Air Travel

Western Kentucky University is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky in the Central Time Zone of the United States. Bowling Green is approximately 60 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee and 120 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky off of Interstate 65. Our closest airport is Nashville International Airport (BNA).

Transport from Nashville Airport to Bowling Green

Car rental is likely the easiest and most convenient form of transportation from the Nashville Airport to Bowling Green. However, Bowling Green Shuttle offers shuttle service to/from the Nashville Airport. Please note that this is a smaller operation and is not as convenient as a car rental. An Uber/Lyft to/from the Nashville Airport and Bowling Green costs between $80-$90 each way.

Hotels

We have negotiated a conference rate with 3 hotels in Bowling Green. Information on each hotel is provided below.

1. **Hyatt Place Bowling Green** (Sold Out)

   The Hyatt Place Bowling Green is located on the campus of Western Kentucky University next to the Augenstein Alumni Center. There is a Chili’s Restaurant located immediately next to the hotel, and you will find dozens of restaurants in the downtown area of Bowling Green, which is a 10-15 minute walk from the hotel. The hotel is also a short 8-10 minute walk from the Downing Student Union (the location of the HIPS in the States Conference). **WKU’s Red Line Bus** also provides transport from Stop # 47 (Alumni Center) to the Downing Student Union via Stop # 6 (Jody Richards Hall – JRH). To register for this hotel, please visit [https://bowlinggreen.place.hyatt.com/](https://bowlinggreen.place.hyatt.com/) and enter “G-HIPS” as the Corporate Code/Group Code during the book process.

2. **Hilton Garden Inn** ($139.00)

   The Hilton Garden Inn is located 3 miles from the campus of Western Kentucky University (about an 8-10 minute drive). There are approximately a dozen restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. We will be providing limited shuttle bus transportation from this hotel to the conference site during the conference. We will run these shuttle busses every 10 minutes
for a period of 2 hours at the beginning and end of each day of the conference. To register for this hotel, please visit the website and enter “HIPS” into the group code rate box during the booking process.

3. **Courtyard by Marriott** (sold out)

   The Courtyard by Marriott is located next to the Hilton Garden Inn listed above. Therefore, this hotel is also located 3 miles from the campus of Western Kentucky University (about an 8-10 minute drive) with the same restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. We will also be providing limited shuttle bus transportation from this hotel to the conference site during the conference. We will run these shuttle busses every 10 minutes for a period of 2 hours at the beginning and end of each day of the conference. To register for this hotel, please click [HERE](#).

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**Campus Parking**

The HIPs in the States Conference will be held at WKU Downing Student Union. Free parking will be available on the campus of WKU in Parking Structure # 2. A campus map is available [here](#).

WKU will also provide a university shuttle bus service from the Courtyard by Marriott and the Hilton Garden Inn to WKU for a period of 2 hours at the beginning and end of each day of the conference. There is also a regular university shuttle that provides convenient transport from Hyatt Hotel on campus to Jody Richards Hall (this is the closest shuttle bus stop to the Downing Student Union).

**Restaurants on Campus** (for campus map, click [HERE](#))

- Chili’s – 268 Alumni Ave. (next to the Hyatt Place Hotel)
- Chick-fil-A – Downing Student Union
- Fresh Foods – Downing Student Union
- Burrito Bowl – Downing Student Union
- Subway – Bates Runner Hall
- Einstein Bros. Bagels – Jody Richards Hall
- Garrett Food Court – Garrett Conference Center (lower level)
- Panda Express – Garrett Conference Center
- Topper Grill & Pub – Garrett Conference Center

**Restaurants near Hyatt Place Bowling Green**

- Chili’s
- 440 Main
- Mickey’s On Main
- Mellow Mushroom
- 643 Sports Bar
1907 Gerard’s Tavern
Mariah’s
Steamers Seafood
Spencers

Restaurants within walking distance of Courtyard by Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn

Montana Grille
Double Dogs
India Oven
Griff’s Deli
Pho BC Vietnamese Restaurant

Restaurants within a 5 minute drive of Courtyard by Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn

Red Lobster
Long Horn Steakhouse
Rafferty’s
Smokey Bones
Olive Garden
Outback
Ruby Tuesday
Five Guys
Chipotle
Q’doba
Tsunami
Corner Bakery
Panera Bread (1770 Campbell Lane)