# International Student On-Arrival - Information Sheet

## STUDENT HOST

The seminary will pair you with a student who shares a similar background to help you settle in. All student hosts are participating voluntarily, please take the initiative to get connected with your student host.

## AIRPORT PICKUP

Please provide the following information if you need airport pickup:
- Flight details (example: Flight AA4202 from Dallas, arriving at 935pm)
- Passenger and luggage (example: 2 adults and 2 children, 6 check-in luggage, 3 hand carries, 1 stroller)

At the airport, please look for your student host holding a CTS sign:

![CTS Sign]

If you’re staying in the seminary housing, the student host should have the key to your apartment. Please double-check this before arrival. Be aware that your seminary housing is NOT fully furnished.

## SEMINARY CHECK-IN

Check-in with the international student office is not required immediately upon arrival. Some students like to take time and rest; other students prefer to go to the seminary right away.

Please provide the following documents for check-in at the international student office:
- Passport, visa, I-20
- Local US address
- Health insurance (if you’re not using the seminary insurance plan)
- Local cell phone number (if you have one)

After check-in with the international student office, you can go to the IT office and set up your student account (internet, printing, student ID).

Next, you may want to explore around the seminary: staff and faculty offices, computer lab, university library, gym, café, Idema food pantry and clothes closet.
**GETTING AROUND**

**Bus:** an easy and cheap way of commute. [https://www.ridetherapid.org/](https://www.ridetherapid.org/)

- An adult single-ride ticket is $1.75. There’re multiple ways to buy a ticket, more info online.
- Plan a trip: go to the website. It will tell you what bus to take and what time the bus will come. Please arrive early and wait on the sidewalk.
- Getting off the bus: pull the cord above your seat to indicate. More info visit [https://www.ridetherapid.org/howtoride/how-to-ride](https://www.ridetherapid.org/howtoride/how-to-ride)

Student discount card (reduced rate of $0.50 per ride) is available for free at the Campus Safety Office. Replacement cards are $20. Visit the Dean of Students Office for more information.

**Uber:** online/phone app for taxi booking. Ride can be costly. Online interface looks like this:

**How much does a ride with Uber cost?**

![Uber price estimator](image1)

**Carpool:** If you’re staying in seminary housing, you may want to ask for a ride from your neighboring students. Please contact Tim Bruinsma, Director of Housing ([housing@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:housing@calvinseminary.edu)), for a list of residents in your neighborhood.

**Lyft:** online/phone app for taxi booking. Ride can be costly. Online interface looks like this:

![Lyft screenshot](image2)