

What should you take into consideration when planning your arrival?

## Airport options

- ▶ We recommend that you fly in to ☹ [Dulles International Airport](#). It is located 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 from JMU/Harrisonburg, located only 25 minutes away (driving distance) from JMU/Harrisonburg. To get to JMU/Harrisonburg, you can arrange (online) for an ☹ [airport shuttle](#) to transport you to Harrisonburg/JMU. The cost is approximately \$40.

## Getting from IAD to JMU/IAD.

- ▶ **August 16 at 11am** The ISSS office will provide a shuttle to pick-up you up from the IAD airport's Baggage Claim 11 (right next to the international arrivals area)
- ☹ [Make sure to complete the Transitions registration form](#)
- ▶ ☹ [Virginia Breeze/the Mega Bus](#) provides a daily round-trip to JMU/Harrisonburg and the Dulles international Airport. The cost is approximately \$40 for a one-way ride to JMU/Harrisonburg. The bus stop is located right on campus near the bookstore.
- ▶ Contact JMU individuals or use ☹ [Zimride](#) to see if you can be picked up.
- ▶ Getting an ☹ [Uber](#) or a taxi will most likely 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 make it in time to catch a ride, as such you need or want to stay overnight at these airport hotels with which our office has connections with. In addition, these hotels offer a free shuttle to and from the airport:
  - ▶ ☹ [Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Dulles](#) (45515 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA) and take advantage of the special LSTUDY rate of \$119 + tax per night.
  - ▶ ☹ [HYATT house Sterling/Dulles Airport](#) (45520 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA). To make a reservation call +1 (703) 435-9002.

## Overnight Stay in Harrisonburg

- ▶ Head to your [apartment](#).  
Make sure to find out the answers to these questions beforehand:
  - ▶ *When can I check-in and pick-up my key?* It will take you approximately 2 hours for you to get from the airport to Harrisonburg
  - ▶ *What phone number can I reached you that day and time?*
  - ▶ *Exactly how much will I need to pay you?* In addition to the deposit and the agreed upon rent, there may be some additional fees (like an internet activation fee...) that you may have to pay.
  - ▶ *What is the method of payment?* If you are not using a credit card, you will most likely be asked to pay with a certified check (which you can obtain at Food Lion grocery stores to request a money transfer from Western Union).
- ▶ Stay at a local Hotel:
  - ▶ ☹ [Hotel Madison](#) is conveniently located right on campus and downtown but is not necessarily the cheapest hotel.
  - ▶ You may want to consider ☹ [other hotels](#) located in Harrisonburg.

■ Complete the ☹ [Transitions Registration Form](#) so that we can best assist you!