**MSA 2020 Travel, Lodging, Dining Information**

**All conference activities will be at the College of the Holy Cross**, One College Street, on College Hill (né *Pakachoag* Hill) in southwest Worcester, next to the Blackstone River and just south of the junction of routes 290 and 146, north of the Masspike (route 90). Worcester itself is in east central Massachusetts, forty miles west of Boston, forty miles northwest of Providence, Rhode Island, and 180 miles northeast of New York City. Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/@42.2668578,-71.801179,14z>

**Most sessions, conference registration, and the break room are on** **the 4th floor of the** **Hogan Campus Center** (building #34 campus map). Two plenaries will be in **Rehm library in** **Smith Hall**, **3rd floor** (#3 campus map). Exit Hogan Basement, walk right, it is the first building across the driveway to your left. Snacks, coffee, bagels, soft drinks, bookstore, Fax, copying, and cash machine are all available on Hogan First Floor **(**one up from Basement). Campus map: <https://college.holycross.edu/directions/2dmap/map.pdf>

**The conference hotel is the** **Hilton Garden Inn** **in Downtown Worcester**, with a discounted conference rate. (35 Major Taylor Blvd, between Martin Luther King Jr Blvd and Thomas St., 508-753-5700). Hotel parking is free. Check-in as at 4pm; check-out is at Noon. (Note: Sunday check-out is delayed one hour for MSA members.) The campus and hotel are 3 miles apart. There are other hotels in the area.

**From Hotel to Holy Cross and Back**

Free shuttles (from the Hilton, Holy Cross, and Valet Park) will loop between the Hilton and Hogan Campus Center (3rd Floor, rear) two hours each day: **from the hotel** **the hour before we start** (Thursday 3-4pm; other days 8-9am); **from Holy Cross the hour after we end**(Thursday 7-8pm; Friday 5-6pm; Saturday 8-9pm; Sunday Noon-1). The Hilton is also a short cab/Uber ride from the campus. Parking lots are directly behind Hogan (#51 campus map, uphill, away from lower campus).

**Airports**

The closest is **Worcester Regional Airport, Worcester MA** (a 7 mile cab or Uber ride) but with limited service by Jet Blue, American, and Delta, from NYC, Philadelphia, and Florida cities.(Avis, Hertz, and Thrifty car rental.) The closest multiple carrier airports to Worcester are **T. F. Green International Airport, Providence**, **RI** (actually, Warwick, just south of Providence) 47 miles or an hour drive to Worcester (I-95 north to Providence, then northwest on Rte.146) and **Boston Logan International Airport**, **Boston MA** 48 miles or an hour drive to Worcester (I-93 south out of airport, then directly West on I-90, the Masspike.) There are two additional options: Bradley International Airport, Hartford CT 71 miles from Worcester (one hour 15 minutes: Rte. I-84 east, then I-90 east, then I-290 east); and

Manchester-Boston Airport, Manchester NH 71 miles from Worcester (one hour 20 minutes: Rte. 3 south, I-495 south, I-290 west)

**Transportation to Worcester**

From local airports, your options are: car rental, airport limo or shuttle, and in the case of Boston/Logan, train and bus service to Worcester’s Union Station. (Union Station is .5 miles, walking distance, from the Hilton Garden Inn, and a short cab/Uber ride to Holy Cross.) For Shuttle/Limo: call Knight’s Airport Limo 1-800-822-5456 (ask for Holy Cross rates: from Logan, $51 one way, from Green $66 one way) <https://www.knightslimo.com/worcester>. For no-share, contact [All Points Limo](https://www.allpointslimoservice.com/) at 1-800-400-1900.

*Train*: The MBTA (Mass Bay Transportation Authority) commuter rail services Worcester’s Union Station. There are trains from South Station in Boston to Worcester (from 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes). South Station (and downtown Boston) are quickly accessible from Logan on the MBTA. Amtrak also has limited service to Union Station from Albany (and points west), New York City, New Haven, and Boston.

*Bus:* Peter Pan and Greyhound service Worcester Union Station from Boston/Logan Airport, New York City (about 3 hours), and also from T. F. Green Airport (*but* you must connect in downtown Providence). WRTA Worcester Bus Service (1-508-791-9782).

*Cab*: for [Green Cab](http://worcestergreencab.com/) call 508-459-1611; for [Red Cab](https://www.worcredcab.com/) call 508-792-9999; for [Yellow Cab](http://www.yellowcabworcester.com/) call 508-754-3211 or use "Worcester Yellow Cab" Smartphone App.

**Dining**

Other than the conference banquet (Saturday), meals are on your own. The Hilton’s Garden Restaurant serves breakfast, and the attached Pizzeria Uno serves lunch and dinner (closes at 11pm). You are short walking distance to Starbucks, Meszcal Cantina, Railers Sports Tavern, DeadHorse Hill, and Armsby Abbey. Watering holes are Pizzeria Uno, Meszcal, Railers, and the Armsby. Inquire at the hotel desk.

There are many fine restaurants within a short cab/Uber ride, or a longish walk (.5 to .8 miles): southeast on Shrewsbury Street are Via, Nuovo, La Scala, Brew City, One Eleven Chop House (and for beer, nestled among them is Wormtown Brewery); south, in the funnel formed by Green and Water Streets, are Boccado Tapas Bar, Lock 50, Smokehouse Urban Barbeque, and others; and northwest on Highland Street, The Sole Proprietor, The Boynton, and the Sahara. Inquire at the hotel desk.

*Lunch on Friday and Saturday at Holy Cross*: An Uber/cab ride will get you to dining alternatives above. On campus there is: *Crossroads* (Hogan Campus Center Basement: grill, soups, salads, sandwiches) and *Cool Beans* (Hogan First Level: bagels, coffee); *Kimball Hall* (main student cafeteria/food court with the most culinary options, walk down campus to building #39 on map); and the slightly upscale *D’Agostino Café* (Friday only, soups, sandwiches, salads, in Smith Labs Atrium, enter building #7, then right). All these will be crowded precisely at noon on Friday (better on the half-hour). There are also take-out lunch services that take 30-40 minutes to deliver to campus buildings: Ciao Bella (508-756-2426 <https://orderonline.granburyrs.com/slice/menu/main>); Baba Sushi 508-752-8822 <https://www.grubhub.com/restaurant/baba-sushi-309-park-ave-worcester/1050184>; Nu Kitchen 508-926-8800 <https://www.grubhub.com/restaurant/nu-kitchen-335-chandler-st-worcester/498191>. For Kosher take-out call Chani’s at 508-752-0904 <https://www.centralmasschabad.com/>