Student U-PASS

The U-PASS is a bus pass plus more. The U-PASS provides students with a variety of low-cost transportation options—from unlimited rides on buses, commuter train service and light rail, to vanpooling and discounted impromptu carpooling.

With a U-PASS, it's easy to save money and tread softly on the environment by choosing alternatives to driving alone. Or consider "mixing up your commute"—using an alternative when possible, driving when necessary.

Student U-PASS is a universal program for all eligible students on the Seattle campus. All students who pay the Service & Activities Fee (SAF) are U-PASS members and are required to pay the U-PASS fee. Students not eligible for Universal U-PASS can purchase U-PASS membership.

Universal student U-PASS members

The following students are automatically U-PASS members through universal student U-PASS:

- Students registered in state-funded courses (except students who are part of the state tuition exemption program); and
- Students registered for classes and enrolled in a fee based degree major through Professional & Continuing Education (PCE) who pay the Services and Activities Fee (SAF).

Students not eligible for Universal U-PASS, see Optional purchased student U-PASS below

Universal student U-PASS benefits

The $86.00 per quarter U-PASS fee that appears on student tuition statements allows all students to access the benefits of U-PASS membership, including:

- Unlimited rides on King County Metro Transit, Community Transit, Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, or Everett Transit and on Sound Transit, which includes regional buses, Link Light Rail and Sounder Trains.
- Full fare coverage on King County Water Taxis
- Full fare coverage on Seattle Streetcar
- Unlimited rides on NightRide
- Discounted & priority carpool parking at gatehouses and selected lots
- Vanpool and vanship share fares credits
- Low membership rates for Zipcar, car2go and Pronto Cycle Share
- Discounts and special offers on sustainable transportation related resources and products.

Important U-PASS dates

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<th>Autumn 2023</th>
<th>Winter 2024</th>
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<td>Advance U-PASS activation for students registered by deadline</td>
<td>September 19</td>
<td>December 26</td>
<td>March 27</td>
<td>June 9</td>
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<td>U-PASS activation for students registered after deadline</td>
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<td>Deadline to pay U-PASS fee through Student Fiscal Services</td>
<td>October 13</td>
<td>January 19</td>
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When can I use it on transit?

**New members**

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<th>If you registered</th>
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<td>Nine or more days before quarter start</td>
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<td>less than nine days before quarter start</td>
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**Continuing members**

To maintain your U-PASS activation between quarters, you must be registered for classes nine days prior to the next quarter start. If you do not do this, your U-PASS will be deactivated and will be reactivated for transit 24 to 48 hours after you register.

Not registered for summer quarter? Unfortunately, you are not eligible to purchase a student U-PASS for the summer, but may be eligible to purchase a TEMP Pass if you meet the criteria for a UW temporary, hourly employee.

**Activation**

To finalize the activation of your U-PASS for use on transit, you must tap your card on an ORCA card reader within 60 days of U-PASS issuance. Tapping your card on the ORCA reader updates your chip and finalizes activation of your U-PASS for transit. Students who do not finalize activation within 60 days must submit a Reactivation Request. Your U-PASS will be available for transit 24 to 48 hours after you submit your reactivation request.

**Report a problem**

Do you have questions or are you having issues with your U-PASS? Report a problem [https://www.washington.edu/facilities/transportation/u-pass-report-a-problem](https://www.washington.edu/facilities/transportation/u-pass-report-a-problem)

**Terms of Use**

U-PASS members are required to acknowledge that they have read and accepted the U-PASS terms of use. All U-PASS members are bound by the U-PASS policy as stated in Administrative Policy Statement 53.4. Misuse of the U-PASS is subject to sanctions and may subject the parties to possible action under the General Conduct Code (Chapter 478–124 WAC) or the Student Conduct Code (Chapter 478–120 WAC).

**U-PASS fees for students who withdraw from classes**

U-PASS membership will be deactivated when a student withdraws from classes. Some students may be eligible for a credit of all or part of the U-PASS fee.

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<th>If you withdraw</th>
<th>Percent of your U-PASS fee that will be credited to you</th>
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<td>1st-7th calendar day of quarter</td>
<td>100 percent</td>
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<td>31st calendar day of quarter and later</td>
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U-PASS Replacement

You must inform the Husky Card Office at once if you believe your Husky Card has been lost or stolen. The best way to report a lost or stolen Husky Card is through the Husky Card Online Office, where you can suspend activity on your Husky Card Account until the Husky Card is found or replaced. You may also contact the Husky Card Account & ID Center M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 206-543-7222 or by email at huskycrd@uw.edu.

It is your responsibility to take care of your Husky Card. If your card is lost or damaged and you require a replacement, you will be charged a replacement fee. Your U-PASS powered by ORCA will be transferred electronically when your new Husky Card is printed and will be available for use 24 to 48 hours after card replacement.

You must use your Husky Card on an ORCA card reader within 60 days of receiving your replacement Husky Card to finalize your U-PASS activation. There is no replacement fee for U-PASS powered by ORCA, however, you may pay a replacement fee of $25 for your Husky Card. To get a replacement Husky Card, please contact the Husky Card Account & ID Center.

Other information

For a full explanation of the U-PASS as a student fee, see online Student Guide, "Tuition and Fees" and, the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Implementation of a Universal Student U-PASS

Early Fall Start U-PASS

Students participating in the Early Fall Start program or an academic program that starts more than 12 days before Fall quarter start may purchase an Early Fall Start U-PASS or parking permit. If you are participating in the Early Fall Start program, you have been pre-approved to purchase an Early Start U-PASS or parking permit. Find out more.
Bike Commuting 101:  
http://www.washington.edu/facilities/transportation/bike-intro

If you’re new to bike commuting, going by pedal-power may seem a little intimidating. Here are a few tips to get you on a bike and on your way to a better commute:

Step 1: Find a bike that’s right for you
With so many styles and sizes to choose from, finding a bike that’s right for you can seem overwhelming. Being comfortable on your bike is the most important thing, so try stopping by a local bike shop and testing out different styles and sizes. Talk with the shop attendant about how you’ll be using the bike (commuting? grocery shopping?), and they’ll be able to tell you your frame size and suggest different bikes to try. If shopping for a bike still seems intimidating, ask a bike-minded friend, family member or co-worker to go with you when you look at bikes; they’ll know what to ask and look for in a bicycle. Once you’ve tried a few different bikes and have a better idea of what you want, you’ll be ready to buy a new or used bike that’s perfect for you!

Step 2: Plan your route to UW
There are many resources to help you find a great bike route to campus:

- Transportation Services’ Commute Options program is your one-stop shop for learning all about your commute options, including bicycle route planning.
- Google Maps provides bicycle directions! Enter your start and end points and let Google do the rest. Please note that some directions are still in beta.
- Ride the City gives you three different routes to choose from. Just decide whether you want a “Direct,” “Safe,” or “Safer” route.
  Once you decide on a route, test it out! Try your new route on a weekend before your first commute to campus. There should be fewer cars out, and you’ll get an idea of what to expect from your route during a regular commute. Consider asking a friend or co-worker who already bikes to ride with you the first few times.

Step 3: Know where to park your bike at UW
The UW campus is home to more than 5,500 bicycle parking spaces, including racks, lockers, rooms and houses. If you have questions about parking your bicycle at a specific building, contact the building coordinator to see what your bicycle parking options are.

Step 4: Accessorize
In addition to your bicycle, certain accessories are required by law, and others will make your experience on a bike much more enjoyable. Here are our “Top 5” recommended accessories:

1. Helmet:
   The law requires you to wear a helmet when biking. Helmets are designed to prevent injury from a single impact, so replace your helmet if it absorbs a major impact. Helmets should be replaced every three-to-five years due to materials degradation.
2. **Lights:**
   The law requires you to have a white front light and red rear reflector when riding at night. We recommend a solid white front light, at least one blinking red rear light to go with your rear reflector, as well as helmet and wheel lights.

3. **U-Lock:**
   A stolen bike will ruin your day, so protect your bike by locking it up with a high-quality U-Lock. Learn about proper locking techniques [here](#).

4. **Fenders:**
   Keep your bike, body and the folks riding behind you dry by investing in full front and rear fenders!

5. **Bike Bell:**
   Politely alert pedestrians and slower-moving bicyclists that you’re about to overtake them by ringing your bell. Ringing your bell makes you more predictable as a rider, which makes it safer for folks around you.

**Step 5: Attire-ize**

Just because it’s wet outside, doesn’t mean you have to be. Keep yourself warm and dry by investing in rain gear for fall and winter riding:

- **Rain jacket:**
  Look for something waterproof, light and breathable. Jackets designed for biking also usually have a flap that protects your backside from the elements.

- **Rain pants:**
  Look for something waterproof, breathable and that won’t restrict your movement. Rain pants designed for biking often have built-in reflectors for improved night-time visibility.

- **Gloves:**
  Keep your fingers warm and dry! Gloves are a must, especially for winter riding.

- **Cap:**
  Take care of your head and ears by covering them up with a cap. Caps designed for biking typically fit under a helmet and have built-in flaps or bands that cover your ears. We also consider these a must for winter riding.

- **Booties:**
  Don’t get cold feet. Waterproof booties will keep your feet warm and dry. These low-cost wonders fit over most shoe styles and are easy to slip on and off.

**Step 6: Register your bicycle with UWPD**

Losing your bike stinks. [Register your bike with UWPD](#), and if your bike is stolen and later acquired by UWPD, they’ll return it to you.

The tips on this page are by no means exhaustive. If you have questions or comments about these or other aspects of bike commuting, feel free to contact us at [ucommute@uw.edu](mailto:ucommute@uw.edu).

Got all of your gear and interested in taking your bike skills to the next level? Consider signing up for Transportation Services’ [bike classes](#) taught by certified instructors from Cascade Bicycle Club. Enjoy the ride!