

ARRIVAL ON YOUR OWN

If you would like to arrive to Eastern on your own, the following are instructions from Chicago O'Hare Airport to Eastern Illinois University via Illini Shuttle, Amtrak train, or Greyhound bus. If you need temporary housing during student orientation, please complete the arrival information form by logging into <https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/> and go to the "Arrival Information Form" on the checklist.

1. AMTRAK TRAIN

1. After customs, take a taxi from Chicago O'Hare Airport to Union Train Station (approximately \$35).
2. Purchase a ticket for travel to Mattoon, Illinois. Amtrak website <http://www.amtrak.com>, Telephone 1-202- 484-7540 (outside the US) or 1-800-872-7245 (within the US).
 - a. Cost is approximately \$18-47;
 - b. Departure times are 8:15 a.m., 4:05 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
3. When you arrive at the Amtrak Station in Mattoon, call a taxi: Checker Top Cab, Mattoon, IL: (217) 234-7474, to take you to Charleston, IL.
 - a. Cost is approximately \$24.
 - b. Mattoon is 10 miles from Charleston.
 - c. Have the driver drop you off at a hotel or your pre-arranged housing.
4. Housing at EIU: If you need to reserve temporary housing, please complete the arrival information form by logging into <https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/> and go to the "Arrival Information Form" on the checklist or call +1(217)581-2321 **several days in advance of your arrival** at EIU.

2. ILLINI SHUTTLE

1. Purchase an Illini Shuttle bus ticket from Chicago O'Hare Airport to Champaign, IL
 - a. Cost is approximately \$28.95
 - b. Departs Chicago O'Hare at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.)
<http://www.illinishuttle.com/>
2. Board the Illini shuttle bus at Chicago O'Hare Airport. Travel from Chicago O'Hare Airport to Champaign, IL.
3. In Champaign, IL take a taxi from the Illini shuttle bus stop to either the Amtrak train or Greyhound bus station. (Champaign to Mattoon, IL).
 - a. Amtrak train <http://www.amtrak.com>
 - i. Cost is approximately \$6-16
 - ii. Departs Champaign at 10:25 a.m., 6:15 p.m., 10:34 p.m.
 - b. or Greyhound bus <http://www.greyhound.com>
 - i. Cost is approximately \$12-18
 - ii. Departs Champaign at 12:40 p.m., arrives in Mattoon at 1:40 p.m.) Plan to be at the Greyhound terminal at least one hour before bus departs). Travel from Champaign to Mattoon, IL.
 - c. When you arrive in Mattoon at the Amtrak Station or Greyhound terminal, call a taxi: Checker Top Cab, Mattoon, IL: (217) 234-7474, to take you to Charleston, IL.
 - i. Cost is approximately \$24. Mattoon is 10 miles from Charleston.
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3. GREYHOUND BUS

1. After customs, take a taxi from Chicago O'Hare Airport to Union Train Station.
 - a. Cost is approximately \$35.
2. Purchase a ticket for travel to Mattoon, Illinois. Greyhound website <http://www.greyhound.com> (there are several Greyhound departure points in Chicago – click on the option “Chicago, IL.”)
 - a. Cost is approximately \$35-44.
 - b. Departs Chicago at 9:40 a.m., arrives in Mattoon at 1:40 p.m. Plan to be at the Greyhound terminal at least one hour before bus departs.
3. When you arrive at the Greyhound Bus Station in Mattoon, call a taxi: Checker Top Cab, Mattoon, IL: (217) 234-7474 to take you to Charleston, IL.
 - a. Cost is approximately \$24. Mattoon is 10 miles from Charleston.
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If you have any questions or concerns not addressed here, please email us at international@eiu.edu.