



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

How do I get to the campus from the airport?



1 AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Bay Porter Express. You can make your reservation online (<http://www.bayporter.com/>). It cost \$38 to get to Berkeley. You are expected to tip the driver for about \$5. You can also check other airport shuttle services online.



2 UBER OR LYFT

Download the app "Uber" or "Lyft". It might be cheaper than airport shuttle or taxi. You need to go up to the departure level for pick-up because Uber and Lyft are not allowed to pick up passengers at the arrival level. You also need a cellphone number so the driver can contact you.



3 TAXI

It might be a little bit more expensive than an Uber or Lyft, but it might be easier if this is your first time of being in the U.S. You can pay the driver either in cash or with a credit/debt card and you are are expected to tip for about 10%-15% of the service. It can cost between \$70-100+ in total.

4 BART

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is bay area public transportation (similar to subway or metro in other countries). If you don't have too much luggage with you, you can take the BART red line (Richmond Direction) to Downtown Berkeley station. It is about 5 minutes walking distance from the Downtown Berkeley BART to the campus. The fare fee is \$9.55. Please visit the website for how to use BART:

<http://www.bart.gov/guide/airport>





TIPS

1. Arrive three hours before the international flight
2. Have a pen with you on the plane to fill the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) form. If you are bring any listed items, you are required to indicate in the CBP form.
3. Have your I-20/ DS 2019 and passport ready for U.S. customs.
4. Download app Uber or Lyft at home.
5. Some student organizations collaborate with local business to provide students free airport pick-up services. BIO currently does not oversee student orgs, but we encourage you to find and connect with them here: <https://callink.berkeley.edu/>



My Recommendation:

If this is your first time visiting the U.S., I would recommend you to reach out to some current students or student organizations while you were still at home. It would be easier if someone can meet and pick you up at the airport, but taking an airport shuttle, Lyft, Uber or Taxi is also very simple and convenient.



If you are considering taking the BART, you should always find the destination directions. Although the BART map uses color lines, the trains are defined by their final destinations. You should take Richmond direction train to the Downtown Berkeley stop.



Happy journey and stay safe!

