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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

Transportation

Dear New International Student,

Your anticipated arrival at Texas State University (TXST) is coming soon! We can hardly wait to meet you in-person.

The topic of this pre-arrival informational email is ground transportation. Once you have arrived in Texas at your airport of choice (usually either [Austin](#) or [San Antonio](#)), you'll be needing to get from the airport to Texas State University's main campus in San Marcos! Unfortunately, public transportation in Texas outside major metropolitan areas is limited. Therefore, we have compiled some suggestions on how to get to San Marcos in a safe and cost-effective way.



From the airport to TXST

TXST ISSS is providing free shuttle transportation between Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and the San Marcos campus exclusively for students, as well as scholars. This service operates on selected days. Reservation sign-up is mandatory before the deadline, with shuttle schedules communicated via email to those with reservations. The reservation webpage for this Airport Shuttle Service can be found here: <https://www.international.txst.edu/student-resources/transportation/airport-shuttle.html>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below:



Our webpage about ground transportation to TXST San Marcos campus is at this link:

<https://www.international.txst.edu/student-resources/transportation.html>

If you arrive at the airport after 5:00 PM, most housing offices (on and off campus) **will be closed**. You may consider finding a nearby hotel to stay in for the night until the morning when housing offices are open.

Try to make transportation arrangements from the airport to San Marcos prior to your arrival. Do your best to arrive in San Marcos when your housing accommodation office will be open.



Are you arriving in Austin?

This destination is the closest international airport to San Marcos and our recommended arrival point for incoming students. It takes about 30 minutes to travel from the Austin airport to San Marcos. The airport itself has a webpage devoted to ground transportation options, which can be found here: <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/ground-transportation-barbara-jordan-terminal#Transit>.

We suggest carefully reviewing the available services listed there and comparing the prices to find one that fits your budget. A cost-effective option is Carter Transportation (formerly named Super Shuttle). You can find their details and booking page from the link above under the “Shuttles” drop-down menu.

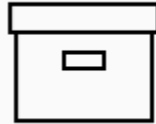
Are you landing in San Antonio?

San Antonio International Airport is the next closest to San Marcos. The travel time from the airport to San Marcos is about 60 minutes. The airport also has a webpage about their ground transportation options, though it is somewhat limited compared to Austin’s; the link for that resource can be found here: <https://flysanantonio.com/home/ground-transportation/ride-share>. As with Austin, we again suggest carefully reviewing the available services and comparing prices to find one that fits your budget.

Are you planning to land in Houston?

Houston Airport is a major international airport and occasionally students will have their final stop there. However, the distance from the airport to TXST is 180 miles (290 km) and the travel time is about 3 hours. This makes it prohibitive for most students in terms of the high cost and the extreme difficulty finding ground transportation. Therefore, we **strongly discourage** students from landing in Houston. If you already have booked a flight which

has Houston as the arrival airport, we recommend that you book a domestic flight from Houston to either Austin or San Antonio.



You can find an archive of all our previous pre-arrival email communications at this link: <https://www.international.txst.edu/new-f-1-students/steps-after-being-admitted/email-communication-archive.html>

Please review the past messages sent to students there to learn more valuable information you may have missed!



Remember the Pre-Arrival Packet we sent along with your I-20? It contains this information and much more, so be sure to read it!

Be on the lookout for communications about the upcoming Pre-arrival Sessions. The details will also be posted on our website here: <https://www.international.txst.edu/new-f-1-students/pre-arrival-session.html>.

These informational sessions are a resource for you as an international student and provide you with the opportunity to ask your questions and meet some of the staff here at International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)!

We hope to see you at a Pre-arrival Session!
