OTHER HELPFUL PLACES

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING: Walmart and Target are two common all-purpose stores here, however they’re a little difficult to get to from Grounds- you would need to take an Uber/Lyft or multiple CAT buses. They both have food, clothing, house supplies and basic furniture, school/office supplies, electronics, toiletries, and outdoor items. Walmart tends to be a little cheaper, while Target is a little trendier.

CLOTHING: A nearby clothing store is the Old Navy in Barracks, which sells both men’s and women’s clothing. If you want more options, Fashion Square Mall has many clothing and specialty stores; get there by using an Uber/Lyft or by taking multiple CAT buses.

EYES/GLASSES: If you need new glasses or repairs to your old ones, VisionWorks in Barracks would be a close option.

HAIR CUTS: Hair Cuttery in Barracks is a close and cheap option- if it’s your first time, you can get a shampoo and cut for just $12.99.

MAIL: There is a post office in the first floor of Newcomb (open 9 to 4 Monday-Friday) and also a FedEx (used more for packages) in Barracks. If you just want to send a letter (within the US), you can use the blue mail boxes located throughout Grounds, like near the Amphitheater and Peabody Hall; you can buy stamps at the post office or the Bookstore. If you want to send heavier mail or to another country, it will probably require special stamps so you should go to the post office for help.

For more help, make sure to ask a Global Greeter for their favorite stores in the area! Check out our page on the ISO website for our emails- we’d love to hear from you!
BANKS

Bank of America is by far the most convenient option for students on Grounds. They have a location in the 1st floor of Newcomb (open 10 to 4 Monday-Friday) and a location on the Corner (open 10 to 5 Monday-Thursday and 10 to 6 on Fridays). There are also 6 ATM locations on Grounds. When you go to open an account, make sure to take your passport and I-20 or DS-2019 with you.

There are also branches of Wells Fargo, SunTrust, and BB&T located on Ivy Road, which may be convenient for students living in the IRC or those living off-Grounds nearby. UVA’s bus system (UTS) can be used to get there from Central Grounds- just take the Colonnade Shuttle or the Green Route; use the TransLoc Rider app for more details on stops and times.

PHONES

The closest cell phone provider is AT&T, which is located in Barrack’s Road Shopping Center. Although you could probably walk from some parts of Grounds, you can also take the Northline (UTS) or Route 5 or 7 of the CAT (Charlottesville Area Transit). Although most services require a credit card to begin service, you should ask if they accept a cash deposit instead. Sprint is another provider that is only 2.2 miles from Grounds, but you will have to use a ride sharing app like Uber or Lyft to get there as it is not on a UTS or CAT route.

Wifi is available (and great!) in the majority of places on Grounds- the only problem areas you may have would be in the middle of fields (O-Hill, the Lawn, Nameless Field, etc.). Because of this, and the commonality of messaging apps like GroupMe and Facebook, if you know you won’t need a lot of text messaging and phone calls that require cell service, you can also buy a Tracfone. Tracfones require you to buy minutes for talking and/or texting, and when you run out you just buy more. Most grocery stores, pharmacies, and electronics stores will sell minutes (it looks like a credit card), but you should do research on which sell the phones.

GROCERIES

For quick snacks, Cohn’s On the Corner (by Bodo’s) is probably the closest, although there are several convenience stores on Grounds (Newcomb, O’Hill, etc.) that sell similar items that you can use your Plus Dollars or Cavalier Advantage to pay for.

In Barrack’s Road, Harris Teeter and Kroger are the big grocery stores. Take the Northline (UTS) or Route 5 or 7 (CAT) here for fresh fruits and vegetables and ingredients for your next feast!

There is also Foods of All Nations, which is located on Ivy Road near the IRC, which specializes in selling international foods.

PHARMACIES / TOILETRIES

The closest place to go for toiletries and medications is the CVS on the Corner, plus they probably have more options and more specific medications than the grocery stores nearby. If you’re already going to go, Kroger and Bed Bath and Beyond in Barracks Road should carry basic toiletries and medications, as should the UVA Bookstore (in which you can use Cavalier Advantage to pay). There is also another CVS in Barracks and an Ulta, which sells makeup and high-end skincare.

For prescriptions, you can use the UVA Bookstore (in the back corner), CVS, or Kroger. Make sure to bring proof of medical insurance when you go.

DORM SUPPLIES

If you need bedding, a fan, or anything else for your room, Bed Bath and Beyond in Barracks is close and an easy place to go.

The UVA Bookstore will also have some of these items, but they will probably be more expensive (but, you can use Cavalier Advantage to pay for them).