

# PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDE



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It is time to prepare for your travel journey. Please prepare accordingly to your needs. I encourage you to read the arrival and final destination information before you book your ticket.

## AIRLINE TICKET:

**Before you buy a plane ticket, please consider some tips:**

- Sign up for an airline account**
  - You can earn miles
  - Get flight possible change notifications
  
- Passport on hand
  
- Ticket name:** It has to be the same as on your passport
  
- Final city destination:** Atlanta
  
- International connections:**
  - Avoid connections to cities near war or political conflicts
  - Avoid overnight layovers
  
- U.S. connections:**
  - If you get a connection in the U.S., please consider:
    - Your first port of entry will be the chosen city in the U.S.
    - If you lose your connection, we can't assist you
    - You would have to get all your baggage and check for your next flight **(This is done at almost every airport in the U.S.)**
    - You would be responsible for covering your expenses
    - Please review the airport logistics connection
    - If you can, please try to avoid connections in the U.S.
  
- Recommendations:**
  - Travel overnight (If your travel journey is more than 16 hours)
  - Consider a daytime layover
  - Review the layover time between each airport
  
- Departure dates:** Depending on your travel itinerary, your departure date could begin on July 31st or August 1st if you are planning to arrive on August 1st or 2nd (Fall 2026). It is January 7th if you are planning to arrive on January 8th (Spring 2027).

- International route suggestions: Please ignore if you do not have a connecting flight**
  - Traveling from **South Asia**, city connection recommended:
    - London
    - Paris
    - Amsterdam
    - Qatar
    - Dubai
    - London airport closes at night, so avoid an overnight layover
  - Traveling from **East Asia**, city connection recommended:
    - Qatar
    - Abu Dubai
    - Hong Kong
  - Traveling from **South America**, city connection recommended:
    - Panama City, Panama
  - Traveling from **Europe**, city connection recommended:
    - London, Paris, or Amsterdam
  - Traveling from **Africa**, city connection recommended:
    - Dubai
    - Dublin, Ireland
  
- Arrival Dates:** Either **August 1st or 2nd Fall 2026 | January 8th Spring 2027**
  
- Landing Time:** It is highly recommended that you buy a flight landing before 7:00 p.m. **If you decide to arrive after 7:00 p.m., you have to remain in the airport hotel at your own expense.**
  
- Payment:** Make sure your credit or debit card is activated for online purchases
  
- Cancelations:**
  - Read the flight cancellation and change conditions policies
  - 24-Hour Risk-Free Cancellation
  - One-way booking
  
- Seats:** Some airlines will assign your seats at check-in and seats might cost extra depending on the airline
  
- You bought your tickets:** Please, email Yasmin your flight itinerary or contact her for questions at [ypineda@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:ypineda@wesleyancollege.edu)

# ARRIVAL FINAL DESTINATION

**City:** Atlanta

**Airport:** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta has two terminals, see information below.

## International Terminal:

- ◇ Only international flight arrivals
- ◇ After landing, passengers have to pass Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- ◇ The waiting time to pass the CBP is approximately 60 minutes, depending on the arrival flight traffic
- ◇ Baggage claim is outside of the CBP section; there is only one main baggage claim room
- ◇ If the airline loses your baggage, the airport team will assist you
- ◇ After you get your baggage, walk to Atlanta's "arrival exit"

**Wesleyan Staff will be outside waiting for you**

## Domestic Terminal:

- ◇ Domestic flight arrivals
- ◇ If your first port of entry in the U.S. is not Atlanta, you will arrive at this terminal.
- ◇ You won't pass CBP at this terminal; you will do it in your first port of entry to the U.S.
- ◇ This airport has two terminals, south & north
- ◇ After landing, follow the baggage claim signs
- ◇ You have to catch the train at baggage claim
- ◇ Get off the train at BC and take the electrical escalator; you will see terminal signs
- ◇ **South Terminal:** Baggage claim **only** for Delta flights
- ◇ **North Terminal:** Baggage claim for any other airline

**Wesleyan Staff will be outside waiting for you to drive you to campus.**

**Arrival Time:** If your flight arrives after 7:00 p.m., contact Yasmin Pineda at [ypineda@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:ypineda@wesleyancollege.edu) for further details.

**Wi-Fi:** The airport provides Wi-Fi. We also recommend purchasing an international roaming plan in case the airport Wi-Fi is unavailable.

**Drive to Campus:** We are 60 minutes south of the airport without traffic.

# DEPARTURE DAY

This is an exciting day. Please consider some recommendations and prepare all your travel documents.

- Pre-Checking:**
  - You might not be able to pre-check in online
  - You might have to pre-check in at the airport
  - Airlines need to confirm that the passengers hold a visa for the U.S.
  
- Double-check your flight itinerary (Sometimes airlines make last-minute changes)
- Arrive on time at the airport
- Check your travel documents:**
  - Valid Passport with F-1 or J-1 Student Visa
  - Printed I-20 or DS-2019 form
  - SEVIS fee receipts
  - Wesleyan's acceptance letter
  - Proof of financial support (**bank statement, foundation sponsor letter, or student loan**)
  - School billing
  - Health forms
  - Housing confirmation
  
- Travel outfit:**
  - Dress and wear comfortable clothes and shoes
  - Pack a sweater or a light jacket, as you could get cold on the airplane
  - Eye sleep mask
  - Wear something purple or a Wesleyan t-shirt if you have one
  - Pack additional clothes in your carry-on in case of any issues with your baggage
  
- Packing:** Don't pack sharp objects in a carry-on bag or food such as meat, fruit, cheese or vegetables
- Airlines policies:** Review the carry-on and suitcase policies of your travel airlines
- Airport arrival time:** Arrive at the airport 3 hours in advance. **"Please check your arrival time on your flight ticket".**
- Post pictures of your travel journey on IG **@wesco.international**
- Snacks:** Nothing with meat, fruit, or vegetables
- Medicine:** Anything for headache or stomach pain. **I highly recommend bringing prescriptions for all your medicines and not bringing more than 30 units.**

**\*\*DON'T TOUCH OR WATCH ANY UNKNOWN BAGGAGE. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT OTHER PEOPLE CAN HAVE IN THEIR BAGGAGE\*\***

## ARRIVAL IN THE US PORT OF ENTRY

When you arrive at the U.S. Port of Entry, a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official will give you a short interview and ask you for your visa documents, which will be date-stamped and returned to you. **Do NOT** pack your legal documents in your **check-in luggage**. You cannot access your luggage before going through U.S. Customs.

Be prepared to present the following to CBP officials: the most important thing to provide is your passport with a visa stamp and a printed I-20 or DS-2019 form. The other documents may not be asked for, keep them in your bag in case you need them

- Valid Passport with F-1 or J-1 Student Visa
- Printed I-20 or DS-2019 form

These documents can remain on your carpet. Provide them to the officers **only** if they ask:

- SEVIS fee receipts
- Wesleyan's acceptance letter
- Proof of financial support (**bank statement, foundation sponsor letter, or student loan**)
- School billing
- Health forms
- Housing confirmation

At some airports, you may be asked to go to a second room where they will date-stamp your documents. With recent changes in the laws governing the exit and entry of international visitors, you will have your fingerprints and photographs taken.

### If you need travel assistance or in case of an Emergency

Yasmin Pineda Segura

**24 Hours Cell Phone:** 478-270-3771

**Day Number:** 478-757-3999 – Ext: 3999

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### Wesleyan College Address:

**Street:** 4760 Forsyth Road

**Zip Code:** 31210

**City:** Macon

**State:** Georgia