TRAVEL FROM THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

I strongly recommend that you fly into the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport in Avoca (AVP) in the week before orientation. This is the easiest way to get to Wilkes University. From this airport, you can arrange to be picked up by me or easily take a taxi for about $40USD. Please contact me as soon as you have your travel information to arrange for pick up at:
email: Jonathan.summers@wilkes.edu or phone: 570-408-4106

If you cannot travel to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport but will be traveling from one of the international airports, here are the directions:
Please be sure you have American cash with you. This will make your trip less frustrating. To travel from the major airports you should make sure you have at least $60 USD with you if you plan to travel by taxi to the local bus stations. Traveling by the express buses will be much cheaper, but you still need to be sure you have enough American money on hand to pay for the service as well as tips.

From JFK International Airport to Port Authority Bus Terminal, NYC:

By Bus: New York Airport Service Express Bus
The fare for this bus is approximately $13 USD. The buses operate every twenty to thirty minutes and run from 6 a.m. until 12 midnight. The trip lasts 45 minutes and stops at several places in the city, including the 8th street entrance to the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

By Taxi:
Taxis into the city take anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes. They cost a “Flat Fare” of approximately $45 USD. This price does not include the cost of bridge tolls and tip. Most taxis in New York are cash only. Make sure to hail a cab in the designated taxi areas or ask a uniformed airport employee for help. Ask that the driver take you to Port Authority, which is the bus terminal in the city where you can get a ticket to Wilkes-Barre.

See below for directions to Wilkes-Barre from Port Authority Bus Terminal.

From LaGuardia Airport to Port Authority Bus Terminal, NYC:

By Bus: New York Airport Service Express Bus
The fare for this bus is approximately $10 USD. The buses run every twenty to thirty minutes from 6:45 a.m. until 12 midnight. The trip takes about 40 minutes and stops at several places in the city, including the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

By Taxi:
Taxis into the city take about 20-40 minutes. Cost is between $15-$30 USD for the trip, not including bridge tolls. Most taxis in New York are cash only. Make sure to hail a cab in the designated taxi areas or ask a uniformed airport employee for help. Ask that the driver take you to Port Authority, which is the bus terminal in the city where you can get a ticket to Wilkes-Barre.

See below for directions to Wilkes-Barre from Port Authority Bus Terminal.

From Newark International Airport to Port Authority Bus Terminal, NYC:

By Bus: Newark Liberty Airport Express
The ride on this bus costs about $14 USD. The buses run from approximately 4 a.m. until 1 a.m. Buses run every 15 minutes and the trip is between 45 minutes to an hour to get into New York City. Tickets can be purchased online, but not from the driver. The bus will go to Port Authority Bus Terminal. To contact by phone, dial 1-877-863-9275.
By Taxi:
Taxis from Newark take anywhere from 20-45 minutes to get into New York. They cost between $30 and $40 USD not including bridge tolls (which can cost as much as $10 USD more). Most taxis are cash only. Be sure to hail a cab in the designated taxi areas or ask a uniformed airport employee for assistance. Ask the driver to take you to Port Authority Bus Terminal.

See below for directions to Wilkes-Barre from Port Authority Bus Terminal.

Port Authority Bus Terminal (42nd Street between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue)

To reach Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania:
When you arrive at Port Authority, you must find the Adirondack Trailways windows (which are located near the 8th Avenue entrance). Ask for a ticket to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania—there are several trips to our city each day. Cost of the ticket is approximately $50 USD. You are allowed only two pieces of luggage per adult ticket. Each piece of luggage is not to exceed 50 pounds of weight. Children may only bring one piece of luggage each. All baggage must be labeled with your name and the telephone number and address of Wilkes University, in case it is lost or left behind (Wilkes University, 84 West South Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766; phone: 570-408-4106)

From Philadelphia International Airport to Greyhound Bus Terminal, Philadelphia:

By Rail:
Take SEPTA’s R1 High Speed Rail Line from the Philadelphia International Airport to the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 11th and Filbert Street. The cost is approximately $7 USD (cash only) and the Rail Line will stop at the MarketEast/The Gallery stop where you can get a connection (at additional cost) to the Greyhound station where you may purchase a ticket to Wilkes-Barre. The R1 leaves from Airport Terminals A-East, B, C, D, and E. To make a reservation, contact SEPTA at 1-800-231-2222. At the Greyhound Bus Terminal, purchase a one-way ticket to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Cost is approximately $50.

By Taxi:
Taxis can be obtained at Zone 5 on the Commercial Transportation Roadway at the airport. There is an approximate flat fee of $27 USD to get into Central Philadelphia. There may be additional fees as well based on travel from the airport. Ask that the driver take you to the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 11th and Filbert Street. All taxis take cash; some taxi companies in Philadelphia will take a credit card. Ask the dispatcher at Zone 5 for a company that will accept your credit card if you must use one. At the Greyhound Bus Terminal, purchase a one-way ticket to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Cost is approximately $50.

Please remember to contact Jonathan Summers at International Student Services as soon as your travel arrangements have been made so that she can be sure to have you picked up at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP) or at the bus station in Wilkes-Barre. We cannot guarantee that someone will be available to pick you up if you do not make prior arrangements with Jonathan via phone or email.

***If you do not make arrangements with Jonathan prior to your trip, taxis are available for hire at the AVP airport, or you can call for a taxi yourself from the AVP airport or Martz bus station. The local taxi service is Posten Taxi. Their telephone number is 570-823-3333 or 1-800-929-0505. Ask that the driver take you to the Public Safety Office of Wilkes University located at 148 South Main Street. The phone number for Public Safety is 1-800-945-5378. The operator can help you if your taxi driver needs further directions.

Please be sure to have the address of your hotel or apartment if you are living off-campus or you must stay in a hotel until the dormitories on campus open (undergraduates only).

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