

Transportation Information

To make your travels to Florida Gulf Coast University more manageable in time, budget, and convenience, the International Services Office has compiled a list of transportation options that you can further research for your arrival needs.

Once in the United States, there are a variety of ways to get to FGCU. Fort Myers, Florida is the nearest city to FGCU, and the airport is known as Regional Southwest (Airport Code is RSW). The information below pertains to the most utilized routes.

▪ **Fort Myers, Florida**

If you arrive to the United States via the SW Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, your transportation options to the university include taking a taxicab or arranging for limo service.

Taxicabs can be found at the airport, downstairs outside “Door 5”. The approximate time from the airport to the university via a cab is 20 minutes. The approximate fare is \$20.

If you would like to prearrange for limo service to the university, please go to: http://www.flylcpa.com/rsw/linkpages/ql_groundtransportation.php, for a list of authorized airport transportation companies. Prearranged limo service providers are located outside the baggage claim area of the airport, curbside. The approximate fare using a limo service is \$30 for 1 to 3 people.

Note: Public bus transportation in Fort Myers involves multiple bus changes and excess travel time; hence, we would suggest not using the public bus to get to FGCU.

▪ **Miami, Florida**

If you arrive to the United States via Miami International Airport (MIA), your transportation options to FGCU consists of arranging for limo service or taking the Greyhound bus, to name a few.

Ground transportation service is only available if pre-arranged. Approximate travel time to the university using a ground transportation company is 3 hours. The approximate fare from MIA to FGCU is \$330 inclusive for a town car (up to 3 people) or \$400 inclusive for a van (up to 8 people). For further details and rates of companies authorized to provide service at Miami International Airport please go to: http://www.miamiairport.com/html/ground_transportation_service.htm.

If you are considering bus transportation such as Greyhound, buses are located within the Miami airport, Concourse E. For travel schedule information please go to: <http://www.greyhound.com> or call 800-231-2222. Approximate travel time from MIA to the bus station in Fort Myers is 4 hours. The approximate cost is \$33 one-way. Once you arrive to the bus station in Fort Myers, you will need to take a taxicab to FGCU which will take about 45 minutes to get to campus. The appropriate cab fare from the bus station to the university is \$45. Cabs can be found just outside the bus station.

▪ **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

For information on ground transportation services and rates from the Fort Lauderdale Airport (FLL) to Fort Myers please call toll free 800-244-8252 or visit floridalimo.com. Approximate travel time from Fort Lauderdale to FGCU via ground transportation is 2.5 hours. Approximate cost is \$275 for car service (up to 4 passengers) or \$310 for van service (up to 11 passengers).

If you are considering bus transportation from Fort Lauderdale, the Greyhound Bus Station is located at 515 Northeast 3rd Street (7 miles from Airport). Hence you will need to take a taxicab to the bus station before traveling on the bus to Fort Myers. For information on the bus schedule please go to: <http://www.greyhound.com> or call 800-231-2222. Approximate travel time using the bus from Fort Lauderdale to the bus station in Fort Myers is 4 hours. The approximate cost is \$33 one way. Once you arrive to the bus station in Fort Myers, you will need to take a taxicab or limo service to FGCU which will take about 45 minutes to get to campus. The appropriate cab fare from the bus station to the university is \$45. Cabs can be found just outside the bus station.

▪ **Tampa, Florida**

There are a variety of ground transportation options between Tampa International Airport (TPA) and Fort Myers. For transportation options and fares please go to: http://www.tampaairport.com/ground_transportation/index.asp. Approximate travel time from TPA to FGCU via ground transportation is 4 hours and the approximate cost is \$225.

If you are considering bus transportation such as Greyhound, the bus station is located in downtown Tampa at 610 Polk Street (8 miles from airport). Hence you will need to take a taxicab to the bus station before traveling on the bus to Fort Myers. For further details and rates please go to: <http://www.greyhound.com> or call 800-231-2222. Approximate travel time from TPA to the Fort Myers bus station is 4 hours. The approximate cost is \$27.50 one-way. Once you arrive to the bus station in Fort Myers, you will need to take a taxicab or limo service to FGCU which will take about 45 minutes to get to campus. The appropriate cab fare from the bus station to the university is \$45. Cabs can be found just outside the bus station.

FGCU Housing & Residence Life

For move-in information, once you are on campus, please go to: <http://studentservices.fgcu.edu/Housing/MoveInGuide.html>. This site includes Assignments and Check-in information, along with a section of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

International students may request an early check-in date for FGCU Housing, one day prior to the International Student Orientation. You must contact the Housing & Residence Life Office in advance to request early check-in.

Notes:

*Customary gratuity for your transportation driver is 15% to 20% of the fare.

*Travel times and fares listed in this document are only approximations and are not guaranteed. Please contact the service provider for travel times and exact fares.

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