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CELL PHONES IN THE UNITED STATES

Contracts

- Most cell phone companies charge for all calls, outgoing AND incoming, though many have free calling within their network.
- Some plans give you a set number of minutes per month. Overage minutes are charged at a much higher rate. Check your plan to see if weekend and nighttime minutes are free.
- If you don't have a US Social Security Number, expect to pay a deposit (the deposit should be returned at the end of the contract).
- Text messaging (SMS) typically carries an additional charge if not included in a plan. Ask about adding texting to your plan.
- For most companies, you must have a compatible phone. Ask specifically if you want to use one you currently have.

**** Once a contract is signed, you will be obligated to pay for the entire contract period. Expect to pay a high fee if you break a contract. Contracts generally last 1-2 years. As such, we do not recommend students enter into family plans with other students. ****

Prepaid

- If you intend to make calls to your home country, ensure this is possible with your specific plan.
- May be month-to-month subscriptions or “add minutes as you go.”
- No deposit required and costs may be lower than major providers.
- Cheaper phones— generally basic features such as SMS and calling.

Major Providers

Please note: When subscribing, ask the representative about their student discount program as well as international calling plans.

Verizon Wireless

Fashion Centre Mall
1100 S Hayes St
Arlington, VA 22202
703-415-1101

www.verizonwireless.com

AT&T

3000 Wilson
Boulevard
Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22201
703-243-2311

www.att.com

T-Mobile

1330 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036
202-429-0715

www.t-mobile.com

Sprint

1208 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC
20036
202-496-9400

www.sprint.com

Virgin Mobile:

Radio Shack
1830 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-467-5052

www.virginmobileusa.com

Prepaid Providers

- Net10: www.net10.com
- Straight talk: www.straighttalk.com
- AT&T GoPhone: www.wireless.att.com
- TracFone: www.tracfone.com
- US Mobile: www.gousmobile.com
- GSM Nation (unlocked phones): www.gsmnation.com

Prepaid Calling Card Locations

- CVS (1403 Wisconsin Ave.)
- Georgetown University Bookstore (Leavey Center) - AT&T Only
- Rosslyn Market (next to Rosslyn Metro)
- Key Bridge Exxon (3607 M Street NW)