

Trip Planner & Arrival

Arriving early may seem like a good solution, but keep in mind that many offices in Harrisonburg have limited hours and that the campus and Harrisonburg will be very empty when classes are not in session.

Take a close look at all of the options below as they will impact when you should be arriving.

Airport Options:

- ❑ We recommend that you fly to [Dulles International Airport \(IAD\)](#). It is approximately 2 hours (driving distance) from JMU.
- ❑ Instead of flying into IAD, you could choose to fly into [Shenandoah Regional Airport \(SHD\)](#). It is the closest airport to JMU, located only 25 minutes away (driving distance) from Harrisonburg. To get to Harrisonburg, you can arrange (online) for an [airport shuttle](#) to transport you to Harrisonburg. The cost is approximately \$40.

Getting from IAD to JMU/Harrisonburg:

August 15 at 10am - International Student & Scholar Services will provide a **shuttle to pick-up you up from the IAD airport hotels: *Comfort Inn* and *Hyatt*** (listed in the *Overnight stay near the airport hotel* section)

- ❑ Make sure to complete the [Transitions Pick Up form](#) to reserve your seat on the shuttle!
- ❑ The [Virginia Breeze/Mega Bus](#) provides a daily round-trip bus to JMU/Harrisonburg and the Dulles international Airport. A one-way ride to JMU is approximately \$40, and it drops you off right on campus near the bookstore.
- ❑ **GLOBAL** (the graduate international student organization) can connect you with current graduate international students. Send an e-mail to Thomas Lavenir lavenitp@jmu.edu to see if you can be matched with a buddy, who may be able to pick you up and bring you to JMU.
- ❑ Getting an [Uber](#) or a taxi will cost \$200+

Overnight Stay near the IAD Airport:

Based on when you land and how long it takes to go through customs, etc., you may not be able to find a ride that day, as such you will need to or want to stay overnight at a nearby airport hotel. Our office has connections with the following hotels, which also offer a free shuttle to and from the airport:

- ➔ [Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Dulles](#) (45515 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA) and ask for the special LSTUDY rate of \$119 + tax/night.
- ➔ [HYATT house Sterling/Dulles Airport](#) (45520 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA). To make a reservation call +1 (703) 435-9002.

Overnight Stay in Harrisonburg:

Your specific arrival date and time in Harrisonburg will impact your ability to move directly into your new home. If you arrive early, you may need to find a hotel to stay until you can move in.

➔ [Hotel Madison](#) is conveniently located right on campus and a short walk to downtown.

➔ [Harrisonburg hotels](#) will offer you more options

Public transportation in Harrisonburg:

Be advised that local buses in Harrisonburg (HDPT) do not run on a frequent basis and not all regular routes are offered when classes are not in session.

☐ Consult the following handouts:

➔ [Bus Route 6](#)

to explore the best routes, stops, and timing, as you plan your transportation needs around the “Friendly City” of Harrisonburg.

Remember to refer yourself to the

➔ [New International Graduate Student](#) webpage for additional information
