Detroit Area Guide

This brief overview of the more popular areas to live while attending WSU-SOM is intended to help give interviewees a general idea of where their student hosts are located. Included are rough estimates of mileage and commute time from each area to both Scott Hall and Detroit Metro Airport, as well as a simple map of the Metro Detroit area. Please allow for additional travel time in the event of inclement weather. Also listed are a few resources that may be useful while arranging ground transportation. The drive from Scott Hall to Detroit Metro Airport is approximately 35 minutes.

Detroit Suburbs and Regions of Detroit

Shelby Township: On M-53, north of M-59, about 30 miles (40 – 50 minutes) north of WSU-SOM. About 60 – 75 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport

Troy: Centered right on I-75, about 15 miles (30-40 min) north of WSU-SOM. About 45min – 1hr from Detroit Metro Airport

Warren: On I-696, just east of I-75, about 15 miles (25 – 35 min) north of WSU-SOM. About 45 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport

Southgate: Just east of I-75, about 15 miles (30 min) southwest of WSU-SOM. About 20 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport

Royal Oak / Ferndale / Madison Heights: Just west of I-75, about 9-12 miles (15-15 min) north of WSU-SOM. About 35-45 min from Detroit Metro Airport

Dearborn: South of I-96 and north of I-94, about 9 miles (15-25 min) west of WSU-SOM. About 20-30 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport

Hamtramck: Just east of I-75, about 4 miles (10 minutes) northeast of WSU-SOM. About 30 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport

Midtown: A region of the City of Detroit located just south of WSU’s campus. A few minutes’ drive, and possibly within walking distance, of Scott Hall. About 20-30 min from Detroit Metro Airport

Downtown: Detroit’s downtown is about 2 miles (5-10 min) south of campus. About 20-30 min from Detroit Metro Airport

Transportation Options

Detroit Metro Airport Ground Transportation Website
Gives contact info for car rental agencies located at the airport, as well as estimated cab fares from the airport to various suburbs.
http://www.metroairport.com/transportation/
SMART Bus Website
The SMART Bus system is Detroit’s major form of public transportation. Check out their website for routes, schedules, and fares.
http://www.smartbus.org/smart/home

Detroit Taxi Directory
Gives phone numbers for various cab companies serving the Metro Detroit area, as well as the suburb each company is based out of.
http://www.detroitpages.com/detroit_area_taxi.php