

CELL PHONES IN THE UNITED STATES

Some Quick Facts about Cell Phones in the United States

- 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. Additional minutes are charged at a much higher rate. Check your plan to see if weekend and nighttime minutes are free.
- You can either sign a 1-2 year contract or buy a pre-paid phone and add minutes when necessary. Pre-paid deals tend to be more expensive than year-long contracts.
- Ask about any special international calling plans
- 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)
- If you have an unlocked phone from your home country, check with the cell phone provider to see if it is compatible with their service.
- Some phones will not have reception in the underground metro.
- Text messaging typically carries an additional charge. Ask about adding texting to your plan.
- Some cell phone companies only sell cell phones that work for their network. Ask specifically if you want to use your own phone.
- 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.

Commonly Used Cell Phone Providers

Please note: When subscribing, ask the representative about their student discount program.

Verizon Wireless

Fashion Centre Mall
1100 S Hayes St
Suite 3032
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 415-1101
www.verizonwireless.com

T-Mobile

1330 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036
202-429-0715
www.t-mobile.com

AT&T

1050 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 822-1350
3307 M Street, NW
(202)333-3373
www.att.com

Sprint

1208 18th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
202-496-9400
www.sprint.com

Online Only Providers

Virgin Mobile: www.virginmobileusa.com

Pre-paid or contract plans available.

CricKet: www.mycricket.com

Plans with unlimited minutes. Limited service coverage.

Buying Pre-paid Calling Cards In Stores and Online

- Vital Vittles-Georgetown University Leavey Center: 202-687-9889
- Georgetown University Bookstore in the Leavey Center: 202-687-7482
- Rosslyn Market (next to Rosslyn Metro): 703-522-5387
- Wisemiller's Deli (Wisey's): 1236 ½ 36th St. , NW: 202-333-8254
- Key Bridge Exxon: 3607 M Street, NW: 202-965-3760

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