

# Getting to Blacksburg

VTMUNC is excited to host delegations from throughout Virginia and surrounding areas. Below is a brief guide to traveling to Blacksburg from a variety of regions, as well as via multiple modes of transportation. Delegations taking third-party modes of transportation (flying, rented vehicles, etc.) are encouraged to reach out to your transportation company directly with any questions.

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## Driving

For those driving from Northern Virginia (or around this relative distance of 300), driving is a very cost-effective means of transportation as gas for a car of four will be roughly a maximum of 25 dollars per person round trip. For the most part, driving to Blacksburg is very simple, it is a straight shot from I-81 until you take the exit to get to Christiansburg/Blacksburg.

## Flying

The closest airport to Blacksburg is the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. As this is a regional airport, the only direct flights are from Atlanta, Charlotte, New York (LaGuardia), Orlando (Sanford), Philadelphia, St. Petersburg (Clearwater), and Washington, D.C. (Dulles). Delegations taking flights from any other location will require a layover.

Roanoke Airport is roughly 45 minutes from Virginia Tech. Once delegations reach the airport, there are a variety of options for making the final stretch. Delegations may take the Smart Way bus for a low fare, which connects the airport directly to Squires Student center. More information about this option is linked under the “Transportation and Parking” section. The airport also offers rental car and taxi services. More information about the airport can be found at their website: <https://www.flyroa.com/>

## Train (via Amtrak)

Roanoke is also part of Amtrak’s Northeast Regional line. This line is the only direct train route that stops at Roanoke Station. This line connects Roanoke to Boston, MA, and includes stops in major areas such as Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York City. This train often sells out, and prices are subject to change, so it is recommended that tickets are purchased in advance.

For connection to the Virginia Tech campus, delegations may take the Smart Way bus for a low fare. More information about this option is linked under the “Transportation and Parking” section. As this is an unstaffed location, there is no option to rent a car or

arrange other transport through the station. However, there are regular connecting buses that take individuals from Roanoke to Blacksburg. More information about Amtrak can be found on their website: <https://www.amtrak.com/home.html>.