept cards** so customers will need to pay either in cash or paw points.

Smoking is not allowed in the D-bar. The bar staff collect any items left in the D-bar and leave it in a secure area overnight. If you leave something behind at the bar, you can retrieve it the following day during bar hours. For more information about the D-bar, see its [website \(http://gchc.princeton.edu/dbar\)](http://gchc.princeton.edu/dbar).

### Pool, Ping-Pong, and Vending Cafe area

Between the D-bar and the Projector Room are a vestibule, with tables for pool and foosball, and a vending café, where you can find a sink, microwave, and ping-pong table. Note that pool (billiards) and ping-pong equipment can be checked out of the Porter's Lodge or D-bar with your University ID. Additional vending machines are located under OGC Entry 1.

### OGC Computer Cluster

The computer room near entry 9 is home to **PCs, Macs, a photocopier, a scanner, and a laser printer**. This room is air-conditioned for the sake of the hardware. Problems with the computers and printer should be directed to [clusters@princeton.edu](mailto:clusters@princeton.edu). Note that the photocopier costs 5 cents a copy, and accepts **dimes and nickels only**. Complaints about the photocopier should be directed to the Regular Facilities Officers at [gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu). The **code** to enter the Computer Room is 1-3-5-2.

## OGC Kitchens

The smaller OGC kitchen is under Entry 9, immediately next to the computer room. The larger OGC kitchen is under Entry 4. Both kitchens contain a refrigerator-freezer, cupboard space, a microwave oven, and a conventional range. An **ice machine** is housed in the large kitchen. The kitchens are maintained by Building Services and the Housing Department. Kitchen rules and regulations are posted in both rooms.

Please be considerate: **clean up after yourself**. If the kitchens get too unsanitary, they will be shut down by Housing. Pots and pans left out for more than a day may be thrown out. Leave the counters clear and clean, and empty the drain-catcher if you have left stuff in it—yes, even if “some of the stuff was already there when you got there”! All food left in the fridges must be labeled with your name and the date. The fridges will be cleaned periodically and old food will be thrown out. Also cook carefully, so as not to set the kitchen on fire! **Do not leave the stove unattended when cooking**.

If there is a problem with the kitchens, call x8-8000 to report it (except for problems with the GC House ice machine, for which you should email [gcfix@princeton.edu](mailto:gcfix@princeton.edu)).

## New GC

Most of the New GC facilities are located in the pair of twin buildings in the heart of the NGC.

### The NGC Common Room and Book Exchange

The **NGC Common Room** is a smaller and more casual version of the room in the Old Graduate College, complete with couches. The **Book Exchange** is located on the shelves in the Common Room. You can take any books you like, as long as you donate the same number of books in exchange.

### NGC TV Room

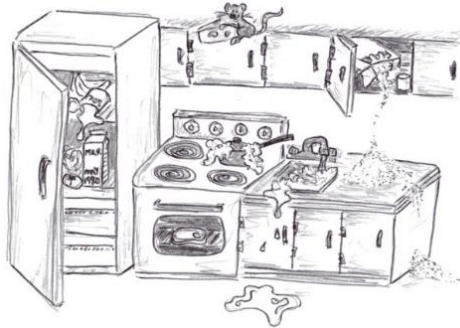
The New GC has its own **TV Room** for those who don't want to walk over to the OGC Projector Room; it's across the stone walkway from the NGC Common Room. There are Blu-ray and VCR players for residents' use. The TV Room houses half of the House's videocassette collection; the other half is housed in the Music Room.

### Music Room

Located next to the TV Room, the **Music Room** contains instruments for you to be the best musician you can be! The door code is 9734. Please **limit your music making to 10pm** every and **don't share the codes** with people who are not affiliated to the University. For those who use the music room, these are the expectations of you as you use this space. First, this space is meant to be utilized by Graduate College residents only. Also, given that the music room is situated in a residential area, only instruments without amplifiers may be used out of respect for our residents. Graduate College residents being able to live and study at the GC without noise disturbance will always take priority over an extra-curricular activity such as the music room. So we reserve the right to request individuals to stop utilizing the space should it pose a problem with residents/should we receive complaints about the noise level. Please note that noise from instruments such as drums carry **even with the windows closed**. All residents who utilize the music room are expected to adhere to these set hours and parameters so that other residents are not disturbed.

## NGC Kitchen

It contains a stove, three sinks, two refrigerator/freezers, and several microwaves. As it can get quite crowded in the kitchen, we suggest you utilize the Prep Room when preparing your food to be cooked. Keys to the **individual storage lockers** can be obtained from the Housing Department in the New South Building on a first-come, first-served basis.



*Can you spot the problems with this picture? Here are a couple of hints...*

- 1) no food directly on the grill (applies to ovens and microwaves),*
- 2) throw garbage in the trash, not the sink, otherwise the sink will overflow,*
- 3) wipe the counters and stove down...especially when you spill,*
- 4) date and label all food, and throw it out once it is expired.*

## NGC Laundry Room

NGC laundry facilities are in the basement of Entry 34. Do not forget to bring your ID card to get in the door.

## NGC Computer Cluster

There are PCs, Macs, a printer and a scanner. This room is also in the basement of Entry 34, down the hall from the NGC Laundry Room. The access code is 1-3-5-2 (same as for the OGC Computer Cluster).

## Extracurricular life

Student and campus organizations are a great way to meet new people and have fun. Social Activities Officers (SAOs), Special Events Officers, Community Associates sponsor parties and events. The SAOs run **Social Hours**, offering free cocktails, non-alcoholic beverages and snacks on some occasions every Friday evening during the academic year from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the OGC Common Room (and occasionally during the summer). Social Hour is a great way to kick off the weekend and mingle with other grad students. Naturally, there are always crowds at the **Dbar** (<http://gchc.princeton.edu/dbar/>), which is open most nights (see their website for a detailed calendar of events and opening hours), and **the Coffee House**, offering coffee, tea and dessert (see the chalkboard at the Coffee House for a regularly updated schedule of service hours). Periodically there are large-scale parties held in Procter Hall and the OGC Common Room, most notably the **Halloween Party or Fall Ball** in the fall semester and **Graduate Formal** in the spring semester, which have featured great music by various local DJs, a photographer, and complimentary refreshments and cocktails.

On campus, the **Frist Campus Center** includes a spacious food court. For those looking for a quieter atmosphere than Frist, there is always the basement of **Murray-Dodge Hall**, where you can find a wide variety of herbal teas and cookies. Refreshments are free, but they do have a cup for donations, and you have to wash your own mug when you are done. Hours are 9:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Meanwhile, the undergraduates lurk on “the Street” (officially known as **Prospect Ave.**) Thursday and Saturday nights; sometimes you can get in to their parties, sometimes the parties are closed. Keep an eye out specially for Terrace Club, which usually hosts parties that are open to all PU students, grad and undergrad.

## Movies

The only movie theater within walking distance is the **Princeton Garden Theater**. The Garden specializes in good films: independent (“indie”) films, dramas, and non-Hollywood films are the staple, with an occasional quality big-Hollywood release thrown in for flavor. **Free movie screenings** sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Government at the Garden Theater Thursday-Saturday during the academic semester. **Montgomery Cinemas** (1325 US Highway 206; 924-7444), a 10-minute drive up route 206, features the same genre, only with more screens.

Within a 10-15 minute car ride your choices for mainstream cinema improve dramatically. For a truly huge multiplex experience complete with IMAX, the **AMC Hamilton 24** (325 Sloan Avenue; 890-4900) features stadium seating in 24 auditoriums. **Market Fair** (520-8700) on Route 1 (also accessible via Canal Pointe Road) is also popular and the closest. Renovations of the theater are underway, and it is expected to reopen for Fall 2015. All local cinemas offer discounted matinee prices. **Multiplex Cinemas** at Town Center Plaza offers half-price tickets on all Tuesday shows (319 Route 130 North, East Windsor).

On campus, the **University Film Organization** (UFO) shows second run films in the Frist Campus Center. Tickets are extremely cheap. Also, some conferences and some classes will show films at the Jimmy Stewart Theater, located at 185 Nassau Street. Not sure how to check what’s playing there, but if a class is watching it, usually around 7pm, there is no reason you cannot sit yourself down with the rest of the students. No food or drink is allowed in the Frist or Jimmy Stewart theaters.

A very nice selection of DVDs can also be rented at the **Princeton Public Library** downtown on Witherspoon Street for a small fee, once you sign up for a (free) library card: just beware of overdue fines.

## Events

Every week there are countless lectures, arts and cultural events, conferences, etc. at Princeton. If you are curious about what is happening there are several ways of keeping up. The **Public Events Calendar** has almost all *official* university events, and most of the academic lectures. You can also pick up the **Princeton University Bulletin** (<http://www.princeton.edu/communications/services/bulletin/>), available at several places around campus. This has almost the same information as the Events Calendar, plus some articles about Princeton goings-on. The **Daily Princetonian** is the campus’s newspaper of news, sports, and opinion. They also run ads for campus events. They do not deliver to the GC, but copies are available around campus. Useful information about the news and events in town can be found at **Planet Princeton**.

The University provides all graduate students with **Passport to the Arts** tickets, which you can use to attend the world-class productions at **McCarter Theater**, or the student productions on campus free of charge. Please be sure to read the fine print in the front of the Passport booklet for instructions on how and when you can use your free tickets.

There are several **listservs** you can join that provide event information:

- **gc-res-events**: contact [gchouse@princeton.edu](mailto:gchouse@princeton.edu)
- **dbar-events**: must be 21 years of age or older to subscribe, <http://www.princeton.edu/~dbar/subscribe>

## Recreation

A variety of **athletic equipment** is available from the Porter's Lodge, including tennis, squash, softball, basketball, volleyball, and hockey; when in doubt, ask the porter. Indoors, there are pool, ping-pong, and air hockey tables in the OGC basement, and foosball and pool tables in the D-bar. Equipment for these games is also available in the Porter's Lodge or D-bar. Board games, croquet, and poker chips can be signed out from the Porter's Lodge, too. The GC Tennis Courts are located just across College Road from the New GC. Volleyball and basketball courts are located south of the OGC. The GC south lawn is often used for cricket and soccer.

GC residents compete against the undergraduate eating clubs and residential colleges in the Princeton **intramural sports leagues**. The Graduate College has frequently been intramurals champions! The Athletics Chair of the House Committee is in charge of organizing these teams. Intramural announcements will be posted to the **gc-res-events** mailing list; join the listserve **online**.

**Dillon Gym** is the heart of most campus athletics, and questions about the numerous programs offered by Dillon, from horseback riding through ice skating, should be directed to Athletics Department staff. Stressed? You can also pay for massages onsite. Information is **online** (<http://www.princeton.edu/campusrec/dillon-gym/>).

If you ever feel the urge to escape the confines of the campus, the university Outdoor Action program (OA: 8-3552, hotline: 8-6417) runs a variety of outdoor activities and trips, such as hiking, climbing (there is even a climbing wall on campus), skiing, and kayaking. There is also the Rockville Climbing Center (200 Whitehead Rd., Hamilton NJ; 631-ROCK). **Carnegie Lake Rowing Association** is a community rowing club based out of the Princeton boat house, which has a program for novices starting every September. If you want to be on the water at a more relaxed pace, try an outing on the lake with a rented kayak from **Princeton Canoe & Kayak**.

There are also several **parks** in the Princeton area which are good for walks and picnics, most notably the **Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve** on Route 206. However, if you've never hiked around in the U.S. before, you should educate yourself a little first. Try to avoid **poison ivy**, which can cause a very uncomfortable allergic reaction, and deer ticks, which can harbor **Lyme disease**. Sunscreen and insect repellent are also recommended.

Golf can be played at the venerable **Springdale Golf Course** next door for a relatively hefty fee, though substantially subsidized.

## Graduate Student Organizations

There are a number of graduate student organizations on campus, as well as several undergraduate organizations with active graduate student participants. The reader should note that the Graduate School maintains an up-to-date directory of student organizations at <http://gradschool.princeton.edu/life-princeton/our-community/studentorg>.

### Residential Committees

There are House Committee equivalents for the residential apartment complexes. **Lawrence Committee** serves the Lawrence Apartments (lawraps@princeton.edu). **Lakeside Apartments Committee** serves the Lakeside residents (lakesidecomm@princeton.edu).

### Student Government

The **Graduate Student Government (GSG)** is the information and advocacy body that represents the interests of graduate students to the administration. The GSG Assembly meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings of the Assembly are open to all graduate students to attend and participate, and a small dinner is usually provided. Particular members of the administration and the graduate school are often invited to attend these meetings so they provide a valuable forum for a free and open discussion about matters that affect graduate students.

The GSG Assembly is (formally) comprised of one voting delegate from each academic department in the University. Elections for departmental representatives are conducted on a department-by-department basis, and usually take place early in the fall of each year. Go to <https://gsg.princeton.edu/gsg-officers-and-reps/> for a list of current representatives. There are occasionally vacancies for representatives from some departments. If your department's position is vacant and you would like to become a GSG representative, feel free to contact the GSG ([gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu)). The GSG also elects representatives to the Council of the Princeton University Community (CPUC) and the University's various committees, including the Priorities and Governance Committees.

The GSG Events Board has a significant pool of funds which it distributes to clubs and groups that organize events for graduate students. Visit: <https://gsg.princeton.edu/13-2/events-board-funding-guidelines/> if you wish to apply for funding. In addition, the GSG organizes several social events each year. These include the annual Wine and Cheese Social in the fall, the annual End of Semester Party and various events over the summer.

The Graduate Student Government website contains a lot of information (<https://gsg.princeton.edu/information-for-students/>) about issues that you might encounter during your time at Princeton. These include an extensive FAQ regarding the Student Health Plan, information about funding for travel grants, the campus shuttle and so on. If you have any questions or concerns or suggestions about any issue facing graduate students, feel free to contact the GSG ([gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu)).

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) offers some nifty services through its Point [website \(http://point.princeton.edu/\)](http://point.princeton.edu/). There, you will find **TigerTrade** (<http://ttrade.tigerapps.org/>), which offers very useful classifieds (particularly for cheap furniture), a section about Princeton area restaurants, information on Princeton events, etc.

## Other Campus Organizations

### Alumni Associations

The **Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni** (APGA) fosters intellectual, professional and social networks among graduate alumni and current graduate students. APGA events throughout the year give current graduate students a chance to meet graduate alumni. Questions? Suggestions for programs? Contact the APGA ([apga@princeton.edu](mailto:apga@princeton.edu)).

Several useful email listservs can be found on **TigerNet**, where the Princeton University Alumni Association provides online services, including listservs dealing with real estate (including tri-state area sublets) and travel.

### International Center

The **Davis International Center** (<https://davisic.princeton.edu/>) answers to special needs of Princeton's foreign students and visiting scholars, and provides a platform and focal point for intercultural exchanges and international understanding. The center's more than 200 community and campus volunteers serve as host families, English language partners and community resource people. Students and organizations work with the center's staff to organize a variety of social, cultural, educational and service programs in order to foster a larger and international community and to enhance Princetonians' cosmopolitan outlook. For more information, stop by the first floor at 87 Prospect Avenue, call 609-258-5006, or contact the director, Jacqueline Leighton at [jleight@princeton.edu](mailto:jleight@princeton.edu).

### Women's Center

The Princeton University **Women's Center** (<http://women.princeton.edu/>) is at 243 Frist Campus Center. Its mission is to provide space (conceptual and real) for all women; increase awareness of issues affecting women on campus, in the academy, and in global society; advocate to create and maintain a campus climate which enhances the quality of life of women; and to facilitate connections between individual community members. Princeton students are welcome to use the extensive library, lounge, and conference room for gatherings, meetings, or quiet study. The Center's full-time Director and Graduate Intern provide support services such as discussion groups and workshops. Contact [women@princeton.edu](mailto:women@princeton.edu) or call 609-258-5565.

### LGBT Center

Located at 246 Frist Campus Center, **Princeton University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Center** (<http://lgbt.princeton.edu/>) is by, for, and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, questioning, and ally members of the Princeton University community. The LGBT Center works to create a safe and supportive academic environment through educational opportunities and advocating for the needs and concerns of LGBT students. Its goal is to enhance the Princeton University campus community and to ensure the advancement of Princeton students' academic pursuits by creating an open and affirming environment void of homophobia, heterosexism, and gender bias. The Center's full-time director, Debbie Bazarsky, and coordinator, Andy Cofino, provide support services such as discussion groups and workshops. Contact [lgbt@princeton.edu](mailto:lgbt@princeton.edu) or call 258-1353.



## Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources and Education (SHARE)

**The Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources and Education (SHARE) office** is a victim-centered, confidential resource on campus for the Princeton University community.

SHARE provides crisis response, support, advocacy, education, and referral services to those who are dealing with incidents of interpersonal violence and abuse including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking.

## Food & Drink

For those of you who don't live by books and lectures alone, there are many off-campus dining options in the immediate Princeton area which range from take-out sandwich and pizza joints to posh restaurants best saved for when an out-of-town guest is treating you. The turn-over rates for restaurants in this area is somewhat high, so some of these restaurants may morph into newer, and hopefully better ones. Most of the restaurants listed here are either in the vicinity of Nassau Street or on Route 1, though a few restaurants are tucked away in nearby towns. **A \* by the restaurant's name indicates that this restaurant is really too far to walk. BYOB** means you can bring your own alcoholic beverage with you to drink with your meal.

Please note that as with any review, the opinions expressed below are based on personal experiences. For additional foodie advice, try other food review websites. Also, for most restaurants, check whether they are BYOB! Differently from abroad, here in the US it is very common for restaurants not to sell any alcohol but allow you to bring your own. Drink responsibly 😊

Lastly, some of these places might have changed name, location, or not exist anymore! Please double check on Google before you commit on going on any of the places listed below.

### Bakeries

**Chez Alice.** Gourmet take-out. Also offers coffee and dessert.

**The Little Chef.** Heavenly desserts, and even more heavenly croissant; a great place to get a birthday cake for someone you really like. Be early or the croissants might be gone!

**Small World Coffee.** See Coffee.

**Terra Momo Bread Company.** The Terra Momo Bread Company produces a wide array of fresh-baked breads and pastries.

### Coffee

**GC Coffee House.** The Coffee House is located between entryways 11 and 12 of the OGC. It's a popular place for studying during the week and for playing games over the weekend. It's subsidized by the House Committee, so prices are low and free small chocolates are plentiful. There is a chalkboard at the Coffee House with regularly updated schedule of service hours.

**Rojo's Roastery.** Artisan coffee roaster right next to the famous Bent Spoon ice cream shop. One of the newest residents of the Palmer Square commercial community.

**Sakrid Coffee Roasters.** Another artisan coffee roaster located next to Local Greek Small Bites, at Nassau Street. Excellent cold brew!

**Small World Coffee.** A very popular hangout for grad students, Small World can get quite crowded with folks nibbling on cakes and muffins. The Witherspoon location offers more seating; the E-quad location is more drink-and-run. Free wifi available.

**Starbucks.** It's Starbucks

### Diners

**Americana Diner.\*** A deluxe diner for diner fans. Classy food presentation, plus retro décor.

**Mastori's.\*** Located in Bordentown, this upscale diner serves fantastic sweet bread with every meal.

**Omega Diner.\*** Far away, but a great option. Huge portions, reasonable prices and good cooking.

**Princetonian Diner.\*** Located on Route 1 south of Princeton, near Meadow Rd. It's relatively close to campus; prices are ok, food is OK.

**Red Oak Diner.\*** Standard light American fare.

**Zorba's Brother.** A diner with a Greek twist. Good food and service, and the possibility of getting a baklava fix.

## Ice Cream, Frozen Yogurt, & Dessert

The concentration of dessert places in Princeton itself and the surrounding area is quite astounding, so your sweet tooth will be in for quite a treat:

**Baskin-Robbins.\*** Several area locations house this national chain with its beloved mint chocolate chip ice cream.

**Bent Spoon.** Some say this is the best ice cream in town. It offers “artisan ice cream” and has a bakery. Everything is very yummy, if pricey. You can taste before you buy.

**Fruity Yogurt.** This is a branch of a local New Jersey chain. They have fruit-flavoured frozen yogurts to which toppings can be added. They also have bubble tea.

**Halo Pub & Halo Fête.** Others say that Halo Pub is the best ice cream in Princeton. Good hot drinks too. Halo Farms, where the pub gets its supply, is located within driving distance, and pints are extremely cheap. Open till 11pm every night. Next door is the French-inspired pastry shop, Halo Fête, which specializes in desserts that incorporate the Halo ice cream in some way.

**House Of Cupcakes.** A large variety of cupcakes on offer here.

**Thomas Sweets.** Great ice cream and chocolates. Offers “blend-ins” of up to three toppings. It has two locations; the Nassau street location is ice-cream only and makes it well-positioned for a post-lunch ice cream run. The Palmer street is chocolates only and is great for a birthday.

## Sandwiches & Salads

**Bon Appetit.\*** Gourmet deli sandwiches. Real prosciutto, quality cheeses, and European chocolates—all at a price, of course.

**Chuck's Spring Street Cafe.** Hidden away off Witherspoon, a block off of Nassau Street. The best buffalo wings in Princeton. Many fried foods.

**George's Roasters and Ribs.** A little more expensive than Hoagie Haven, but overall worth it. There is even a tiny seating area. Try the Cowboy Chicken Sandwich, which is a classic. Closed Sundays.

**Hoagie Haven.** Good take-out sandwiches for great prices. \$6 can last you lunch and dinner since the sandwiches are huge. A very popular spot. Service is fast.

**Tico's Eatery and Juice Bar.** Tucked away off Witherspoon, this little cafe has a nice selection of salads, soups, and sandwiches, as well as smoothies and juices. It is reasonably priced and brightly lit.

**Nassau Street Seafood.** It's mainly a fish market, but they serve a really fantastic crabcake sandwich.

**Olives.** This Mediterranean catering outfit does a speedy take-out business with some of the best lunch food you can get in Princeton. Their legendary hummus is the best in the area. Student discount (no tax for students).

**Princeton Public Library. Chez Alice** now operates a little café just inside the entrance to the library, offering sandwiches, soups, salads, and, of course, desserts.

**The Red Onion.** This Nassau Street take-out sandwich shop has a good reputation among students

**Say Cheez.** Offers custom-made grilled cheese sandwiches and homemade soups.

**Planted Plate.** Vegan place downtown, excellent location and a wide variety of tasty foods and drinks! Highly recommended.

## Pizza

**Alfonso's Pizzeria & Restaurant.** Excellent Pizza, pasta and salads. A bit of a hike up Route 206, but it's worth it.

**Conte's.** Beer and pizza, 15-minute walk north on Witherspoon. Very popular as a traditional “Princeton” place. Often gets crowded around 6-7pm

**Massimo's.** The closest pizza to Firestone Library.

**Nomad Pizza.\*** One of the best pizzas in town. A bit far away, and a bit pricy, but worth it for special occasions.

**Papa John's.\*** A good choice for inexpensive pizza delivered to you. Ask about specials. Student discount available.

**Pizza Star.\*** Your pizza option at the Princeton Shopping Center

**Slice Between.** Same owners as Hoagie Haven and George's, so you can have your hoagie toppings on a thin-slice pizza instead. The crust is really good

**Valentino's Pizzeria.\*** The closest pizza to Plasma Physics, and an E-Quad delivery favorite

**Jules Thin Crust.** Excellent pizza place very well located downtown where you can get whole pies or by the slice. Good in terms of vegetarian and vegan options!

## Italian Fusion

**Bertucci's.\*** A chain restaurant with excellent gourmet pizzas and pastas.

**D'Angelo's Italian Market.** Serves hot Italian food at the counter and has both inside and outside seating area. You can also get Italian-themed groceries here.

**Eno Terra\*.** Located in Kingston. Same owners as Teresa Café, and just as good

**Fedora.\*** Located on Main St. in Lawrenceville, Fedora is a pastry shop, a coffee shop, and a restaurant. Huge dinner salads. Interesting décor and cozy atmosphere. About a 15-20 minute drive down Rt. 206.

**J.B. Winberie's.** Right off Palmer Square, Winberie's has sandwiches, burgers, and pasta in a pleasant pub-like atmosphere. Offers a tempting Sunday brunch spread

**La Mezzaluna.** Good Italian food in a cozy setting. Excellent flambé desserts—and tiramisu! BYOB.

**Teresa Cafe.** This nice Italian restaurant off of Palmer Square offers a menu of brick oven pizzas, pasta, fish, and meat dishes with Italian accents. The desserts are excellent. Be prepared for a wait during peak hours.

## Mexican

**Chapin.** Mexican-Guatemalan cuisine, walking distance from campus. No tables; just stools and a bar along the wall. Used to be cash only.

**Tortuga's.\*** Go down Witherspoon past the Princeton Hospital, turn left on Leigh Avenue. It's quite a walk, but an easy drive (parking available in a nearby lot). Good steak fajitas. Cash only. BYOB

**Taste of Mexico.\*** This is a family run business with only a handful of tables. The food is consistently tasty and well prepared. An excellent choice for vegetarians.

**Tacoria.** Favorite among the undergrads, this place has excellent vegetarian and non-vegetarian options! Highly recommended.

**Chipotle.** Two restaurants, both a short drive away from campus. This Mexican food chain offers excellent bowls and quesadillas.

## Asian

**Ajihei.** Ajihei is known as “the sushi place in the basement” on Chambers St.; a very reliable friend of a past editor proclaimed this the best Japanese food west of New York.

**Amazing Thai.** Relatively new restaurant, with excellent options for Thai food and drinks.

**Crown Palace.\*** Far away, but good for a special banquet. Excellent high-end dishes: Peking duck, etc

**Hunan.** Szechuan, Malaysian (exotic seafood!), Vietnamese, and, of course, Hunan cuisine, within walking distance of campus

**Nassau Sushi.** Formerly known as Nassau Bagel and Sushi, they serve sushi and spicy Korean food that's not too starchy or sugary.

**Penang.\*** You'll find Malaysian and Thai cuisine here, accompanied with bright orange chopsticks. A good place to take a big group--they have lots of seating. Roti canai and mango chicken are highly recommended.

**Pho 99.\*** Reasonable Vietnamese noodles, appetizers, and grilled meat in the Great Wall Supermarket shopping center. Cash Only

**Sakura Express.** Sakura offers affordable sushi, teriyaki, and salad. Brothers Andrew and Albert "like to feed people," and it shows. Packed day in and day out

**Shanghai Park.\*** Quality Chinese food. People rave about their "soup dumplings"—but study proper technique before you try to eat one! Their dim sum can be twice the price you might expect per dish, but also nearly twice the portion size of an average dim sum place.

**Soonja's Café.** Down Alexander Rd., Soonja's offers Korean cuisine, including pricey sushi, as well as Thai food. (244 Alexander Road; 924-9260)

**Thai Village.** Thai food

**Tiger Noodles.** Fast Chinese food, heavy on the MSG. Reasonable prices and good daily specials. The silver noodles are very popular, as well as the home style bean curd. The scallion pancakes don't disappoint

**Tomo Sushi.** A good choice for take-out Japanese with friendly service, near the E-Quad.

**Wonder Seafood Restaurant.\*** Worth the trip for the weekend dim sum. Fast cart and tray service, authentic food; don't come for the decor.

## Indian

**Crown of India.\*** Take Scudder's Mill Rd. to the Princeton Meadows Shopping Center for some wonderful Indian food in a dark, quiet, and peaceful place

**Chennai Chimney.\*** Offers authentic South Indian cuisine, with all you can eat, with good vegetarian options on the weekends for less than 20 dollars.

**Dosa Grill.\*** Offers authentic South Indian cuisine.

**Masala Grill.** This beautiful restaurant has a lovely atmosphere and a heavenly brick oven aroma that fills the room. Expect to dine in a leisurely fashion

**Mehek.** They offer tasty Indian cuisine as well as tea. Quick and easy takeout from the basement entrance if you're between E-Quad and Firestone

**Tandoori Bite.** Very good, very well priced, and excellent delivery. The service is extremely polite.

**Udipi Cafe.\*** Located on Rt 27 in New Brunswick, this vegetarian restaurant serves South Indian cuisine, while other restaurants in this list tend to serve North Indian food. Proclaims a previous GCHC Secretary: "Every dish I have tried has been wonderful; the flavoring is excellent, the food is fresh and healthy, and the prices are extremely reasonable. Good choices include the Iddly/Vada, the Uthappam, and the Payasam." (3029 Rt 27, 732-422-8301)

## Nice Restaurants

You will find a number of restaurants in Princeton whose prices (high) make them best for special occasions. **The Alchemist and Barrister** on Witherspoon Street. **Le Plumet Royal** is inside the Peacock Inn. For a more open atmosphere with good cuisine try **Mediterra** on Hulfish St. near Halo Pub. The **Blue Point Grill** on Nassau St, as well as **Acacia** in Lawrenceville are excellent choices. The **Hyatt**, while having a remarkable atmosphere, is fairly institutional. Walking down Witherspoon, do take a look into the windows to see what people are eating to get some idea. Agricola at Witherspoon is also a local favorite!

If you have got the time and the funds and you fancy top-flight dining, however, venture out to New York City or down to Philadelphia, where the good restaurants are plentiful.

## Miscellaneous

**Efes Mediterranean Grill.** Only Turkish place in Princeton and a good option for lunch or take-out option near Equad (235B Nassau Street; 683-1220)

**Food Court, Forrestal Village.\*** This is right near both the Forrestal Campus and NEC, so if you work on Rt 1 North, you will probably end up there for lunch at some point. (Forrestal Village, Rt 1 North)

**Istanbul Restaurant & Patisserie\*.** Possibly the best Turkish restaurant in the area, and very reasonably priced. Complete with Turkish coffee kiosk. (1000 Aaron Rd, N. Brunswick; 940-1122)

**KC Prime Restaurant.\*** It's a steakhouse, but Sunday brunch is reputed to be especially good. (4160 Quakerbridge Rd, Trenton; 275-5418)

**Main Street.\*** Located in Princeton Shopping Center, it calls itself "A Euro-American Bistro and Bar". (921-2779)

**McCaffrey's Supermarket Cafe.\*** Much like the Wegmans Cafe, but a bit smaller. (Princeton Shopping Center)

**Jammin' Crepes.\*** Nice local place to eat some crepes. They have an organic, local and eco-friendly vibe in their food that makes it not only delicious, but exciting. (20 Nassau St, Princeton; 924-5387)

**PJ's Pancake House.** Come to PJ's for a bit of Princeton character and a good selection of breakfast fare available all day. The dishes are made fresh. Treat yourself to a large fresh OJ and carve your initials into the tabletop. The line forms early on the weekend. (154 Nassau Street; 924-1353)

**Princeton Theological Seminary Cafeteria.** The seminary is right next to the GC and its cafeteria makes an inexpensive and friendly alternative to Procter Hall food. It is particularly valuable when Procter Hall is closed during holidays and the summer. In the seminary you buy your meal a la carte, but prices are great and you can easily fill up for less than \$7. Free bread, peanut butter, and jelly are available.

**Wegmans Food Market Cafe.\*** Choose from a selection of Wegmans prepared foods and eat in a pleasant upstairs seating area. (Nassau Park Blvd; 919-9320)

**Whole Foods Market Cafe.\*** Arguably the best of the three supermarket cafes in the area. The triple squash soup is worth taking home. (3495 Brunswick Pike; 799-2919)

## Chain Restaurants

**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar.\*** Good, reliable American food. Their "riblets" are the classic dish to order. (Quaker Bridge Mall)

**Big Fish Seafood Bistro.\*** The interior of this restaurant is really neat—where else can you find massive plastic fish, bubbles, and kelp? The food is fairly expensive, but the service and food are good and there is a large bar. (3535 Rt 1, Market Fair; 919-1179)

**Cheesecake Factory.\*** For diehard cheesecake fans. (Quakerbridge Mall; 609-275-5887)

**Joe's Crab Shack.\*** An unusual sort of chain, Joe's has more than just crabs, and has interesting phrases to read, posted all around the place. Get shellfish, though, if you want the full bib experience. (3191 Brunswick Pike/Rt 1 S 896-0360)

**Old Man Rafferty's.\*** This chain has a branch near Somerville right on Rt 206 north of Princeton, making it a good stop on the way back from a long trip. It has lots of desserts and huge portions. Another branch in New Brunswick makes for a great dinner on the way back from New York City. (384 Rt 206 S, Hillsborough, NJ 08844; 908-904-9731 and 106 Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 732-846-6153 and 6155)

**Olive Garden.\*** Another Italian chain restaurant. It is open at night and has very good salad. (3345 Brunswick Pike / Rt 1; 987-9207)

**On the Border.\*** On the Border makes its mark with its frozen margaritas. A good place to bring a crowd for Mexican food. (3567 Rt 1; 987-9222)

**P.F. Chang's.\*** If you like your Chinese food heavily Americanized, this is the place for you. A stand-alone building in the Market Fair mall area on Rt. 1. (3545 US-1, Princeton, NJ 08540; 799-5163)

**Ruby Tuesdays.\*** Similar to TGI Friday's, but north on Rt 1 instead of south. (381 Rt 1; 514-1900)

**TGI Friday's.\*** American food (3535 Rt 1 S, Market Fair; 520-0378)

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**Alchemist and Barrister.** This place attracts an older crowd but is still worth a visit. The food is good. If you’re ok spending \$10 on a burger, the ones here are pretty darn good. The bar has Flying Fish beer (a good local New Jersey brew) on tap. (28 Witherspoon St; 924-5555)

**Conte's.** Conte's is a piece of postwar Americana with a counter bar serving pizza and Peroni. However, pizza is a good stomach liner, and could be a good beginning to a night out. (339 Witherspoon; 921-8041)

**The Dbar.** The Dbar is the pub situated in the basement of the GC. For all students it should be a must, as it is local, very cheap and is full of people of your ilk. It has a good atmosphere, being situated in the bowels of the Princeton world—they couldn't have hidden it better if they tried. Hours are posted on [Dbar's website \(http://gchc.princeton.edu/dbar\)](http://gchc.princeton.edu/dbar). There are pool tables, foosball tables, and a high-definition TV. The Dbar is well worth a visit during its peak period from Thursday to Saturday, or the rest of the week if you prefer a more mellow atmosphere. Friday night theme parties pack the place. Also remember the monthly Karaoke Night and Quiz Night. There is a good selection of beers and mixed drinks, so it's the traditional place to arrange to meet some friends for a cheap night out.

**The Ivy.** The pub has a lot of character, and the aura of a place to go and drink. One of the only places in town with a pool table and karaoke (on Wednesdays/Thursdays!). (248 Nassau; 921-8555)

**J.B. Winberie's.** Winberie's is a few steps across Palmer Square from the Nassau Inn. Predominantly a restaurant, it also has a bar. Winberie's can be quite busy in the early evenings and on weekends. They have a very good but limited selection of beers, as well as the usual spirits. The bar snacks are reasonably priced and tasty. (1 Palmer Square; 921-0700)

**New Hope.\*** This is a great town to go to for a night out of Princeton. About a 30 minute drive (North on 206, west on 518, across the bridge on Bridge St), it offers a lot of pubs all on the same road, and two dance clubs. There is also a more formal bar in nearby Lambertville on Bridge Street.

**Triumph Brewing Company.** Once you make your way down the long entrance, you'll find Triumph has a casual, twenty-something-young-professional-after-work atmosphere. Dinner is expensive, but the food's good. Triumph is the only place in town where you won't find a tap beer with the “Lite” modifier following its name. There's a selection of stouts, ales, pilsners, and just plain lager. All the beer is made on the premises, so it's never stale and always tastes good. (138 Nassau Street; 924-7855)

**Yankee Doodle Tap Room.** The Tap Room is part of the Nassau Inn. The bar staff are friendly and quick. Live music is normally played on Friday and Saturday nights, with varying standards. The clientele are normally in their thirties or older—a common feature of Princeton pubs. Check out the Norman Rockwell mural at some point. (10 Palmer Square; 921-7500)

**The Street.** For the cheapest, flowingest free beer, morph yourself into an undergraduate and visit some of the Eating Clubs on Prospect Ave. Thursdays and Saturdays are the big “going-out” nights. Bands play or DJs spin. Some good clubs for beginners are Tower, Terrace, Colonial, and Quad. Make it a goal once in your time here to snag an invitation to eat at Ivy, served by a waiter on a table bedecked with lit candelabras. (Up and down Prospect Ave.)



## Travel Information

Students are encouraged to register their itineraries at **Concur**, a University-sponsored travel information platform. Many university negotiated discounts, such as car rental and hotel accommodation, and a free professional travel planning app (TripIt Pro), are readily available on Concur.

### Airports and airlines

**NJ Transit** has a stop at **Newark Airport**. Make sure to buy a ticket to Newark Airport, and the AirTrain surcharge will be included. When you get off at the Newark Airport stop, you swipe your NJT ticket at the fare gates to take the **AirTrain shuttle** to the airport itself. The AirTrain is cheaper and usually faster than the Airporter Shuttle.

If you wish to engage the services of a private limousine (perhaps if you have a lot of luggage and time is of the essence), approximately \$70 will purchase you a one-way trip from **LVS Limousine Service** (800-841-6369). The trip is about an hour each way, and you will be met either at your place for departures, or, for arrivals, at baggage claim when your flight gets in.

**Newark Airport** is a major hub of **United**, which offers nonstop flights to most destinations in Europe, North America and Asia, in terms of minimizing connections and transit time. For Southeast Asia, **Singapore Airlines** (800-742-3333) is the superior choice, offering a direct flight to Singapore and frequent connections beyond.

**Philadelphia Airport** is also a viable option for travel. It is less stressful than the NYC airports, but a little longer travel time to get there. Take the NJ Transit train to Trenton (20 minutes), then a **SEPTA** train to 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station (1 hour from Trenton). From there, take the R1 train to the Philadelphia Airport. If you can get a good price on an airline ticket (if you are headed to the mid or intermountain West, check out Frontier), it may be worth the hour and a half of train travel time.

JFK Airport hosts cheaper flights to East Asia and Europe with Air China, Aeroflot, Turkish Airlines and Lufthansa. The best (still time-consuming) way to get there is to take NJ Transit to Penn Station then take the LIRR to the airport (Jamaica direction).

### NYC & Philadelphia

To get to/from NYC or Philadelphia, **NJ Transit** (800-772-2222) offers the cheapest train rides. The Dinky is a small train managed by the NJ Transit which connects the campus to Princeton Junction train station, where NJ Transit trains can be taken to NYC or Philadelphia and several destinations in between. The Dinky is located at the Princeton train station, the same location as the local Wawa. Schedules are available at train stations, on the Web, and in the Porter's Lodge. Round trip to NYC (Penn Station) is cheaper during non-peak hours. Amtrak (800-523-8720) is faster but much more expensive. To get to Philadelphia, take NJ Transit to Trenton and transfer to SEPTA.

You can also take the **Suburban Transit bus** to NYC (the 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Port Authority Bus Terminal). Buses leave every half hour from Palmer Square and take from 90 minutes to 2 hours. You have to purchase a ticket from the news kiosk on Palmer Square before you go and wait for the bus by FitzRandolph gate in front of Nassau Hall. You can get a copy of the most current bus schedule at the kiosk as well. More information on this bus can be found online. Be warned, though, that the Web site is not always up to date and the best information is from either the news kiosk or calling them (800-222-0492).

### Campus Shuttle

The University provides an extensive shuttle network. The system services all of campus and features a website where students can track the GPS coordinates of shuttles. Please check with the official **website** for the latest schedules and services. Search the University website for current information: the shuttle is very useful!

### Car Rental.

**Enterprise** has three nearby franchises, all of which will pick you up and drop you off.

### Travel Savings

**Student Advantage Card.** For a small fee you can get a Student Advantage card which is good for discounts at participating businesses and services. Its main benefit is a **15% discount** on Greyhound and Amtrak tickets, making it well-worth the cost if you plan to be traveling interstate frequently.

**STA Travel.** An organization specializing in student travel packages. Better in person than online.

## Undergraduates?

There is a myth of sorts that Princeton undergraduates and graduates mix like water and oil. Like most myths, it has its origins in some grain of truth, but is largely a truth obscured by the woolly cobwebs of time and hyperbole.

“Where *is* the GC?” Most undergrads don’t know, and don’t know us. Undergraduates rarely make it over to the GC, except the few brave souls who seek out Procter Hall or the Dbar their senior year before they graduate.

This division is not fate, however. There are a variety of ways to get involved in u-grad life at Princeton, arguably one of the best u-grad institutions in the nation.

### Publications

There are several u-grad-centered publications that are worth reading. A few grad students also contribute articles and columns to these.

- *Daily Princetonian*. The University’s newspaper of record. Available around one’s department office, as well as at the Information Desk at Frist and the Daily Princetonian office next to the U-Store. Worth glancing through. Comprehensive sports coverage.
- *Nassau Weekly*. Also known as “the Nass” this is Princeton’s answer to Harvard Lampoon. Funny and often times raunchy articles. A great column called “verbatim” where people send in actual outrageous quotes heard around campus.
- *American Foreign Policy*. A project begun after 9/11, this new magazine leans to the right on policy issues.
- *CommonSense*. A national collegiate Humanist magazine, published by Princeton students. Articles debating religion, philosophy and politics.
- *The Tory*. Right wing magazine.
- *Progressive Review*. Liberal journal of opinion. Has had award-winning articles in the past.

**Sports.** Princeton is a jock school, with nearly half of the student body playing some sort of sports. Our teams aren’t bad, and worth checking out. Graduate students may purchase a pass for all athletic events (except NCAA events) for an annual fee ... please contact the ticket office for more information at 609-258-4849.

**Social Life.** The u-grads throw great parties, dances, shows, etc. Don’t think you can’t come just because you’re slightly older. Use your Passport to the Arts tickets to check out some of the undergraduates’ productions!

**Campus Groups.** Many undergrad groups welcome grad students. They value our experience. Many of the most active groups around Princeton have been joint grad-undergrad ventures. Graduate students cannot serve as president or treasurer of an undergraduate group, but can fully participate otherwise. Don’t hesitate to come to their meetings; they are listed **online** (<http://www.princeton.edu/odus/activities/organizations/directory/>).

**Arts.** Princeton students put on class acts: drama, music, dance. Again, many groups would love grad students to be involved either as participants or as spectators.

**Terminology.** Informants among the undergraduates have revealed a number of key phrases:

- “Arch sing” – Outdoor concert by any of the numerous a-capella groups on campus utilizing the acoustic properties of collegiate Gothic architecture.
- “Bicker” – There are two types of Eating Clubs. The ones that “bicker” are selective in their choosing of members. The other types of Clubs are “sign-ins” where anyone who wants to join can join.
- “Eating Clubs” – These are the big houses on Prospect Ave. where a good number of students, especially after Freshman year, eat and drink. They used to be much nastier and exclusive. Now mostly harmless, though the University officially doesn’t recognize them. Membership is expensive but the food is good and the beer is unending. If you know some undergraduates, you could try to ask them to take you to lunch at their Club.
- “Gut class” – An easy “A” class.
- “Independent” – A student who is not a member of an eating club. The university, believe it or not, provides them special housing eligibility for apartments with kitchens.

- “JP” – The Junior Paper is sort of pre-thesis completed (theoretically) by third year students before undertaking the final year thesis. Preceptors and TAs are likely to be sought for last-minute therapy.
- “On pass” – When an eating club has an event that only members and their friends (whom they give passes to) can attend.
- “Prox” – What those of us with prior institutionalization experience might call an ID or TigerCard.
- “Rock star professor” – Celebrity professors who are treated as gods by academics, but who go virtually unrecognized on the streets of non-academic America.
- “Sketchy” – Not so appropriate and stable. Usually refers to matters of social interaction and sexual mores.
- “The Street” – Prospect Avenue, home to the Eating Clubs and ergo nightlife. Also sometimes referred to as “Prospect.”
- “Viv” – Café Vivian in the Frist Campus Center, a popular coffeehouse and meeting place.
- “the Wa” – The Wawa market located next to the Dinky station.
- “Wa-Run” – A purchasing expedition undertaken usually late at night, taking advantage of the Wa’s never closing and its fine range of food.
- “Walk of shame” – The early morning walk home after waking up in a strange bed.

## You & Your Undergrads!

The undergraduates dwell for their first two years in 4 residential colleges: Butler/Wilson, Rocky (short for Rockefeller)/Mathy (pronounced “Matt-ee”), Forbes, and Whitman. They each have a cafeteria open to grad students on the meal plan. Princeton has a culture of intervention, so students who are doing poorly – academically, mentally, physically, or otherwise – there are professionals to be alerted.

Graduate students can participate in Residential College life in a number of ways: run language tables, serve as tutors, etc. If you love or think you’d love working more closely with undergraduates, consider applying to be a Residential Graduate Student.

Princeton undergraduates go on in life to be successful in life and in their professions. They are interesting, ambitious, and smart kids - worth getting to know. The fact that you are a grad student doesn’t matter much in the end. In fact, our status has a certain allure to it and you may be peppered with questions such as “where do the graduate students live?”

## Important Times of Year

**General Exam Periods.** Most departments have General Examinations for Ph.D. candidates. Please be considerate during these periods and keep quiet, especially at night. The General Examination periods for the academic year can be found on the [academic calendar](#).

**The Breaks.** There are several breaks scheduled in the [Academic Calendar](#): Fall Recess, Thanksgiving Recess, Winter Recess, Intersession, and Spring Recess. In general, Procter Hall will be closed for dinner over these breaks, so plan accordingly. However, breakfast is usually served Monday through Friday during all breaks with the exception of Winter Recess.

**House Committee Elections.** Elections are held each year in the Fall, with balloting outside Procter Hall. Please consider running—all you need is a petition with 30 signatures of residents (and their room numbers).

**Room Draw.** Pay attention in March for announcements regarding room draw for the next year. There is a separate summer application for students remaining over the summer.

**Movearound.** The GC is open and operating all year. At some point over the summer, you will be relocated to your fall assignment if you are moving into a different GC room. (“Handyman Dan” is a member of the Princeton maintenance staff, and several students have hired him to help with moving. Call 609-599-4073.)

**Reunions.** Usually the first week in June, Princeton Reunions are the largest, most lavish of any school! There is the infamous **P-rade** where thousands of alumni/ae march down Nassau Street, starting with the oldest living alum. Each graduating class has its own special orange and black ‘beer jacket’; at their 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion they upgrade to a distinctively tacky blazer in the same color scheme. Reunions also entail a few nights of wild partying by the upper to professional classes, at ‘tent parties’ organized by class year—you’ll need to purchase a wristband to get in, so watch your email for details in May. Bands play, beer is drunk, people dance, kids are running around – it’s a great time for all. Don’t miss the spectacular **fireworks** display and show. There are also opportunities to work for big bucks as a staff member on Reunion weekend.

# Landmarks of the Graduate College

## Cleveland Tower

Dedicated to the memory of President Grover Cleveland, the Tower is probably the most recognizable feature of the GC. The key is available in the Porter's Lodge and the Tower is open for visitation during certain hours by Princeton affiliates and their guests. **Visitors are not allowed to enter the tower alone.** If you brave a long and narrow spiral staircase, there is a nice view from the top. The interior also contains an interesting shrine to Cleveland maintained by Hawaiians that can be glimpsed from the staircase. The tower is closed in inclement weather and during generals periods, no one is allowed up the tower, due to safety reasons. And be careful not to lock yourself in. For further information, contact the Porter's Lodge at 609-258-3443. A PUID is needed for entry

The Cleveland Tower also houses a magnificent manually-played bell instrument called a carillon (<https://gradschool.princeton.edu/about/carillon>). It is the fifth largest instrument in North America, the largest bell of which weighs 12,880 pounds. Except during PhD exams, the carillon is played regularly on Sundays at 1:00pm by the University Carillonneur and throughout the week by student carillonneurs. Carillonneurs from around the world are invited annually to participate in the Summer Concert Series held Sundays during July and August. For more information on the carillon or learning to play it, please contact Lisa Lonie, University Carillonneur, [LLonie@hotmail.com](mailto:LLonie@hotmail.com).

## Pyne Tower

This is the second tallest tower in the GC. The stained-glass window in the anteroom in front of Procter Hall is by Charles J. Connick and commemorates six GC residents who died in World War I. The military saints of the four nations where the students died are depicted: St. George of England, St. Joan of Arc of France, St. Michael of Belgium, and St. Maurice of Italy.

## Procter Hall

Procter Hall is the GC dining hall and a masterpiece of modern Gothic Revival architecture. Its most commanding feature is the **stained glass** window opposite the main entrance. It was made by William and Annie Lee Willet of Philadelphia and depicts the seven Liberal Arts: grammar, logic, rhetoric, geometry, arithmetic, astronomy, and music. The Latin motto beneath the window means: "Neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, even Christ." The motto over the fireplace means: "Enter good; leave better." Industrialist Henry Clay Frick<sup>1</sup> donated the original **organ** in Procter Hall, but it has been replaced by a cheaper model; the organ is still played on occasion. Keys to the organ chamber may be borrowed from the Porter's Lodge after being approved to do so.

The elevated **High Table** sits under the central window. Several times a year, distinguished persons are invited to dine at High Table with a small number of students. Shortly before a **High Table dinner**, an invitation and signups will be done by email. **The High Table is not used at any other time.**

## The North Courtyard

The archway behind Dean West's left shoulder leads into the North Courtyard, home of OGC entryways 16 through 21.

## Wyman Garden

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<sup>1</sup>Was Frick a murderer? In 1891, nine striking coke oven workers were shot to death by the deputised agents of Frick Coke Co. While Frick was the superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Company in 1892 it was under his watch that the Homestead Strike occurred pitting "locked-out" iron and steel workers and their families against the company and its Pinkerton guards. Frick refused to recognise the union, evicted striking workers' families, and brought in strike-breakers. 10 workers and a little boy were killed, dozens of men, women and children were injured. The young anarchist Alexander Berkman (lover of Emma Goldman) - on hearing of the gun-fight between the steel men and the Pinkertons - hastened to Homestead, burst into Frick's office, and shot and stabbed him a number of times. Frick lived a long life, however. Berkman was sent to prison, while Goldman became the world's most famous anarchist thinker and activist.

Located between the west end of Procter Hall and Springdale Road, this well-maintained garden is open to the public from dawn to dusk. Students should enter through the entrance near the New Graduate College; the Dean's backyard entrance is reserved for special occasions.

## The Sculptures

The larger-than-life figure seated in the middle of the Main Courtyard is Dean Andrew Fleming West, first Dean of the Graduate School (1901-1928) and administrator responsible for our remote location. Dean West's head serves as a popular perch for local birds. The statue was designed by R. Tait McKenzie and was the gift of William Cooper Procter. Gaston Lachaise's *Floating Figure* and Kenneth Snelson's *Northwood II* decorate the NGC. Both sculptures are part of the 21-piece Putnam outdoor sculpture collection dotting the campus. A small brochure describing the collection is available at the U-Store.

## Squirrels, Deer, Woodchucks, Rabbits

Our fine furry friends love to hang around the GC. On a balmy spring night, you may see deer loitering around the NGC – do not scare them! Squirrels are our constant companions. Oh, and do not forget to lock your window screens; they love to drop by unexpectedly, chew through your containers, and snack on any food they can find in your room. If they chew through your window screens, as has been known to happen, call x8-8000 for repairs. And beware of the ninja squirrels who sometimes come flying out of the outdoor trash cans. (Very rarely, residents may have a much-too-close encounter with the local animals and get bitten. If this happens to you, visit McCosh immediately for a checkup.)

## Bicycles

Please lock your bike to one of the grey eyelets located around the GC. Bikes are not allowed to be left free-standing under the archways and your bike **will be towed**. Every now and then a bike is stolen, so do keep them locked up, even if you are only leaving for a minute. If you suspect a parked bike has been abandoned, please let the House Committee know and we will try to facilitate its removal. Periodically Public Safety will sweep through and remove abandoned bikes, so if you are leaving campus for a long period, put your bicycle in storage in the basement, do not leave it in a rack! Don't forget to register your bicycle at [Transportation and Parking Services](#), 609-258-7655.



# History of the Graduate College

## The Graduate School

The Graduate School was established in 1901, although informal graduate work was carried out as far back as the 18<sup>th</sup> century—James Madison did six months of graduate study in 1771, making him the first graduate student outside of the area of theology. In the 1870s, Princeton awarded its first graduate degrees. In 1896, the College of New Jersey became Princeton University, and Giger Professor of Latin Andrew Fleming West (Class of 1874) began to advocate the creation of a Graduate School and a Graduate College. On December 13, 1900, the University trustees voted to establish a Graduate School; Professor West was appointed Dean, starting in fall 1901. A “Graduate House” called Merwick was the first graduate residence on campus. In 1906, Mrs. Josephine Thomson Swan left a bequest of \$275,000 for the construction of a graduate college—her name is memorialized in stone on the north wall of the Main Court, and the proper name for the Main Court (which is almost never used) is “Thomson College”, after Senator John R. Thomson (Class of 1817).

## West vs. Wilson

Woodrow Wilson (later Governor of New Jersey and President of the United States) was at that time President of Princeton University. He wanted the Graduate College to be constructed on the main campus so that undergraduates and graduate students could interact with each other. Dean West favored the current location, by the golf course, which had also been favored by the late Grover Cleveland (former US President), as a University trustee. In 1909, William Cooper Procter (Class of 1883) donated \$500,000 for the graduate college project, provided that a site could be found that would be acceptable to him; Procter was a friend of West’s and by this request meant that the new college should be built where West wanted. Much argument ensued. In 1910, Isaac Wyman (Class of 1848) died and left \$794,000 for the construction of a graduate college, provided that it be built where West wanted it. The trustees accepted the bequest, and President Wilson resigned soon after. M. Taylor Pyne (Class of 1877) donated the funds necessary for the construction of Pyne Tower. Construction began in May 1911, and the dedication was made on October 22, 1913. The architect was Ralph Adams Cram of Boston. Cleveland Tower was built as a memorial to Grover Cleveland and funded by public donations. Dean West occupied Wyman House, the official residence of the Dean of the Graduate School, and Harold Crosby Butler (Class of 1892) was named the first Master in residence.

## Additions

In 1927, William Cooper Procter made a further donation that was used (was University funds) to build the North Court. The same year, the Class of 1892 donated the carillon in Cleveland Tower. The New Graduate College, consisting of the Procter and Compton Quadrangles, was built in 1963. (The Butler Apartments, the first housing for married graduate students, were opened shortly after the Second World War; the Lawrence Apartments were built in 1966.) In 1961, women were first admitted to the Graduate School, and housed in the Annexes; in 1968, women were first housed in the Graduate College. The Debasement Bar was opened in 1970, and named by Tom Reed \*71.

## Administration

Dean West retired in 1928. His successors were: Dean Augustus Trowbridge (Physics), 1928-1933; Dean Luther P. Eisenhart (Mathematics), 1933-1945; Dean Hugh S. Taylor (Chemistry), 1945-1958; Dean Donald R. Hamilton (Physics), 1958-65; Dean Colin S. Pittendrigh (Biology), 1965-1969; Dean Aaron Lemonick (Physics), 1969-1973; Dean Alvin Kernan (English), 1973-1977; Dean Nina Garsoian (Near Eastern Studies), 1977-79; Dean Theodore Ziolkowski (Germanic Languages and Literatures), 1979-92; Dean Albert J. Raboteau (Religion), 1992-1994; Dean John F. Wilson (Religion), 1994-2002, Dean William Russel (Chemical Engineering), 2002-2014, and Dean Sanjeev Kulkarni (2014-present).

## Masters

The first Master of the Graduate College (previously Merwick House, before the Graduate College was completed in 1913) was Howard Crosby Butler (1905-1922). He was followed by William Gillespie (1923-1939), Sidney Lawrence Levengood (1939-1948), Dean James Thorpe (1949-1953), Frank Card Bourne (1954-1957), Jerome

Blum (1958-1978), Barbara and Raymond Hill (1979-1981), Gerald Geison (1982-1984), and Victor Preller (1985-1990). The tradition was terminated in 1990.

### “As Much like Oxford as Monkeys could Make It”

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We sit there, we historians, in yellow-tiled Dickinson Hall, and we listen to the Orange Key guides taking groups around campus. We admire their ability to walk backwards, appreciate their enthusiasm – and even enjoy hearing the old stories about the downspout on the chapel for the 100<sup>th</sup> time. We’re especially pleased when a guide departs from the script, as one did a couple of years ago. “Note the ivy growing up professor Grafton,” he quipped, to the amusement of his group, as I staggered by, schlepping a load of books back to Firestone.

But we do have our doubts about some components of the tour: especially when we hear guides assuring the punters that Princeton barely has a graduate school, and that professors here, unlike those at other research universities, devote virtually all their time, energy and affection to their undergraduates. That’s just not true. The graduate school and its students form a vital strand in Princeton’s past and an essential part of its life.

“The Princeton Graduate School: A History” is a collaborative work, originally published in the 1970s and now reedited by Patricia Marks and brought down to the present by James Axtell. Dean by dean and building by building, it tells a complex and bittersweet story that many Princeton undergraduates and alumni – and most visitors – don’t know.

Individual graduates stayed on at Princeton to do more advanced work as early as the 18<sup>th</sup> century. But the real graduate school came into existence in the years around 1900, as Americans flocked to do Ph.D’s in Germany, and Princeton – like many of its rivals – decided to transform itself. Presidents McCosh, Patton and Wilson worked in very different ways. But they all agreed that Princeton could become a real university only if it could attract graduate students working at the frontiers of their field – and professors of international reputation to guide them. The plan to offer systematic graduate education accompanied efforts to hire great scholars and scientists and build libraries and laboratories. No graduate school, no university: just a fine liberal arts college, Willams by the Lake.

By 1913 graduate students had a Gothic home in the Graduate College, a spectacular pastiche encrusted with curlicues and moldings by the influential architect Ralph Adams Cram (“as much like Oxford as monkeys could make it,” said [British philosopher] Bertrand Russell). Princeton stole more than an incongruous building style from the Brits. For decades, residents of the Graduate College wore gowns to dinner, recited a Latin grace before meals and sent a committee to discuss problems with the college’s resident faculty Master.

Still, during the next century, Princeton’s graduate school developed a coherent, very American style of its own. It always remained small. Princeton graduate students received, most of the time, better financial support and more consistent advising than their colleagues elsewhere, but they also received pressure – not always gentle – to work intensively, finish their degrees and go away. Not for Princeton, the slow, reflective version of graduate study long practiced at Berkeley, Chicago and Harvard.

The regime seems austere. But recently, as the academic job market has remained in the doldrums and the very possibility of working one’s way through graduate school has vanished, Princeton has become a national model for selective and rapid training of students, most of whom finish and find jobs. Even the Colossus of the North in Cambridge, Mass., has begun to emulate us.

In a conservative university, the graduate school has stood for change. The Graduate School accepted and honored Jews like Richard Feynman in the 1930s. It admitted African Americans in the 1940s and women in the 1960s, and long ago began to attract large numbers of international students, now one of the college’s priorities as well.

This decorous history destroys a number of stereotypes. Many outsiders and some Princetonians will be surprised to learn that for decades, the majority of Princeton graduate students were undergraduate alumni – and that Princeton’s chief administrators long tried hard to convince more students from the college to earn doctorates and teach. A generation and more ago, in an era of livelier politics, graduate students joined undergraduates in planning and staging demonstrations. They articulately denounced the University’s involvement with the Defense Department and its investments in South Africa. Widespread myths to the contrary, finally, graduate students do a great deal of this college’s teaching – often very well indeed.

Still, as Axtell acknowledges in his excellent final chapter, the University community – and the college above all – have never fully accepted the graduate school. Woodrow Wilson, President when the school was created, wanted to put it on the main campus. He thought graduate students should live and mingle with the undergraduates (one plan would have dropped it where the School of Architecture now sits). But he lost out – not for the last time – after a long and bitter struggle with Andrew Fleming West, first dean of the graduate school and a brilliant politician. West envisioned the school as an elite establishment, uncontaminated by contact with the college. His statue still broods over the Graduate College's main quad, far away on its hill above the golf course.

West's victory, appropriately for a classicist, proved Pyrrhic. In recent years, the University has given the school more and more financial support and public recognition. The last three presidents have been products of the graduate school (Robert Goheen '40 graduated from the college as well). Graduate alumni are formally recognized as alumni march in the P-rade. Geographically and socially, however, the school has been – and remains – on the margins. Princeton fosters little of the active social contact between graduate and undergraduate students that takes place more often at the other great universities we compete with. If Wilson had won his fight with West, Lake Carnegie would not have turned to lemonade. But undergraduate life might well be more intellectually exciting, and graduate life less bleak.

Here, as at other old universities, ghosts walk the quads, next to the tourists. None of them is sadder than the spirit of Wilson's Princeton, the real university that never quite took on material form. Like many good histories, this one tells as much about possibilities never realized as it does about the names and deeds of presidents and deans.

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