

Transportation in the United States

Bus, Train, Bikes, Driver's License, Buying a Car

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Local Buses

Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA or TheRide)

Use Ride Guide for routes, times

Fare

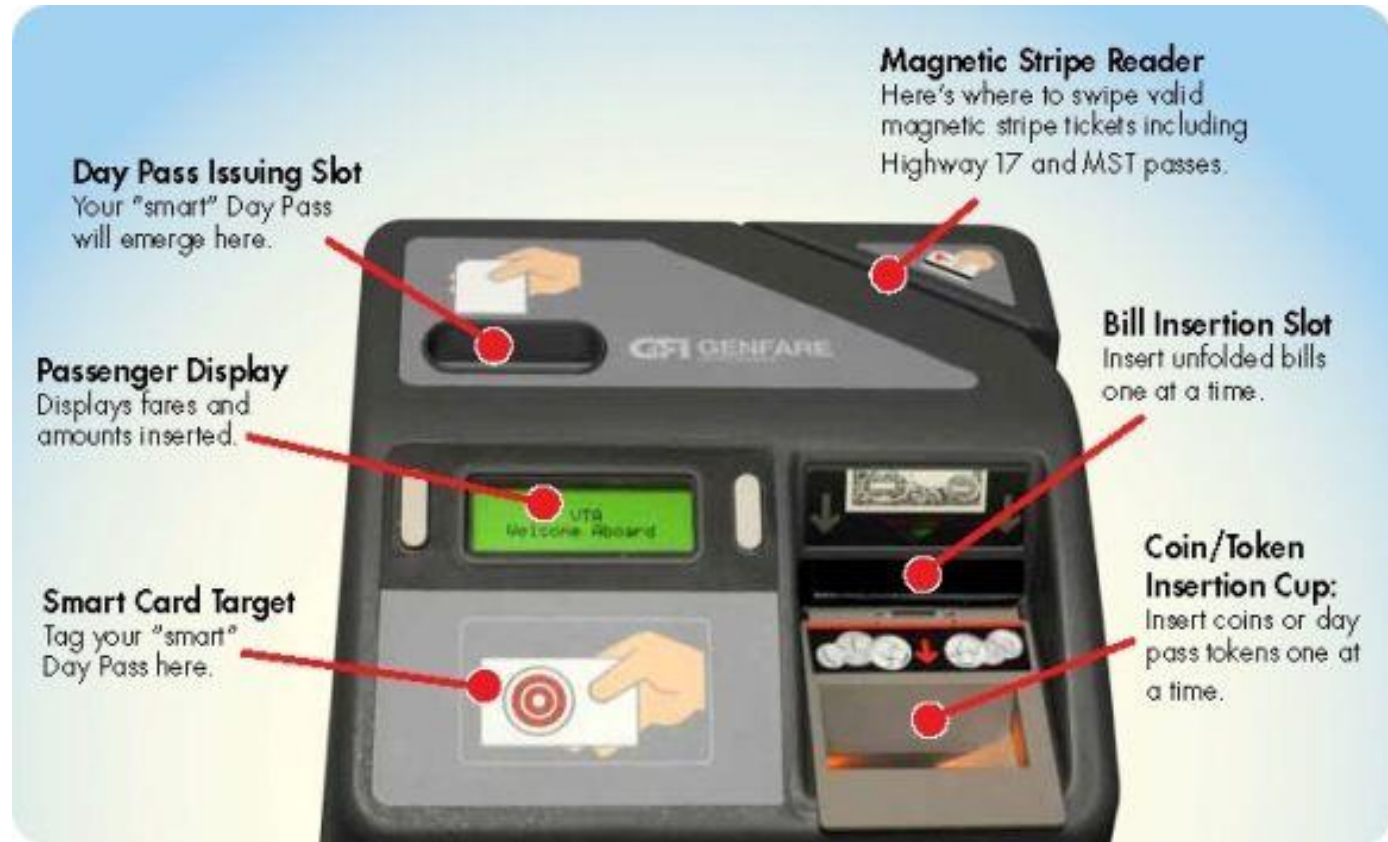
- \$1.50, 1-day pass: \$4.50,
- 30-day pass: \$40 (EMU discount)
- Route 41 (from campus to COB): free
- Transfer between different buses free (within 90 minutes), ask for transfer ticket from bus driver
- Bikes

How to figure out which route to take [Google Maps](#)

For more information www.theride.org

How to ride <http://www.theride.org/How-to-Ride>

Riding the bus



Megabus

- From Detroit or Ann Arbor to Chicago
 - For lower fees- schedule early or choose weekdays
- For more information www.megabus.com



Greyhound

- From Ann Arbor to farther places (New York, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Miami, etc.)
- Usually requires transfers
- Fares may differ on schedule date
- For more information www.greyhound.com



Train

AMTRAK

- From Ann Arbor to many places
- Usually requires transfers
- Longer travel times comparing to bus
- Weekly specials sometimes
- For more information

www.amtrak.com



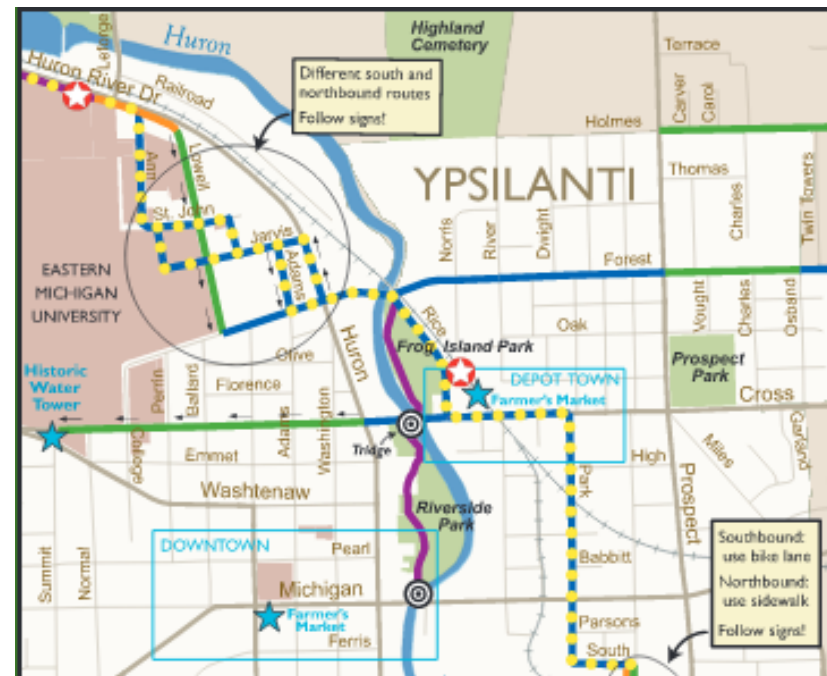
Planes

- Detroit Metro Airport is the closest airport to campus
- Many website to get deals on flights
 - Skyscanner
 - Expedia
 - Kayak
 - Cheapoair



Bikes

- Brand new from stores
- Used bicycles from websites (craigslist.org)
- Sidewalks and bike paths/bike lane on many streets (helmet encouraged)
- Popular to bike in local parks and Border2Border Trail in Washtenaw county b2b.ewashtenaw.org



Getting a Michigan driver's license

- Reference OISS website
<http://www.emich.edu/oiss/license.html> or green flier
- Come to Driver's License Day (September 23)
 - Get SSN Ineligibility Letter
 - Take driving exam



Documents needed for a car

- Driver's license
 - Obtained at MI Secretary of State
 - To obtain you need: two proofs of Michigan residency, pass written test, pass driving test
- Proof of insurance
 - Obtained at insurance company
 - Cost varies with age/gender of driver AND age/type of car
 - Need: legal vehicle's VIN number.
- Registration
 - Obtained at Michigan Secretary of State
 - Need: car title, valid insurance, ID

Buying a car

- Check *Consumer Reports* for reliability records of brands
- Car dealerships- more convenient, more expensive
- Check mileage (over 100,000 is high), rust, condition of tires, leakages
- Test drive
- Have it checked out by a mechanic (if used car)
- Check ownership/ accident history at CarFax (using VIN number; carfax.com)



Travel Safely

- Have fun exploring! But, things happen...
 - Make sure your car is properly maintained
 - [MDOT Courtesy Patrol](#) in Metro Detroit (call 9-1-1)
 - Ticket
 - If you get a ticket, do not ignore. Seek ticket explanation from EMU police officer via OISS.
 - Not paying tickets or following up in court can cost you- not only money, but jail and immigration troubles.
 - Accident
 - Call the police from the accident scene- do not leave!
 - Know your car insurance policy

Travel Safety

- Weather
 - Know your driving skill level and know when to stay home and not travel

