

Transportation to Allentown

NOTE: We do our best to bring you the most up-to-date information; however, it is up to you to check on schedules and fares to ensure that the information you have is current. This info below was updated on 3/10/18.

Coming by Car

Allentown is located approximately 60 miles from Philadelphia, 140 miles from Baltimore, and 94 miles from New York City. See a map of the vicinity:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5930563,-75.5538605,12z>

Do you like to drive but want company? Or do you want to ride with someone? To find a road-trip mate, if you are a current Guild member, post your request (if you have a personal Facebook page) on our Facebook group page, IWWG Members' Room, www.facebook.com/groups/IWWGmembers, or in our Writer Share Forum, at www.iwwg.org/forum, where we've posted a "RideShare for Summer Conference" topic. If you get an error page at this link, it means you need to log in with your email and password; you'll then find "Writer Share Forum" in the drop-down menu under "News" in the navigation bar).

Parking at Muhlenberg is FREE.

Coming by Plane

Allentown is served by the Lehigh Valley Airport, located about 10 miles from campus. Although Lehigh is not a hub—meaning it is more expensive to fly in and out of than major cities—it is highly convenient and will save you the stress of using multiple modes of transportation. We will provide shuttle service from the airport to the campus at intervals throughout the day. Let us know your arrival time and flight number, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

For the experienced, the stalwart of heart, or those in search of adventure, you can fly into Newark, NJ, or New York City and take Trans-Bridge Lines bus service to Allentown Bus Station (located at 325 Hamilton Street) directly from Newark Airport, directly from JFK Airport (NYC), or from Port Authority Bus Terminal (NYC).

Trans-Bridge Lines weekday & weekend schedules from Newark Airport, JFK Airport, and Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT):

<http://www.transbridgelines.com/schedules/schedules-eff-march-2018/AllentownWestDivided.pdf>

From Newark Liberty International Airport (NJ):

Trans-Bridge Lines (<http://www.transbridgelines.com/newark-airport-schedule.html>) offers nine departures (different for weekday and weekend; see red-highlighted PDF above) directly from Newark Airport (airport code EWR) to Allentown Bus Station, with a travel time of approximately 2.25 hours. Tickets can be purchased in two ways: (1) \$29 one-way fare at any of the Olympia Trails Bus Company ticket desks at the airport's Welcome Centers, which are located in the Ground Transportation areas of Terminals A, B, and C; or (2) directly from the bus driver, with \$35 exact cash. Only one-way tickets are available at Newark Airport; no Child, Senior, or round-trip tickets are available.

From John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport (NYC):

Trans-Bridge Lines (<http://www.transbridgelines.com/jfk-airport-schedule.html>) offers two daily departures directly from JFK Airport: 3:30 p.m. (arriving Allentown Bus Station at 7:30 pm) and 7:00 p.m. (arriving at 10:40 pm). Fare is \$50 one-way; tickets must be purchased directly from the bus driver, with exact cash. Passenger pick-up is located at the public bus stop at International Terminal Building 4, which you may get to via the airport's free AirTrain system. If the two daily times are not convenient, see below for how to get to Port Authority Bus Terminal.

From Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT) (NYC):

Trans-Bridge Lines (<http://www.transbridgelines.com/pabt-nyc-west.html>) offers many departures (different for weekday and weekend; see red-highlighted PDF on previous page) from the Port Authority Bus Terminal, located at 41st Street and 8th Avenue. Fare is \$30 one-way for adults; or \$15.85 one-way for seniors, persons with disabilities, and military personnel. Travel time to Allentown Bus Station is 2 to 3 hours depending on departure time. Purchase tickets on the main level of the PABT, or at any New Jersey Transit Window numbered 1 through 10. There are also ticket kiosks located near the ticket counters to purchase tickets.

- **Coming from LaGuardia (LGA) Airport or JFK Airport to Port Authority Bus Terminal:**

1. **Shuttle Bus** – About 1 hour from LGA, about 1.5 hours from JFK. Advance reservation required. There are many to choose from, including **NYC Airporter**: from LGA: \$16 one-way/\$30 round-trip (www.nycairporter.com/Schedule/PortAuthorityToLaGuardia/); from JFK: \$18 one-way/\$35 round-trip (www.nycairporter.com/Schedule/PortAuthorityToJFKAirport/); and **Super Shuttle** (www.supershuttle.com/locations/newyorkcity-jfk-lga/): from LGA: \$18.51 one-way (if you book round-trip) or \$19.60 one-way; from JFK: \$20.69 one-way (if you book round-trip) or \$21.78 one-way.
2. **Public Transportation** – From LGA: www.tripsavvy.com/getting-to-and-from-laguardia-airport-1612054; from JFK: www.tripsavvy.com/getting-to-and-from-jfk-airport-1612053. If using the subway, the stop for Port Authority is 42nd Street via the A/C/E lines; upon exiting subway train, follow signs to Port Authority Bus Terminal. If using a taxi (www.tripsavvy.com/new-york-city-taxis-4026457), fare is \$30–40 from LGA, \$50–60 from JFK (taxi-fare estimator: www.taxifarefinder.com/main.php?city=NY); expect a long wait at the airport taxi stand. If using a car service (www.tripsavvy.com/nyc-car-services-1613025), expect to pay more than for a taxi, and you must reserve ahead of time. Also check RideGuru (<https://ride.guru/>) for fare estimates for Uber, Lyft, taxis, and other ridehail/rideshare services: put “LaGuardia Airport” or “JFK Airport” in the “Start location” field, and “Port Authority Bus Terminal” in the “End location” field) to search estimates for all available options.

- **Coming from Penn Station to Port Authority Bus Terminal:**

1. Walk – Only an option if you are traveling light. Approximately 11-minute walk (0.6 miles). When you exit Penn Station, head west to 8th Avenue. Take a right (north). The Port Authority Bus Terminal will be on your left, between 41st and 42nd streets (625 8th Avenue).
2. Subway – Follow signs to A/C/E trains (going Uptown). Buy a ticket by purchasing Single Ride option (\$3.00) or adding exactly \$2.75 to your MetroCard (actual price of one ride). Take A, C, or E train one stop to 42nd Street. Follow signs to Port Authority Bus Terminal.
3. Taxi – Fare is approximately \$7.

Bieber Bus offers many departures (different for weekday and weekend) from Port Authority Bus Terminal to Wescosville (fare is \$29 one-way), which is 3 miles from the Muhlenberg campus. For a trip-planner and the weekday & weekend schedules (scroll down): www.biebergroup.com/new-york-city. NOTE: If you put “Allentown, PA” into the trip-planner’s “Going to...” field, you will get fewer options, at a higher fare of \$34 one-way, with a longer drive time, to Allentown Bus Station (also 3 miles from campus), which is not listed as a stop on the weekday or weekend schedules—so we recommend you go to the Wescosville stop.

RideShare

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