



NEW MEXICO
SIMON SCHOLARS

Tips for Air Travel

Especially useful for college visits and “fly-out” programs

Packing

You are allowed to bring **one carry-on bag AND one personal item (see more below)**

--If you can't fit everything in your carry-on/personal item, you will need to **check your bag**. Most airlines charge an additional checked bag fee (at least \$20) so **try to pack light and just carry-on!**

--If you check a bag, it will be checked thru to your final destination. **You do not need to re-check your bag(s) when/if you change planes**

Carry-on bags can be no larger than **22” x 14” x 9”** (there is no weight limit for carry-ons, however there is a 50 pound limit for checked bags)

Approved personal items include:

--ONE purse, briefcase, backpack, camera bag, laptop computer, OR a similar or smaller sized item

Liquids, etc:

--All liquids, gels, aerosols, and pastes (**including toothpaste**) must be placed in containers no larger than 3.4 oz (100 mL)

--All such items must be placed in a single quart-size, clear, plastic, ziploc bag

--This quart-size ziploc must be removed from your carry-on and placed in the plastic bin provided at the security checkpoint

Toiletries

--Make sure all toiletries are in “travel size” containers (see above) and similarly placed in a ziploc bag

Medication

--Remember to pack enough of any medication(s) you take for your entire trip

--If you do need to check a bag, make sure your medication(s) is in your carry-on (in case checked bag is lost or delayed)

Cash

--Bring enough cash so that, in the event your flight is delayed or canceled, you aren't stuck in the airport without any money for food

Documentation

Be sure to bring the following items with you:

--Driver's License (or other **current** photo ID)

Make sure the name on your ID matches the name on your ticket!

--Copy of your itinerary/flight information



--Name and contact information of the person who is picking you up at the airport (if applicable)

What to do when you get to the airport

Locate the ticketing/check-in area for your airline. Present your ID and a paper copy of your itinerary at the check-in area and an agent will assist you in getting your boarding pass (or passes, if multiple flights)

Your boarding pass will indicate your **gate number** as well as departure time and boarding time. All gates are on the other side of the security checkpoint

Only ticketed passengers with boarding passes can go past the security checkpoint. Your family can accompany you to security, but no further

You will present your ID and boarding pass at security. As well, you will need to remove your shoes, jewelry, jacket (if wearing one), and everything in your pockets and place items in a plastic bin

You are not allowed to take water bottles or other drinks thru security

Once on the other side of security, proceed to your gate. ***It is a good idea to check the departure screens to make sure your gate number hasn't changed!***

Most airlines will assign you a "boarding group" number or letter. You may get in line to board the plane when your boarding group is announced

*****Most people suggest arriving at the airport at least an hour and a half to two hours before your flight time***

See the following websites for airline-specific policies:

American Airlines:

<https://www.aa.com/i18n/travel-info/at-the-airport.jsp?anchorEvent=false&from=Nav>

United Airlines:

<https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/travel/default.aspx>

Delta Airlines:

http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/traveling-with-us.html

Southwest Airlines

<https://www.southwest.com/html/customer-service/index.html?clk=GFOOTER-CUSTOMER-SERVICE>