



# AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

How do I get to the campus from the airport?



## 1 UBER OR LYFT

Download the Uber and Lyft apps at home. These ride sharing services might be cheaper than an airport shuttle or taxi. To access these services when you arrive at the airport, you'll need to go up to the departure level for pick-up because Uber and Lyft are not allowed to pick up passengers at the arrival level. You'll also need a cell phone number so the driver can contact you.



## 2 TAXI

A taxi might be a little bit more expensive than an Uber or Lyft, but it may also be easier if this is your first time in the U.S. You can pay the driver either in cash or with a credit or debt card and you are expected to tip for about 10%-15% of the service. It can cost between \$70-\$100+ in total.

## 3 BART



BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is Bay Area public transportation (similar to the subway or metro in other countries). If you don't have too much luggage with you, you can take the BART red line (Richmond direction) to Downtown Berkeley station. It is about 5 minutes walking distance from the Downtown Berkeley BART to the campus. The fare fee is \$9.55. Please visit the website for how to use BART: [www.bart.gov/guide/airport](http://www.bart.gov/guide/airport)



# TIPS

1. Arrive three hours before an international flight.
2. Have a pen with you on the plane to fill out the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) form. If you are bringing any listed items, you are required to disclose them on the CBP form.
3. Have your I-20/DS 2019 and passport ready for U.S. Customs.
4. Download the Uber and Lyft apps at home.
5. Some student organizations collaborate with local business to provide students free airport pick-up services. Connect with them at [callink.berkeley.edu](http://callink.berkeley.edu).



FREE WIFI  
AT SFO

## Recommendation:

If this is your first time visiting the U.S., reach out to some current students or student organizations while you are still at home and see if they offer rides from the airport. It will be easier if someone can meet and pick you up at the airport, but taking an airport shuttle, Lyft, Uber, or taxi is also very simple and convenient.



When you ride BART, be sure to identify the train line you need by looking at the line's color and final destination. For example, to get to UC Berkeley from SFO, you'll take the red line towards Richmond (not the red line towards Millbrae) and get off at the Downtown Berkeley stop.



## Safe travels!

