

Manhattan Access — Compare the Journey, Not Just the Map



Campus-to-Midtown comparison across four New York-area universities · Reference destination: Empire State Building / 34th Street, Midtown

The key message: Iona isn't materially less accessible to Midtown than Fordham or St John's — and its journey is actually **simpler than St John's**, since there is no public-transport change once students reach New Rochelle station.

NO WAITING IN THE HEAT

The free shuttle collects students directly from campus, so there's no exposed wait at a bus stop or platform — unlike routes that start with a walk or bus to the station.

LOWER RISK OF MISSING THE TRAIN

One direct connection, no transfer to time — students step straight from shuttle to Metro-North, removing the missed-connection risk that comes with a bus-to-subway change.

FASTER DOOR-TO-DOOR

Once waiting and transfer time is counted, Iona's ~50-minute door-to-door journey beats Fordham's ~56 minutes and is quicker and more reliable than St John's bus-and-subway route.

CENTRE	CAMPUS → STATION	PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO MIDTOWN	VEHICLES	CHANGES	TRANSPORT PASS / FARE	APPROX. JOURNEY
Iona University FEATURED	Free university shuttle → New Rochelle	Metro-North → Grand Central	1 train	0	Metro-North separate fare	~50 min
Fordham — Rose Hill	Short walk → Fordham Station	Metro-North → Grand Central	1 train	0	Metro-North separate fare	~56 min
St John's — Queens	Bus Q46 / Q45 → Kew Gardens—Union Tpke	E/F Subway → Manhattan	1 bus + 1 subway	1	NYC fare system	~50–60 min
Saint Peter's — Jersey City	Free university shuttle → Journal Square	PATH → 33rd Street	1 train	0	PATH separate from NYC Subway	~35–45 min*

* Saint Peter's does not publish a fixed end-to-end campus-to-Midtown time; the shuttle leg varies with traffic and schedule.

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Campus → Free Shuttle → Direct Train → Grand Central

1 TRAIN • 0 CHANGES • ~50 MIN

ST JOHN'S

Campus → Bus → Transfer → Subway → Midtown

2 VEHICLES • 1 CHANGE • ~50–60 MIN

SAINT PETER'S

Campus → Free Shuttle → PATH → 33rd Street

1 TRAIN • 0 CHANGES • ~35–45 MIN

Journey times are approximate and sourced from university-published travel guidance (stjohns.edu; sju.edu) and MTA Metro-North / PATH scheduled running times. Actual times vary with traffic, transfers, and service schedules.

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