

When Should You Arrive?



- When does your Graduate Assistantship (if relevant) begin? When are you expected to start? _____
- When does your academic department expect you to be on campus? Are they expecting you to attend a specific academic program orientation/training? _____
- If known, what date are you expected to move into your apt.? What date is listed on your lease? _____

As far as the International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) office and the Graduate School are concerned, ***you are expected to be in Harrisonburg by August 12.*** If you look at your form I-20, the earliest that you can legally enter the country is 30 days prior to your program start date... This would be around mid July. Arriving then would be way too early is not so convenient and practical due to a restricted public transportation system and apt. leases which typically start around August 10 or later.

Please note: If you don't arrive by August 12 in Harrisonburg, you must complete the [Request For Late Arrival form](#) and send it to iss@jmu.edu.



Getting from the JMU Megabus bus stop to your lodging:

- Ask your academic advisor if they know someone who can pick you up
- Use the [UBER](#) or [Lyft](#) app (US dollars will be needed)
- Call a taxi (ask someone at the bookstore):
 - Royal Cab (540) 438-7777
 - ABC Cab Co- (540) 564-1214
 - Green Taxi Cab- (540) 810-2074



In your carry-on, make sure to have your:

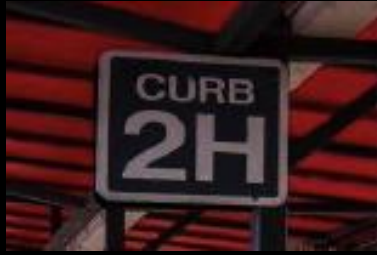
- Passport
- I-20 Form
- SEVIS Fee receipt
- Cash/credit card
- Admission letter
- Travel voltage converter & adapter
- Medicine & prescriptions

Pre-Departure Checklist:

- Check the [Plan Your Arrival webpage](#) to ensure that you are flying into the correct airport, to arrange for your transportation from the airport to JMU and to find a hotel
- Ask your program about orientation, other pre-semester activities, and enrolling in your Fall classes
- [Contact your leasing office for move-in instructions, payment info., move-in date & time...](#)
- [Reserve your hotel room](#)
- [Order/schedule your Virginia Breeze / Megabus tickets](#)
- [Upload your photo for your JACard](#)
- We strongly urge you to bring \$4,000 to offset expenses related to getting settled. Will your credit card work in the US?
- [Set up your US phone plan](#)



IAD Airport- Hotel Shuttle & Megabus stops



After you go through immigration & customs, follow the signs to **Door 6**, go down the ramp, through the exit doors, and cross the street.

- ① Go to **Curb 2H** to take the hotel shuttle to the **Comfort Inn Bus** or the **Hyatt House Sterling**. The wait time for the shuttle is about 25 minutes. By virtue of having reserved a room at the hotel, the hotel will have your arrival information.
- ② Go to **Curb 2A** to take the **Virginia Breeze/Megabus**. After you cross the street, look for the sign **Curb 2H** on your right. The bus will be picking up passengers (with their pre-paid ticket) at this curb at 10:40 am

If the hotel courtesy shuttle takes longer than 25 minutes, go to one of the information desks (back in the terminal) and ask the staff to call the hotel to have them send over their courtesy shuttle to pick you up.

VA Breeze or Megabus passengers:

Remember to pay, in advance, with a debit/credit card to reserve your seat.

<https://virginiabreeze.drpt.virginia.gov/>

Staying overnight at a hotel?



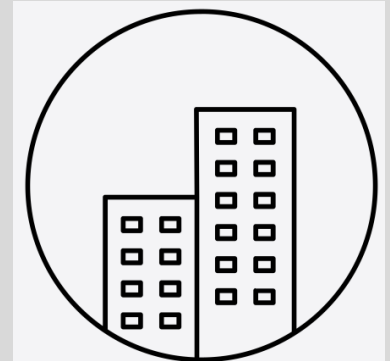
Comfort Inn & Suites Airport Dulles
45515 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA



HYATT House Sterling/Dulles Airport
45520 Dulles Plaza, Sterling, VA



Hotel Madison
710 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA



Harrisonburg Hotels www.jmu.edu/global/iss/admitted/gradarrival.shtml



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JMU Bookstore-
Closest building
to the Megabus
bus stop



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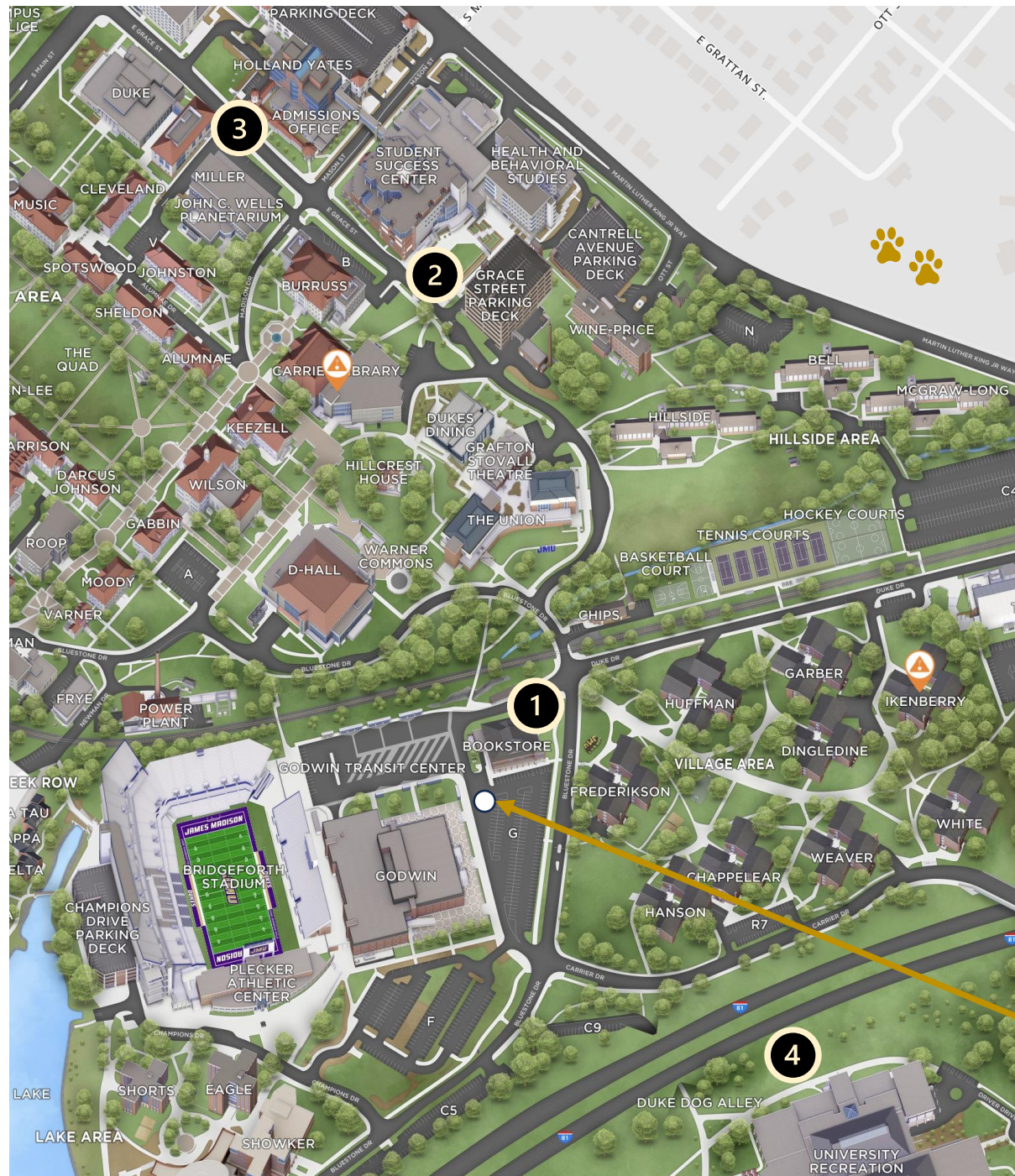
**Student Success Center
(SSC)-** Best place to go
on campus to find where
someone/thing is.



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Holland Yates Hall is
home to CGE /
International
Student Scholar
Services. Cross the
skybridge from SSC
and you'll be there.

Need to reach out to Thomas Lavenir?
Call his office phone: (540) 568-7314
(Calls will be forwarded to his cell phone)

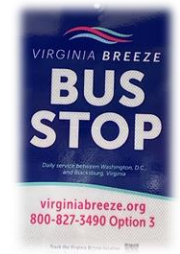


**The Campus Safety
office can help you
find your way around**

- (540) 568-6912
non-emergency
- (540) 568-6911
emergency

**Center for Global
Engagement**

- Maindesk
(540) 568-5209



**VA Breeze/Megabus
bus stop**