

My name is Nicole Ng, and I am currently a sophomore at Yale studying Global Affairs. I am a very avid Uber user, and find it to be a very convenient and affordable option that has made some great changes for students at Yale University and within Connecticut.

The existing transportation services in New Haven haven't always been reliable, and often times I have found myself in situations where I couldn't fully depend on getting somewhere with the previous options. Once Uber came to Connecticut and was available around New Haven, I noticed some very positive changes towards easier traveling. You can use Uber for getting to the train station, running errands, and going out with friends. I do not own my own vehicle, and have in the past had difficulty getting around and found the other options much more expensive. Especially now, when the weather is bad, I find myself and classmates even using Uber to get to classes in buildings that are a bit farther and more difficult to get to.

As a young female, I feel extremely comfortable and safe when using Uber. The fact I get information regarding the vehicle I am getting into, the license plate and name and photo of the driver makes me feel comfortable when using the service.

Seeing so many students use Uber to travel safely, especially when they go out to bars, has been great. It has definitely helped with preventing alcohol-related accidents and kept students safe by not needing to get behind the wheel and or having to walk alone late at night.

This past January, I helped with a conference where we had 1,600 students on campus with different events taking place in various locations throughout Yale. The fact that we could easily transport both the visitors as well as our boxes and materials needed for the conference with Uber, further solidified my appreciation for how convenient and affordable it is.

Uber has been a great transportation addition to the New Haven area! The pure convenience of the service has made a definite positive impact on the student population.