

Trip Planner & Arrival

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 18 at 9:15am - International Student & Scholar Services will provide a **shuttle to pick 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 Arrival form](#) to reserve your seat on the shuttle and/or inform when to be expecting you!
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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 into your residence hall. The ISSS office has specially arranged for an early move-in on August 18. This is the earliest you will be able to move -in. Details will be shared during Check-in on the 18th. If you need to find a hotel to stay until you can move in, consider:

- ↻ [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 handout:

➞ **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

➞ **Newly admitted international student** webpage
for additional information
