

# Taxis and Bikes

## Taxis

Taxis are limited in Durham, so unlike in large cities, you will need to call ahead of time to arrange a taxi ride. The taxi fare is normally calculated by a meter, starting at \$3.60 and then \$2.00 per mile after that. Taxis to the airport generally charge a fixed rate from Durham to the airport, ranging from \$25-\$45 each way. Many taxis offer student discounts to the airport, so make sure to ask.

### Recommended Local Taxis

**Andrew Garfunkel Transportation** (919) 218-7753 **Charlene's**

**Safe Ride** [www.chalrenesaferide.com](http://www.chalrenesaferide.com) (919) 309-7233 **Express**

**RDU Taxi** [www.rduexpresstaxi.com](http://www.rduexpresstaxi.com) (919) 771-8222 **ON Time**

**Taxi** [www.taxiontime.com](http://www.taxiontime.com) (919) 493-5050

**Sky Shuttle** [www.skyshuttleride.com](http://www.skyshuttleride.com) (919) 599-8100

(For shared or private rides to the airport)

### Tipping

You should tip the driver 10-15% the cost of the fare every time you take a taxi.

### Transporting Furniture

If you need to transport furniture, make sure you tell the driver when you call, not after he/she arrives.

## Bicycles

If you live close enough to Durham Tech's main campus and you like to bike, you may consider buying a bicycle to commute to class. There are bike racks outside (between the White Building and the Corporate Education Building) A U-Lock is the only type of lock that prevents theft. They cost around \$40-\$70.

Please review North Carolina's bicycle laws at [www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/lawspolicies/laws/](http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/lawspolicies/laws/) and these safety tips:

- Always use a helmet, regardless of your age.
- Use a bicycle that's the right size.
- Make sure the brakes are working and the tires are inflated to the correct pressure.
- Wear bright colors like red and yellow.
- Get rear and front lights that are very bright or flash.
- Avoid riding your bicycle at night.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Ride your bicycle in the same direction as traffic.
- Signal when you make turns.

You can buy a new bike at stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, Sears or Dicks Sporting Goods. You may also be able to order bikes online from these retailers and have them delivered to your house. If you want to buy a used bike, try Craig's List ([www.raleigh.craigslist.org](http://www.raleigh.craigslist.org)) but do not give a seller money before receiving the bicycle and make sure you are familiar with Craig's List scam information.

### Independent Bike Shops

**Bicycle Chain**, 5400 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd (New Hope Commons Shopping Center), 919-286-2453.

[www.thebicyclechain.com](http://www.thebicyclechain.com). They sell new bikes from \$280 and up, and used bikes (almost all kid bikes). They also do rentals (\$50 per day and \$250 a week). They have many other locations throughout the Triangle.

**Durham Bike-Co-op**, 715 Washington St, Durham. [www.durhambikecoop.org](http://www.durhambikecoop.org) How to earn a bike? Purchase a membership for \$35 and then donate a certain number of volunteer hours fixing up your bike and others. For more info, visit [www.durhambikecoop.org/FAQ.shtml#12](http://www.durhambikecoop.org/FAQ.shtml#12) or email [contact@durhambikecoop.org](mailto:contact@durhambikecoop.org)

**Durham Cycles**, 756 9th Street Durham (919) 251-8103. [www.durhamcycles.com](http://www.durhamcycles.com). A local bike shop that does repairs, rentals, and sales of bicycles.

**Grassroots Bikes**, 506 N. Mangum Street, Durham 919-251-8391 [www.grassrootsbikes.com](http://www.grassrootsbikes.com). Grassroots Bikes is a full service non-profit bicycle shop selling new and used bikes. Proceeds from the shop support Trips for Kids and the Grassroots Bikes internship program. Also does bike repairs.

**Tip Top Cycles**, 624 Ninth Street, Durham 919-797-2886. Email: [tiptopcycles@gmail.com](mailto:tiptopcycles@gmail.com) or visit [www.tiptopcycles.com](http://www.tiptopcycles.com). They sell new and used bicycles and do bicycle repairs.

# Renting a Car

## Who Can Rent?

The vast majority of car rental agencies require you to be at least 21 years old to rent a car, and many require you to be 25 years old. If you are between 21-24 years old, you will have to have a major credit card and most likely be charged an extra daily fee.

If you plan on renting a car with a group, make sure everyone who is going to drive is registered as a driver. If you aren't registered as a driver and you drive the car, you will not be covered under the insurance.

## Pricing and Insurance

Car rental costs around \$35 per day, excluding insurance, which is \$25-\$50 per day extra, depending on the coverage you include. It is **highly recommended** that you pay for full coverage insurance. If you don't purchase insurance and your car is damaged (even slightly) you will be responsible for it, even if it's not your fault. Included in the daily fee is a number of free miles, and then you will be charged for miles beyond that. Visit the websites or call to compare prices and policies.

These are the types of insurance that rental companies usually offer. Most people purchase Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) and Supplemental Liability Insurance (SLI).

**Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)** relieves renters of financial responsibility if the car is damaged or stolen while under rental contract. Using the vehicle in violation of any of the use restrictions in the rental agreement could void LDW and leave you fully responsible for any damage to the vehicle. If you decline LDW, you may be responsible for up to the full market value of the car if it is damaged, vandalized or stolen during the rental. Cost: around \$25/day.

**Supplemental Liability Insurance (SWI)** is excess automobile liability insurance that protects you and all authorized drivers of the rental vehicle against third party bodily injury or property damage if you are legally liable. In other words, if you damage someone else's car or person while using the rental car, this insurance applies before other liability protection that you may have. Cost: around \$13/day.

**Personal Accident Protection (PAP) and Personal Effects Insurance (PEI)** PAP covers accident related ambulance and medical expenses for the renter. Cost: around \$5/day. PEI protects the personal belongings of the renter while in the rental car. Cost: around \$4/day.

## Where to Rent

Avis <a href="http://www.avis.com">www.avis.com</a> 1620 Guess Road Northgate Mall 919-416-4348	Budget <a href="http://www.budget.com">www.budget.com</a> 1720 Guess Road Northgate Mall 919-383-8240	Enterprise <a href="http://www.enterprise.com">www.enterprise.com</a> 3616 Hillsborough Rd 919-309-1030	Triangle <a href="http://www.trianglarentacar.com">www.trianglarentacar.com</a> 3730 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd 919-493-1078	University Ford <a href="http://www.ufrents.com">www.ufrents.com</a> 601 Willard St 1-800-642-5096
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## Short-term Car Rental: Zipcar

- This is a good option if you only occasionally need a car because you can rent by the hour or day.
- After signing up, you receive a card in the mail which will give you access to the cars.
- Reserve the cars online and then return them to their designated parking spot when you're done.
- To sign up, visit [www.zipcar.com/durham](http://www.zipcar.com/durham). You do not need to be a Duke student or faculty member, simply chose the option for "Community Member."
- To see the locations of two Zipcars in Durham, go to [www.zipcar.com/durhamnc/find-cars](http://www.zipcar.com/durhamnc/find-cars).

### Costs:

Registration fee—\$25  
Annual fee—\$50  
Car rental fee—\$8.50 per  
hour or \$69 per day.