

INTERMEDIATE:

1. Knows how to call a ride service, provide information needed, and the approximate cost of the service

There are a few ways to call a taxi or get a ride from the independent drivers working for UBER or LYFT. Taxis are significantly more expensive than the independent drivers, but if you only have cash you cannot use the inexpensive option.

TAXI:

You can access multiple taxi companies if you need a ride by phone or internet. You can pay in cash or with a credit/debit card. Taxis are expensive, and typically charge an initial fee when you are first picked up, then you are also charged by the number of miles and wait time in traffic.

Local Taxi Companies:

- A few local taxi companies located in CT are Ace Taxi and Yellow Cab.



Yellow Cab information:

86 Granby Street
Bloomfield, CT 06002

(860) 242 - 3276
Fax: (860) 242 - 3845

Open Monday thru Friday
10 AM – 4 PM

- For a ride, call the number above or download the Yellow Cab app on your smartphone.
- Before calling, estimate how much it will cost by visiting their website and clicking on “Rates” on their homepage. It will also give you the approximate amount of time it will take to travel.
- Calculate your fair online by typing the address in the to and from boxes.
<http://www.theyellowcab.com/rates/>

How to call a Taxi:

- When you call a taxi, make sure you know the address of where you are located and where you are going, and the time you need to be picked up.

Here is how a conversation might go when calling for a taxi:

CAB: “Yellow Cab, how may I help you? “

CALLER: “Hi, I would like to call a cab please.”

CAB: “Where are you going, and where are we picking you up?”

CALLER: “I am going to Capital Community College which is located at 950 Main St, in Hartford. I am at 500 Vine St. in Hartford.”

CAB: “What time do you need to be picked up?”

CALLER: “I need to be picked up no later than 5pm.”

CAB: "Please be waiting outside of your location at 4:45pm."

CALLER: "Do you charge extra if I am not outside at 4:45pm?"

CAB: "Yes, it will be 30 cents extra for every 30 seconds we have to wait."

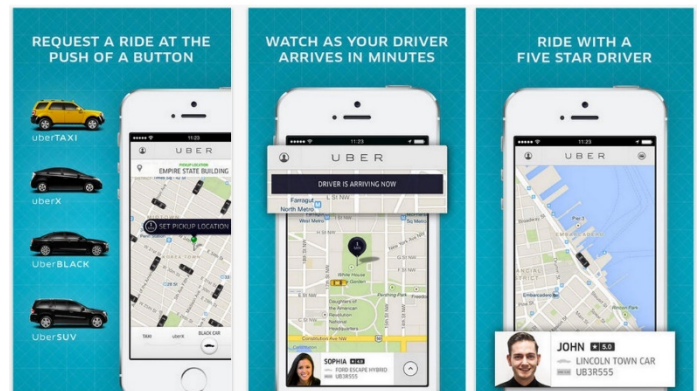
CALLER: "Ok, I will be waiting outside on time. Thank You."

TIPS FOR TIMELINESS:

- It is very important to make sure that you leave enough time for travel so that you get where you need to go on time
- Leave/call transportation extra early if it's during peak rush hours (morning and evening), if the weather is bad, or if it's your first time going to this location
- It's always best to be early rather than late
- Calculate the time it will take to get to your destination using a map feature on a phone, Google Maps on a computer, or by calling the location and asking them
- Always leave at least an extra 15 minutes to be safe!

UBER/LYFT:

- People are self-employed as drivers for the UBER and LYFT companies, so it is very inexpensive to travel now without having to call a taxi service. The only downfall to using this option as transportation is that you cannot use cash like traveling by bus or taxi.
- To travel using UBER or LYFT, you must download their app to your smartphone, or have access to a computer/internet from any location. <http://uberestimate.com/> If you have multiple passengers then you can request a larger vehicle to pick you all up.
- Download the app by visiting the app store on your smartphone. It is free. You must sign up when the app is downloaded and enter all of your personal information, including Credit Card information.
- To estimate how much it costs to ride, visit their websites and locate their estimation calculators or just type the address you need to go to on the app and the estimated price will be generated before you confirm a ride.
- The UBER/LYFT driver that you have confirmed your pickup with will have your telephone number in case they need to reach you if they cannot locate you or when they have arrived to pick you up. You will be charged if you cancel the ride.



2. Knows how to plan a trip using public transportation (including times, where to get on, transfers, departure, location, cost, etc.)

There are many ways to plan a trip using the bus system. Conveniently, you can access the CT Transit web site on a computer using the internet to plan your trip with ease. You can also download the Transit Tracker app on your smartphone and use the trip planner feature.



Plan your trip on the CT Transit website: <https://www.cttransit.com/>

Plan your trip using your smartphone by downloading an app: [https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/transit-tracker-connecticut-id909177532?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/transit-tracker-connecticut/id909177532?mt=8)

Visit google maps using the internet on a computer or smartphone: <https://www.google.com/maps>

- The best feature when visiting the CT Transit website can plan your trip for you! It is very similar if you are using the Transit Tracker on your smartphone device. All you need is to enter your current location, destination, date, and time that you need to be somewhere.
 - Various options for travel times will be available, and you must choose the one that will match closest to where you are going and what time.
 - A map will be available which shows the bus route and gives directions on where to walk to bus stops and where to transfer onto a new bus. It is essentially MapQuest but for riding the bus.

Trip Planner

Enter your starting (or current location) and destination addresses. The Trip Planner will show your bus route, including transfers.

From To

Depart Arrive

This is the main screen of the CT Transit Trip Planner. We will use an example of how to plan a bus trip from Capital Community College to Capitol Region Mental Health Center.

Capital Community College, 950 Main Street 500 Vine Street, Hartford, CT, USA

Depart Arrive

- 13 mins**
46
9:31am–9:44am
- 23 mins**
50-54
9:36am–9:59am
- 13 mins**
46
9:16am–9:29am

	950 Main St, Hartford, CT 06103, USA
	Main St and Opp Church St 46 Bus towards 46 - VINE ST-Coventry St-Elizabeth Ave 9:31am–9:42am (11 mins, 19 stops)
	Vine St and City Of Htfd Service Walk to 500 Vine St, Hartford, CT 06112, USA About 1 min
	500 Vine St, Hartford, CT 06112, USA

- The start and end location are entered in the first boxes
- The “Arrive” option was chosen so that if you needed to get from CCC to Capitol Region for a 10 AM appointment, this would give you all the information you need
- The date and time for arrival was selected
- The Trip Planner shows you the quickest way to get from one location to the other, using the 46 bus and by walking a few minutes

from Capital Community College, 950 Main St, Hartford...
 500 Vine St, Hartford, CT 06112

9:31 AM (Monday) - 9:43 AM (12 min)

46
 9:31 AM from Main St and Opp Church St
 1 min

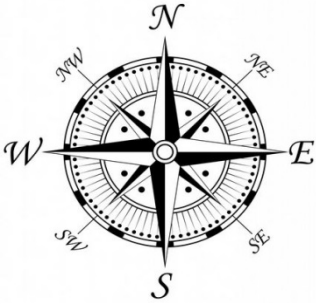
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9:31 AM	Main St and Opp Church St
	46 - VINE ST-Coventry St-Elizabeth Ave 11 min (19 stops)
9:42 AM	Vine St and City Of Htfd Service
	Walk About 1 min, 285 ft
9:43 AM	500 Vine St

The map on the right shows the route in purple, starting at Capital Community College and ending at 500 Vine Street. Key landmarks like St. Francis Hospital and the XFINITY Theatre are visible.

You can also view the trip in Google Maps for a visual!

3. Knows how to ask for directions when lost:



This Photo by Unknown

- It is important to have a basic sense of direction before you travel. If you have a map or a smartphone you can attempt to locate where you are based on the street you're on or landmarks close to you. A map is set up with N/S/E/W compass which is a universal way to indicate direction.

- If you are unfamiliar with a place you are traveling to, it is a good idea to have a map with you always, or your smartphone, in order to help you navigate or get assistance.

If you do become lost, what do you do?

1. Don't panic!
2. Look for land marks, such as buildings, stores, or street names.
3. Look at street signs and familiarize yourself with your surroundings. Look and see what corner/cross streets you are near.
4. Ask someone that's walking by for directions.
5. Walk to a local store, restaurant, or police station and ask for directions.
6. If necessary, try calling a friend that can help you locate where you are and how to get to where you need to go.