

Getting to Gainesville

North Central Florida is served by four airports listed below in order of increasing distance from campus. The hyperlinks below will take you to the airport's main website, where you can find the airlines that have service there as well as information regarding rental cars, local taxi services, and other basic transportation information. If you are being hosted by a medical student, they may be able to pick you up at a drop-off point on campus or near downtown if you request that of them.

1) [Gainesville Regional Airport \(GNV\)](#) is 20-30 minutes away from campus. Car rentals, taxis, and the local bus service are all available to take you to your hotel. Some hotels, such as the Hilton University of Florida, and the University Center Holiday Inn, offer shuttles to the Gainesville Airport. The Hilton University of Florida will also shuttle you to and from Shands, saving you taxi fare. Flying into GNV can be costly however, especially with short notice. Please see the main GNV website for information on local taxis. If arriving late at night you may want to arrange beforehand a taxi to be there waiting for you.

2) [Jacksonville International Airport \(JAX\)](#) is about 85 miles away and you should usually allow two hours if you are driving a car. Also please note that several towns between Jacksonville and Gainesville have been certified as 'speed traps' by AAA. These include Lawtey, Starke, Waldo, and nearly every other small town along US Hwy 301. Observe and follow posted speed limits carefully!

3) [Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#) is approximately 125 miles away. If renting a car, it is a two hour drive with good traffic and can take considerably longer otherwise. Also, the main route between Orlando and Gainesville includes a turnpike with tolls that are approximately \$25 round trip.

4) [Tampa International Airport \(TPA\)](#) is 135 miles from Gainesville, and just under 2 ½ hours if there is no traffic leaving Tampa. There are no back country roads or tolls to navigate; take I-75 N to Gainesville. However due to its distance there are no shuttle services, leaving few options besides renting a car.