

## **FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN LAW AND LEGAL EDUCATION**

After your arrival in Washington, D.C., acquiring a cell phone and service plan will be one of many things to take care of. Washington, D.C. has several providers of cell phones and phone services. Georgetown does not endorse any particular company, but offers the information below.

### **Cell phones**

- The largest companies are: Sprint, Verizon, T-mobile (Sim card) and Cingular (Sim card).
- Verizon is the only provider that receives a signal in the Metro without additional charge. Sprint also allows Metro reception for an additional fee.
- Don't forget to take picture ID (passport, student visa, etc)

### **Service Options**

Monthly commitment – one or a two year plan.

- Social security number required (some companies waive SSN with deposit<sup>1</sup>)
- Deposit possible (usually ranges from \$150-500)
- If you cancel the phone before the term of the contract you may be subject to penalties.

Pre-paid phone

- No social security number
- No yearly commitment

### **University Mobile – Designed for International Students**

University Mobile (UM) offers a service customized for international students. Service is ordered online at [www.universitymobile.com](http://www.universitymobile.com) and phones are shipped by Priority Mail from Michigan the next business day. Some highlights of the service are listed below, but feel free to contact UM for more information at <http://www.universitymobile.com>.

### **No Social Security Number, credit checks, security deposits or term agreements**

All that is needed is a credit card, debit card or US-based checking account. All plans are month to month and a new plan can be selected each month.

### **Features**

All plans include free Voice Mail, Caller ID and Call Waiting.

### **Shipping and Activation Fee**

While shipping of the phone is free, there is a \$30 activation fee.

### **Nationwide service with no roaming or domestic long distance**

The service operates on the Sprint PCS network so it can be used anywhere in the country. There are no roaming or domestic long distance charges when on the Sprint PCS network no matter where in the country it is being used.

### **Plans**

All phone and plan costs INCLUDE Local, State and Federal taxes, fees and surcharges. Also “anytime minutes” ROLLOVER (continue to the next month) if the service plan is setup for auto-pay and service does not lapse.

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<sup>1</sup> Under new regulations of the Social Security Administration, they will issue a Social Security Card to students only if you present evidence of work eligibility and a written job offer.

<b>Monthly Fee</b>	<b>Anytime Minutes</b>	<b>Nights and Weekends</b>
\$18.99	20 cents each	Unlimited
\$29.99	100	Unlimited
\$39.99	200	Unlimited
\$49.99	300	Unlimited
\$69.99	500	Unlimited
\$89.99	700	Unlimited

**More information about different providers:**

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