Transportation

Buses

- **U-M Buses** [1]: U-M operates its own line of buses anyone can ride free of charge. Blue U-M buses have “University of Michigan” written in large letters on the side, and run between Central, South, Medical and North Campuses. U-M buses also run between the various buildings of the U-M Health System (including the East Ann Arbor Health Center) and stop at nearby parking lots.

- **Public Bus Service** [2]: U-M students, faculty and staff can ride the buses for free by swiping a valid yellow MCard (University of Michigan ID). The AATA operates two transit centers: Blake Transit Center in downtown Ann Arbor on Fourth Avenue between William and Liberty, and the Ypsilanti Transit Center, located on Pearl Street at Adams Street. Most Ann Arbor routes originate at the Blake Transit Center at 15 minutes after and 15 minutes to each hour.

- **The Ride** [2] has more information on routes, schedules, how to track your bus, etc. Bus schedules are also available at the transit centers, on AATA buses, or at the [Campus Information Center](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/).

Alternative Options

- **Uber** [4]: This is a popular and affordable way to get around town. However, you must have a smart phone to order a car and process payment.

- **Zipcar** [5]: This is an hour by hour car sharing program. The hourly and daily rates include the car, gas, and insurance. To use this service, members need to be 18 or older, have a valid driver's license and have been licensed for at least one year. A U.S. driver's license is recommended but not required. Learn more about [applying with a foreign license](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/).

- **GreenRide Connect** [7] is a web-based application that helps U-M employees find other people to share a carpool or vanpool.

- Taxis are a convenient but more expensive way to get around Ann Arbor. To request a taxi, phone the taxi company. You can ask for a taxi as soon as possible, or some taxi companies accept advance reservations if you want the taxi to pick you up at a specific time.

Getting a Driver's License, Driving, and Owning a Car

- **Getting a Driver's License** [8]
- **Buying a Used Car** [9]
- **Winter Car Care** [10]

Bicycling

U-M Parking and Transportation Services has information about [Bicycling in Ann Arbor](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/), including safe
cycling, university policies, and bike routes, as well as links to other bicycling resources including City of Ann Arbor and regional bike maps.

**Going Beyond Ann Arbor**

**Regional/National Buses**

- **Greyhound**: Largest provider of intercity bus transportation in the United States; also serves Canada.
- **Megabus**: (Chicago, IL, Grand Rapids, MI, East Lansing MI)
- **Michigan Flyer**: (East Lansing, Ann Arbor, Detroit Metro Airport)

**Trains**

- **Amtrak**: Inter-city passenger trains

**Airport Transportation: To and from DTW**

- **AirRide**: Least expensive. Be sure to read the information about where to board AirRide at DTW.
- **AirBus**: Between U-M and DTW before and after U-M breaks (Fall, Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring)
- **Airport Shuttles**: More expensive but will pick you up and drop you off at your door. Convenient if you have heavy luggage. Advance reservations usually needed; some shuttles allow online reservations.
  See the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau](https://www.visitannarbor.org/about/transportation) for a list of airport shuttle services.
- **Taxi**: Most expensive. From the airport—follow the signs to Ground Transportation.

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