

Subject: [Test] Getting Around UC Merced & Campus Parking Info
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Hi ,

Navigating transportation in a new place can be confusing, today we are sharing information to help you get around campus and the Merced community. From buses to campus parking, explore the links below.



CatTracks Bus System

UC Merced offers a bus system exclusively for students, staff, and faculty. The [CatTracks](#) system connects our campus to the rest of Merced. Riders must have a valid and legible [CatCard](#) ready to present to the bus driver when

boarding the bus. [Routes](#) can be viewed online and by using the bus [live tracker](#). Learn more by visiting the [Transportation & Parking Services \(TAPS\) FAQ page](#).

Merced is also serviced by the "[The Bus](#)" public transit system. UC Merced students can ride for free by swiping their current CatCard on all bus routes. Currently, The Bus operates 15 [fixed routes](#) throughout the region and provides [paratransit](#) service for qualifying individuals who cannot access the fixed-route service.

Parking on Campus

You must purchase either a monthly or daily permit to park on campus. Failure to secure a permit will result in a citation. Graduate students eligible for monthly payroll deductions can pay for a monthly permit through their paycheck. Graduate students with a fellowship can choose to pay with a credit card.

Academic year permits are available for purchase by logging into [My UC Merced Parking Portal](#). Graduate students who would like to purchase a permit for the semester will need to visit the TAPS office or call 209-228-8277. Visit the faculty

and staff [parking permit page](#) for annual permit information.

Monthly Parking Rates

- Gold: \$74 (Library Lots, Le Grand, Bellevue Lot and North Bowl, Blue Zone & Green Zone)
- Slate: \$50 (North Bowl, Blue Zone & Green Zone)
- Blue: \$38 (P3, Scholars Lot, ECEC and Green Zone)
- Green: \$38 (Bellevue Lot Green Zone)

Daily Parking

TAPS also offers daily parking permits through [Flowbird](#). This option is for graduate students telecommuting and traveling to campus 12 days or less per month. The daily rates are prorated based on the three tiers below (A \$.35 cent transaction fee will be applied):

Daily Parking Rates

- Gold: \$6.00 (Library Lots, Le Grand, Bellevue Lot and North Bowl, Blue Zone & Green Zone)
- Slate: \$4.00 (North Bowl, Blue Zone & Green Zone)
- Blue: \$3.00 (P3, Scholars Lot, ECEC and Green Zone)
- Green: \$3.00 (Bellevue Lot Green Zone)

Transportation during GROW

You will not need a CatCard to board the CatTracks bus during GROW. Let the driver know you are a UC Merced graduate student attending orientation and you will be allowed to ride.

The Graduate Division will offer a complimentary parking code on August 15th & 16th. Details will be shared in future messaging. Please note, that if you plan to park on campus after August 16th, you must purchase a monthly permit or use the Flowbird app to purchase a day permit.

We look forward to meeting you soon, [contact](#) our team with any questions!

Sincerely,

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