

## Directions to Excelsior College

**Address:** 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY

**Phone:** 888-647-2388

**From the North:** Take the Northway (I-87) south to Crossgates Mall Road Exit.

**From the South or West:** Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 24. Exit 1S toward US-20/Western Avenue. Take the Crossgates Mall Road Exit.

**From the East:** Take I-90 West to the New York State Thruway to Exit 24. Exit 1S toward US-20/Western Avenue. Take the Crossgates Mall Road Exit.

Keep right at the fork to go on Crossgates Mall Road. Turn slight right toward Washington Avenue Ext West. Turn left to merge onto Washington Avenue Ext West. Turn left onto Columbia Circle West Drive. Take the second right onto Columbia Circle. Excelsior College's main entrance is the second building (#7) on the right. Building has designated accessible parking in front and is ramp accessible with power doors.

## Directions to The Desmond Hotel

**Address:** 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY

**Phone:** 800-448-3500

**From the South or West:** Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 24. After toll booths, take the Northway (I-87) North; the exit also reads "Montreal and Saratoga." Go to Exit 4 (Albany Airport). At the bottom of the ramp, turn left.

At the next traffic light, turn left onto Albany-Shaker Road. You will pass under the highway. Proceed straight through the next intersection. The Desmond Hotel is the next building on your left.

**From the East:** Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West to Exit B1 (I-90 Albany

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West). Remain on I-90 West for 15–20 miles, viewing downtown Albany to your left. Stay on I-90 until you see signs for "Montreal North." Go north on the Northway (I-87) to Exit 4 (Albany Airport). At bottom of ramp, turn left. At next traffic light, turn left onto Albany-Shaker Road. You will pass under the highway. Proceed straight through the exit intersection. The Desmond Hotel is the next building on your left.

**From the North:** Take the Northway (I-87) to Exit 4 (Albany Airport/Wolf Road). On ramp, stay in right lane. At the end of the ramp, there is a traffic light. Turn left at the light onto Old Wolf Road. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Albany-Shaker Road and take an immediate left into the hotel parking lot.

## Directions to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center

### GPS Information

Enter 279 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY, as the address for the Empire State Plaza. This will bring you to the Madison Avenue entrance near the Cathedral Lot for parking. If you have parking questions, contact the NYS Office of General Services at 518-474-8118.

**From the North:** Take Northway (I-87) to Exit 1E (I-90 East). Proceed east to I-787 and take Empire State Plaza Exit. Follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the South:** Take New York State Thruway to Exit 23 (Albany)—straight through toll booth to I-787; then take

Empire State Plaza Exit. Follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the East:** Take I-90 and cross Hudson River. Take Exit to I-787 south, along river. Take Empire State Plaza Exit and follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

**From the West:** Take New York State Thruway to Exit 24 (Albany). Proceed east on I-90 to I-787 South, along river. Take Empire State Plaza Exit and follow signs to Visitors parking area—V-Lot.

## Parking at the Empire State Plaza – V-Lot

The Empire State Plaza exit ramp from I-787 leads directly into the underground parking facilities of the complex. There is a charge for parking in the V-Lot. Parking is on a first-come basis. Also, due to increased security, all adults in cars parking at the Empire State Plaza must show a picture ID.

When parking, please note the location of your space. Numbers help identify the sections of the parking facility.

Any elevator in the parking area will bring you to the concourse level of the Plaza. Note the location of the elevator at the concourse level to assist you in finding your vehicle later.

### **Please note:**

Accessible parking is available in the V-Lot, but oversized vehicles cannot be accommodated due to the 6½-foot height limitation of this underground facility (see Cathedral Lot information).

## Additional Visitor Parking at the Cathedral Lot on Madison Avenue

The Cathedral Lot is located just south of the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue and is within easy walking distance of the Plaza's main concourse level, which leads to the Convention Center. If the V-Lot is full, proceed around the bend and turn right into P-1 South. Go to the left following the sign for additional visitor parking. Proceed through a small tunnel (known in Albany as the mouse hole), continue to the end, and turn right onto Madison Avenue. Then make a quick left into the lot. (It's right in between the Cathedral and the NYS Museum.) There is a charge for parking in this lot.

Once you have parked, you will enter the Empire State Plaza directly across from the entrance to the NYS Museum. The entrance is under cover. Once inside, proceed straight, following signs for the Convention Center and Excelsior College Commencement.

### **Please note:**

Accessible parking and parking for oversized vehicles is available in the Cathedral Lot. After parking, visitors using wheelchairs should cross Madison Avenue and enter the glass doors to the Empire State Plaza. Take the elevator on the right to the concourse level. Follow signs for the Convention Center and Excelsior College Commencement.



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