

Transportation

Getting around in a new country can be a daunting experience, but the University of Georgia offers a variety of transportation resources to make your daily commute and travel easier. This page provides essential information on public transportation options, campus shuttle services, and tips for obtaining a driver's license or owning a car in the U.S. Explore the options below to find the best transportation solutions for your needs.



UGA Transit

UGA Transit runs day and night to take you where you need to go, when you need to get there. UGA Transit moves students, faculty, staff, and visitors to every corner of campus. UGA bus routes are subject to change based on campus need. Live track the bus on the UGA App or on routes.uga.edu for the most accurate information.

Getting a Georgia Driver's License

1. Check Eligibility

Residency Requirements: Ensure you meet the residency requirements for Georgia. As an international student, you must have a valid visa and be residing in Georgia.

Age Requirements: You must be at least 18 years old to apply for a Class C (regular) driver's license.

2. Gather Necessary Documents

You will need to provide several documents to prove your identity, legal status, and residency in Georgia. These include passport, visa, I-94 Form, I-20 Form, Social Security Number (SSN), and two documents showing your Georgia address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, or rental agreement.

3. Complete the DDS Application

Visit the [Georgia Department of Driver Services \(DDS\) website](https://www.dds.ga.gov) to complete the

online application form. This will save you time during your visit to the DDS office.

DDS Office: 1505 US Highway 29 North, Athens, GA 30601, United States

4. Pass the Knowledge Exam

Study the Georgia Driver's Manual and take practice tests.

Visit a DDS Customer Service Center to take the written knowledge test.

5. Pass the Road Skills Test

After passing the knowledge exam, schedule a road skills test. Ensure your vehicle meets all safety requirements and is registered and insured.

Arrive at the DDS center with your vehicle and required documents. Pass the road skills test to demonstrate your driving ability.

6. Pay Fees and Receive Your License

After passing all tests and paying the fees, you will receive a temporary driver's license. Your permanent driver's license will be mailed to you within a few weeks.

Buying a Used Car

1. Determine Your Budget

Consider Costs: Include the price of the car, insurance, taxes, registration fees, and maintenance.

Financing Options: If you need financing, check if you are eligible for a car loan as an international student.

2. Research Vehicles and Find a Car

Identify Your Needs: Determine what type of car suits your needs (e.g., sedan, SUV, fuel efficiency).

Dealerships vs. Private Sellers: Decide if you want to buy from a dealership or a private seller. Dealerships often provide more assurances, but private sales can be cheaper.

Vehicle History Report: Obtain a vehicle history report from services like Carfax to check for accidents, title issues, and service history.

3. Inspect the Car

Always test drive the car to check its condition and ensure it meets your expectations. Have a trusted mechanic inspect the car for any hidden issues, especially if buying from a private seller.

4. Negotiate the Price

Know the market value of the car to negotiate effectively. Be prepared to negotiate the price based on the car's condition and any issues found during the inspection.

5. Complete the Purchase

Obtain a bill of sale that includes the car's details, sale price, and signatures of both the buyer and seller. If needed, get a temporary tag from the Georgia Department of Revenue to legally drive the car until you get permanent plates.

6. Register the Car

Gather Documents: You will need the bill of sale, signed title, proof of insurance, and your identification documents.

Visit the County Tag Office: Go to your local county tag office to register the car. You will need to pay registration fees and applicable taxes.

