

Visitor Information

The Summer Institute offers courses that take place on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Individual course locations are found on the course description page along with any course material needs.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact ICPSR to ensure that appropriate arrangements will be made for building and equipment access.

International Participants

International participants traveling to the United States to attend the Summer Program should review the [UM International Center page](#) for clarification about visas and other required travel documentation.

Life and Lodging in Ann Arbor

About Ann Arbor

A vibrant Midwestern city noted for its friendliness and sophistication, Ann Arbor is a wonderful place to visit and live during the summer. The city is host to several festivals and fairs, including [free nightly music and movies](#) for three weeks in June, as well as an [art fair](#) in mid-July featuring more than 1,000 artists from around the nation. For participants looking to unwind and have fun after a day of learning, [entertainment](#) options run from museums and art galleries to movie theaters and concert venues. The downtown and campus areas are filled with [restaurants, cafes, and bars](#) where al fresco dining is the norm. A 10-minute walk from downtown, the Huron River offers outdoor enthusiasts a chance to cool off and relax in a canoe, kayak, or inner tube. Parks line the riverfront, providing plenty of opportunities to jog or hike wooded trails, play soccer or disc golf, and grill.

From June through August, the days are often sunny and warm, with average highs in the 80s. It doesn't hurt to bring an umbrella to ward off the occasional shower. We also strongly recommend bringing a jacket or sweater, since the classrooms are air-conditioned and can get chilly.

From Ann Arbor, Detroit is an hour's drive to the east, and Chicago is four hours by car to the west.

More information about Ann Arbor is available from the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) and the [Ann Arbor Observer](#).



Transportation and Parking

Airport

Ann Arbor is 25 miles from Detroit Metropolitan International Airport (DTW) via I-94. The most affordable transportation option to and from DTW is [Michigan Flyer](#), a public charter bus that stops in Ann Arbor at the Blake Transit Center downtown (about a 5-minute walk from the University of Michigan campus). Fare is \$12/person one-way with advance reservation, and \$15/person one-way without a reservation (if seats are available). Other transportation options include Metro Cars, and the Ann Arbor Metro Airport Shuttle.

Bus

[Greyhound](#) buses service Ann Arbor from locations around the U.S. and Canada. The Greyhound station is located at 325 Depot Street (the Amtrak Station).

Megabus

[Megabus](#) is a low-cost bus service with routes connecting Ann Arbor with Toledo, OH and Chicago. Buses arrive and depart from the University of Michigan commuter lot at 2678 S. State Street.

Train

[Amtrak](#) operates three daily eastbound trains (to Detroit) and three daily westbound trains (to Chicago) that depart from the train station at 325 Depot Street. Amtrak also offers an evening bus to Toledo to meet an overnight train to the east coast.

Other Transportation Options

For more information about transportation, including taxis, Zipcars, car rentals, and city bus services, visit the [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Transportation page](#). Additionally, the University of Michigan operates its own line of buses that anyone can ride for free. For a list of routes and schedules, visit the University of Michigan's [Parking and Transportation Services website](#).

Parking

Parking on the University of Michigan campus is extremely limited. Unfortunately, the ICPSR Summer Program is not able to provide on-site parking for its participants.

There are two [University of Michigan](#) lots near the Perry and Newberry buildings that offer a few visitor parking spaces: lot W5 at Maynard Street and Jefferson Street, and lot W13 on Thompson Street near William Street. You can view both lots on [this map](#).

Parking fees, maximum hours of use, and enforcement hours are posted at pay machines in these lots, which accept currency, coin, and credit cards.

The city of Ann Arbor offers numerous [public lots, structures, and parking meters](#). The hourly parking lot rate is \$1.50/hour (\$1.70 after 3 hours). The hourly parking structure rate is \$1.20/hour. The hourly parking meter rate at curbside spaces is \$1.60/hour. Street meters are enforced Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. All city parking is free on Sundays.

You can find some free parking in the neighborhoods to the south, west, and north of the downtown and campus areas. Some streets near the University have 1- to 2-hour time limits. Be prepared to walk, on average, 10-20 minutes to campus if you choose this option.

University Facilities

Summer Institute participants are eligible to use many university facilities during the program including libraries, computing sites, housing, and recreational areas. Use of some facilities may require a fee.

Computing

Some Summer Institute courses have computer laboratories in computing classrooms. For homework assignments and personal computing, participants are assigned a login to use on one of the many computers in the Angell Hall Courtyard, which is maintained by the University's Information Technology Division. This public computing site includes nearly 360 computers total (130 Macs, 230 Dell PCs), Sun workstations, and several Unix machines. Many standard software packages are available for word processing, spreadsheets, database management, graphics, data analysis, and email. Access to computing sites requires a University of Michigan "uniqname" and password, provided by the Summer Institute staff. Email services are available for Summer Institute participants in two forms. First, and most highly recommended, is access via the Internet to participants' own email systems at their home institutions. This is recommended to avoid distribution of a new email address to friends and colleagues seeking to contact you during your stay in Ann Arbor, and is available to you immediately upon arrival. Participants need to bring an address for their home email system. Alternatively, participants may use their University of Michigan "uniqname" for email. These accounts are closed when participants' courses end.

Health Service

In the event of a minor medical emergency, participants may consult (for a fee) the [University Health Service](#) at 207 Fletcher Street, telephone: 734-764-8320. The Summer Institute will supply the Health Service with the names of our program participants and the dates of the Summer Institute. This should assure access to these

facilities for Summer Scholars and will explain the variation from standard UM term dates for registered students. All visitors should bring evidence of health insurance with them in case of more complicated medical needs. International participants are required to have medical insurance which may be purchased upon arrival through the U-M International Center.

Services at University Health Services will require payment at the time of service. The daily hours are listed on their website.

Students With Disabilities

The Summer Institute will provide a training program accessible to all participants. Applicants should inform the Summer Institute as soon as possible of any special classroom or equipment needs. Participants may directly contact the University's Office of [Services for Students with Disabilities](#) at 734-763-3000.

Library Facilities

Summer Institute participants have "guest borrowing" privileges within the University of Michigan Library system. Details regarding using the services available will be provided once you arrive in Ann Arbor to attend the Summer Institute.

For detailed information regarding the various University of Michigan Libraries and services, please view the [Library Services website](#).