

## STUDENT ARRIVAL PLAN

**IMPORTANT!** This form must be received in the Office of International Programs at least **one month** before your arrival. **DO NOT ARRIVE ON CAMPUS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL DATE AND EXPECT TO MOVE INTO CAMPUS HOUSING.** Residence halls will not be opened for students until the "arrival & moving-in" day listed on your acceptance letter. It is best to arrive during the business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. If you cannot arrive on the preferred arrival day, you will need to stay in a hotel until the "arrival & moving-in" day.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival at the Atlanta Hartsfield International airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of arrival of your flight at the Atlanta Hartsfield International airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline and flight number of final flight: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to arrive on Mercer's campus? Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are staying with relatives or friends in the USA before arriving on Mercer's campus, please give us a telephone number where you may be reached (after arriving in the USA) and the name(s) of your host(s).

Name of host: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you sent your Orientation Fee of USD \$200? (F-1 Visa students only)**  Yes  No

### **ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

The Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport is located approximately 90 minutes from Macon by car. You can take an airport van shuttle service to Macon. The Office of International Programs recommends using **Groome Transportation**. Groome Transportation vans are painted white with the words "Groome Transportation" printed on the side and a large "Macon" sign on the top of the van. Groome shuttle vans are located in Stalls 15 and 16, directly under the USA flag in the **Ground Transportation** area. You may follow the signs to "ground transportation" or ask for directions. Groome Transportation shuttles depart from the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport every hour beginning at 07:00 a.m. EST. The last shuttle leaves at 01:00 a.m. EST. Reservations are not required. You may find more information about Groome on the internet at <http://www.groometransportation.com/atlanta.htm>. If your flight arrives after the last shuttle departs, we recommend staying in Atlanta at the Ramada Inn near the airport, which has free transportation to and from the airport. To make a reservation at the Ramada Inn, call +1-404-768-7800.

When you arrive on campus, you may report to the Connell Student Center (CSC) located on College Street. Go to the Admission Office on the bottom floor, left side of the CSC and ask the receptionist to call Julie Strecker, International Student Advisor, at ext. 4444.

**VERY IMPORTANT! Keep your identification, visa, passport, IAP-66, I-20, or DS-2019 (white immigration form) with you at all times. DO NOT PACK THE PAPERS IN YOUR SUITCASE. The customs officers will not allow you to retrieve them after you arrive at the airport. All papers are inspected upon arrival. Place identification tags on the outside and inside of your luggage with your name and the following address: C/O Julie Strecker, Mercer University International Programs, 1400 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31207, USA.**

If you need assistance before or after the business hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., please contact Mercer's Campus Police Office at: 1-478-301-2970. From within the USA, during business hours, please contact the persons below:

Julie Strecker	Toll free at 1-800-637-2378 extension 4444, or directly at 1-478-301-4444
Int'l Programs Office	Toll free at 1-800-637-2378* extension 2573, or directly at 1-478-301-2573
Dr. Eric Spears	Toll free at 1-800-637-2378 extension 5901, or directly at 1-478-301-5901

*\*(800 numbers may be dialed from any telephone in USA at no cost to you.)*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mercer University does not provide linens (sheets, blankets, pillows, towels). There will be an opportunity to purchase these items after you arrive during the orientation program.

**FAX a copy of this form to: +1-478-301-5341 REMEMBER! Keep this form and other important papers with you.**