# **Scranton** CITY GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

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# Located in the middle of Downtown Scranton, the University of Scranton is surrounded by great cultural landmarks, eateries, and attractions. The Scranton City Guide, produced by the Office of Global Education, is a great resource for finding a place to live, and for information regarding some of the many things Scranton has to offer.

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The DeNaples Center at The University of Scranton

## HOUSING • Private and Not Affiliated with the University of Scranton

## **Connell Loft**

129 N. Washington Avenue Scranton, PA 18503 570.906.8228 "Contemporary convenience and lifestyles."

## 317 Linden

317 Linden Street Scranton, PA 18503 570.344.1750 "The ideal location for young professionals and independent students."

## **Summit Pointe**

108 Summit Pointe Drive Scranton, PA 18508 866.652.5662

## **Tall Trees Apartments**

2000 Tall Trees Drive Scranton, PA 18505 570.961.2288

## **Oakmont Park Apartments**

7 Laurel Drive Scranton, PA 18505 866.403.4599

#### **Country View Manors at Dunmore**

76 University Drive Dunmore, PA 18512 570.941.9101

#### **Clay Avenue Apartments**

520 Clay Ave Scranton, PA 18510 570.346.2522

## **Forum Towers**

220 Linden St Scranton, PA 18503

## UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED HOUSING

## **Quincy Avenue Apartments**

On-Campus Graduate Housing Fully managed by the University Email: Reslife@scranton.edu \*Single rooms only\*



Also, feel free to speak to a member of our student staff who would be happy to assist you with finding a place to live. Remember, exchange students cannot live off campus.

## **RESTAURANTS, EATERIES, & MARKETS**

V: Vegetarian OptionsW: Within 5 minutes travel from campusR: 10% Discount for University of Scranton Students

Adezzo: Modern coffee shop and lounge in downtown. V, W, \$ <u>adezzolife.com</u>

**Akita:** Serving fresh soups, salads, rolls, sashimi dishes, and chef's special rolls. \$\$ *akitamoosic.com* 

Ale Mary's at the Bittenbender: Airy brick-lined tavern in a historic building for elevated pub fare & a vast array of craft beer. W, \$\$ <u>alemarysnepa.com</u>

Back Yard Ale House: Easygoing tavern with a patio for familiar grub, creative cocktails & a vast array of craft beer. V, W, \$ <u>backyardalehouse.com</u>

Bar Pazzo: Relaxed, modern eatery featuring wood-fired pizza, house-made pasta & gelato & an espresso bar.W, \$\$\$ <u>barpazzo.com</u>

Buona Pizza: Pizza and sandwich shop next to the Marketplace at Steamtown. V, W <u>570menu.com/listing/buona-pizza/</u> Buona Pizza Facebook Page

Café Classico: A short walk from campus up Mulberry Street, serving large portions of Italian food V, W <u>www.menusnepa.com/cafeclassico1.html</u> <u>Cafe Classico Facebook</u>

Crown Fried Chicken: No-frills take-out/delivery fried chicken joint, part of a chain known for using halal poultry. H, L, \$\$ seamless.com/menu/crown-fried-chicken-828-swashington-ave-scranton/791650

**City Market Café:** Fresh deli selections, grocery items, and more V, W, R, \$ <u>citymarketandcafe.com</u>

DaVinci Pizza: Family-owned pizzeria with fresh dough and a wide variety of sandwiches. W, \$\$ <u>570menu.com/listing/davinci-pizza-and-italian-eateryscranton/</u> DaVinci Pizza Facebook H: Halal Food T: Food Truck

L: Open Late

Granteed's Pizza: Late-night pizzeria and sandwich shop located right next to the center of campus. W, L, \$ <u>slicelife.com/restaurants/pa/scranton/18510/granteed-s-</u> <u>pizza/menu</u> GranteedsPizza Facebook

**The Halal Brothers:** Late-night food stand in The Courthouse Square serving halal food. H, T, L <u>the-halal-brothers.business.site</u> The Halal Brothers Facebook Page

Mansour's Market: Quaint eatery & coffee shop offering breakfast, sandwiches & desserts in a nostalgic space. \$\$ <u>mansoursmarketcafe.com</u>

Northern Light Espresso Bar and Café: Independentlyowned coffeehouse with a relaxed vibe, offering baked goods & grab-&-go cafe fare. R, V, W, \$ <u>northernlightespresso.com</u>

Price Rite: Supermarket that also sells Halal meats. H 611 Luzerne Street, Scranton, PA priceritemarketplace.com

**Shivam Food LLC:** A relaxed atmosphere to enjoy authentic Indian cuisine. R, V, \$\$ <u>shivamfoodllc.com</u>

Thai Rak Thai: This casual, family-run mainstay serves Thai fare in a comfortable setting. A small market with Thai products is located right next to the restaurant. R, W, \$\$ <u>thairakthaius.com</u>

Valley Supermarket: Supermarket that also sells South Asian (Indian/Pakistani) food items like masalas, vegetables and frozen foods. 940 Jefferson Ave, Scranton, PA valleysupermarket.com

Zummo's: Easygoing place for creative soups, sandwiches & other light fare plus coffee drinks & baked goods. V, \$ zummoscafescranton.com

Savory Meza: Traditional Lebanese cuisine from salads to entrees served in low-key, compact quarters. V, \$\$ savorymaza.com

## **ORDERING GROCERIES FOR HOME DELIVERY**

#### Instacart

- Instacart delivery fees vary from \$3.99 to \$9.99; the fee depends on the time you choose for grocery delivery.
- In addition, Instacart adds a service charge (preset at 5%) and requests a tip (optional).
- Instacart shopping is done at a supermarket of your choosing, the most popular ones in Scranton are below:

#### Aldi (via Instacart)

 Cost-saving supermarket offering high quality store brand products at low prices. <u>instacart.com/scranton-pa/aldi</u>

#### Pricerite (via Instacart)

• Cost-saving supermarket with many name brand products. *instacart.com/scranton-pa/pricerite* 

#### Wegmans (via Instacart)

• Good quality and choice of name brand products. *instacart.com/scranton-pa/wegmans* 

Visit **scranton.edu** and search "Downtown Scranton" for more information on the community or pick up a copy of Happenings Magazine, available throughout the downtown area. You are also highly encouraged to explore the downtown area and find your favorite place to dine, shop, and enjoy all the city has to offer!

#### **Gerrity's Supermarket**

- Locally-owned supermarket with locations in Scranton and around Northeast Pennsylvania. The nearest one in Lackawanna County is at the Keyser Oak Shopping Plaza, Scranton, PA 18508.
- Home delivery charge is \$9.99 gerritys.com/gerritys-delivers/

#### Walmart

- National chain of super-stores
- Free delivery with an order of \$35 or more walmart.com/grocery/



## HOSPITALS

## **Geisinger Community Medical Center**

1800 Mulberry Street Scranton, PA 18510

\*\*\*Geisinger also offers a "fast track" department that offers quick care for minor injuries and illnesses

## **Regional Hospital of Scranton**

746 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, PA 18510

## **Moses Taylor Hospital**

633 Quincy Avenue Scranton, PA 18510 \*\*\*Check with your insurance provider to see what hospitals are covered by your policy

Hospitals should be visited in the case of a **serious injury or illness**. For minor, non-emergency cases, visit **Student Health Services** at the corner of North Webster Avenue and Mulberry Street.

If you are staying in Scranton for an extended period of time, typically longer than a semester, you should also consider finding a primary-care physician and a dentist. In general, you should visit the doctor and dentist for "well" visits once a year. When scheduling an initial appointment, be sure your insurance policy is accepted by the facility.

## **CHILD CARE**

#### **Day Nursery Association**

311 Jefferson Ave Scranton, PA 18510 570.342.9397

## **Fricchione Day Care Center**

2300 Adams Avenue Scranton, PA 18509 570.961.4701

## **Freckles and Frills**

515 Fig Street Scranton, PA 18505 570.346.8719

## Lil' Tykes Playschool Center

Three Locations Liltykesdaycare.net \*Offers night hours for grad students

## The University of Scranton Early Learning Center

Bright Horizons 528 Quincy Avenue Scranton, PA 18510 570.941.4525

## **K-12 SCHOOLS**

Public school systems in the United States require you to be a resident of the school district you wish to enroll your child in. Typically, international students reside in the Scranton, Abington Heights, or Dunmore School Districts. If you are not sure which school district you are a resident of, please contact our office and we would be glad to help you.

## **Abington Heights School District**

200 East Grove Street Clarks Summit, PA 18411 570.585.8261 <u>ahsd.org</u>

## **Dunmore School District**

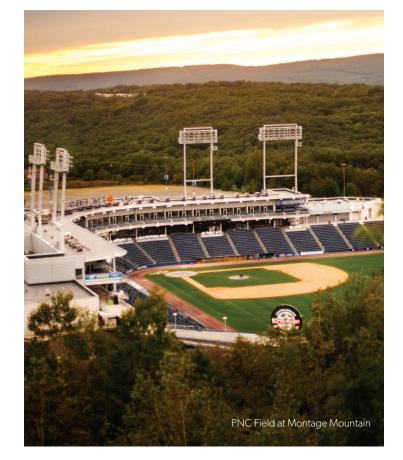
300 West Warren Street Dunmore, PA 18512 570.343.2110 <u>dunmoreschoodistrict.net</u>

## **North Pocono School District**

701 Church Street Moscow, PA 18444 570.842.7659 npsd.org

## **Scranton School District**

425 N Washington Avenue Scranton, PA 18503 570.348.3400 scrsd.org



# PLACES OF WORSHIP

## Churches

## **Baptist**

**Reformed Baptist Church of Scranton\*** 234 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA *reformedbaptistchurchofscranton.webs.com* 

## **Roman Catholic**

Madonna della Strada Chapel (chapel on campus)\* 419 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA scranton.edu/ministries/campus-ministry/ worship-and-prayer/worship-and-prayer.shtml

Cathedral of St. Peter\* 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA <u>stpeterscathedral.org</u>

## **Episcopal**

**St. Luke's Church\*** 232 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA <u>stlukescranton.org</u>

## Lutheran

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church\* 425 Jefferson Ave, Scranton, PA churchfinder.com/churches/pa/scranton/stmatthew-united-evangelical-lutheran-church

## Methodist

Elm Park United Methodist Church\* 712 Linden Street, Scranton, PA elmparkumchurch.org

## **Presbyterian**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**\* 550 Madison Ave, Scranton, PA *covenantscranton.org* 

\*Walking distance from campus

#### **Synagogues**

Temple Beth Shalom (Orthodox)\* 1025 Vine St, Scranton, PA <u>bethshalomscranton.com</u>

**Temple Israel (Conservative)**\* 918 E Gibson Street, Scranton, PA <u>templeisraelscranton.org</u>

Temple Hesed (Reform) 1 Knox Street, Scranton, PA templehesed.org

#### Mosques

Campus Mosque\* 306 Taylor Avenue, Scranton, PA scranton.edu/faculty/hussain/mosque.shtml

Islamic Center of Scranton 1509 West Pass Avenue, Scranton, PA islamiccenterofscranton.com

## **Hindu Temple**

Shree Swaminarayan-Hindu Temple 933 Prescott Ave, Scranton, PA svg.org/scranton/contact-us



# **ENTERTAINMENT**

Downtown and the surrounding area offer a wide variety of entertainment opportunities. Many events are advertised on campus or in shops and restaurants downtown. You are encouraged to take part in the local community and experience all that Scranton has to offer.

## **First Friday**

First Friday begins at 6pm on the first Friday of every month, regardless of weather. A celebration of local artists and their trades, First Friday is a great opportunity to check out local craftsmen, shops, and galleries.

## **Bike Sharing**

In conjunction with the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, the University offers a free bike-sharing program to all students. Simply show your Royal ID at the library circulation desk to check out a bicycle and helmet and enjoy the natural beauty of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

\*\*\*Please do not use the bike sharing program as a way to get to class. Bicycles must be returned to the library before closing.



## **Seasonal Activities**

Montage Mountain, a 5 minute drive from campus, is home to a variety of year-round activities. A movie theater, shopping mall, concert venue, waterpark, winter sports park, and the New York Yankees minor league affiliate all call the mountain home.

## **Dickson City Shopping Area**

A 15-minute bus ride from campus sits the Dickson City shopping area. Over 50 retailers, including Macy's, Walmart, Target, J.C. Penny, and GAP lie within 5 minutes of each other. The main hub of the shopping area is the Viewmont Mall, where you can easily catch a bus to other shopping plazas in the area.



## Nay Aug Park

A 10 minute walk from campus sits Nay Aug Park, a fantastic retreat away from the bustle of campus. Waterfalls, hiking, and a relaxing treehouse provide a great place to study, enjoy a picnic with friends, or just relax.

## **Hands-on History**

Scranton's rich history comes from the abundance of anthracite coal in the region. Although the mines of since been shut down, take a visit to McDade Park and descend three hundred feet underground into a once-operational coal mine.

After visiting the mine, take a short walk from campus to the Steamtown National Historic Site and ride a vintage locomotive — once the backbone of Scranton. After, walk across the parking lot to visit the Trolley Museum and see how Scranton became known as the Electric City.

# **DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AND SERVICES**

While the presence of major retailers is limited downtown, a wide variety of small businesses call Center City home. Clothing stores for men, women, and children, as well as grocery stores, a post office, and salon and barber shop are all within walking distance of campus. Many of these local businesses will provide a student discount on your purchases, simply by showing your Royal Card.

# **GETTING AROUND**

The surrounding area is easily accessible from Downtown Scranton via the County of Lackawanna Transit Service (COLTS). The #53 bus line stops outside the main entrance of the DeNaples Center and connects downtown to most other lines on the bus system. Scranton students are able to ride the bus for free, simply by showing their Royal Card to the driver. Visit ColtsBus.com for schedules.

Taxi service is also available in the Scranton using the area's two main taxi companies, Yellow Cab of Lackawanna and McCarthy Cabs. Because Scranton is a smaller city, taxis do not circulate around the city looking for a fare; as a result, wait times can often be in excess of 30 minutes to get a cab, so plan ahead. Yellow Cab of Lackawanna: 570.344.0444 | McCarthy Cabs: 570.344.5000

Uber is available in Scranton as well. Simply download the Uber app to your smartphone and set up an account. Some of you may be reluctant to use Uber, having seen some of the negative aspects of this service in your home countries; however, in the United States Uber is safe and reliable.





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