

Class of 2024 Newsletter #5: Getting around campus

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Hello Class of 2024!

As we count down to move-in day, here is some important information on how to get around campus in autumn!

As you may already know, the Stanford campus is famous for its bicycles. Stanford has the capacity to support around 13,000 bikes. With its many paved paths and relatively flat terrain, campus is especially suited to biking, and it's a fast and convenient way to get around. But there are other ways students choose to get around, too – skateboarding, walking, rollerblading – the list goes on!

The following newsletter contains tips for biking around campus, navigating public transportation in the Bay Area, parking, rideshare and car rental services, and more.

We hope your summer is going well, wherever you are in the world. And we'll see you soon, Class of 2024!

Biking on Campus

If you choose to bike on campus, here are some important safety tips:



- **Always wear a helmet.** [The Campus Bike Shop](#) sells inexpensive helmets for around \$25. [Wearing a helmet can reduce your risk of head injury by 85 percent in the event of a bike crash.](#) For more information, including testimonials by Stanford students and health care professionals on the importance of helmet use, please visit [here](#).
 - **Register your bike when you get to campus.** Registering your bike is the only chance at recovery if your bike is stolen. For more details, please visit [here](#).
 - **Follow all of the rules of the road.** Traffic laws are enforced on the Stanford campus and violating them may result in a citation. For a comprehensive guide to traffic rules applying to bikes, [check out this resource](#) made by Stanford Transportation.
 - **Lock your bike using a U-shaped lock, not a cable lock that can be cut.** U-shaped locks provide extra protection against bicycle theft. Always lock your bike to a bike rack, and lock both the frame and wheel to the bike rack— not just the frame or wheel.
 - **Use a bike light when riding after dark.** Bike lights are sold by the Campus Bike Shop and are also given out for free at campus bike registration events.
 - **If your bike is stolen,** call the Stanford Public Safety non-emergency number at 650-723-9633.
 - **If you lose the key to your bike lock,** the Campus Bike Shop will cut the lock off for you (for a fee).
 - **Take advantage of bike safety incentives,** including [Bike Safety Repair Stands](#) located throughout campus.
 - For more information, check out [Bike Information & Resources for New Students](#) or email bike-information@stanford.edu.
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Thriving at Stanford without a Car

Marguerite Shuttle

[The Marguerite shuttle](#) is a Stanford bus service that provides transportation around campus and connects to regional transit and neighboring communities.

The Marguerite is completely

free and open to the public, no Stanford ID required. All buses are wheelchair accessible and most have bike racks. Get up-to-the-minute information about bus locations and estimated arrival times for most Marguerite lines with the [Marguerite Live map and app](#).



Public Transportation in the Bay Area

- **SamTrans buses** serve San Mateo County, with a number of routes stopping at the Palo Alto Transit Center on University Avenue. Route ECR stops at the Millbrae Transit Center, where you can transfer to the SFO Route to go directly to the airport. The ECR goes as far north as the Daly City BART. For more information, please visit [here](#).
- **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)** operates bus routes and light rail lines in Santa Clara County. Light rail is currently suspended, and VTA is offering [substitute bus service](#) until trains are running again. See [VTA's Trip Planner](#) for more information. Route 22 follows El Camino Real all the way to San Jose, arriving every 10 to 15 minutes during the day and running during the night as well. Route 21 runs from the Santa Clara Transit Center to the Stanford Shopping Center.
- **Caltrain** is a commuter rail line that runs the length of the Peninsula and is a quick and relatively inexpensive way to get to San Francisco. Two Caltrain stations are close to campus, University Avenue next to the Palo Alto Transit Center and California Avenue a few blocks north of El Camino Real. Stanford's Marguerite shuttle stops at both. For more information, including schedules, maps, and fares, please visit [here](#).
- **For updates on public transit changes due to COVID-19**, please refer to this Stanford Transportation guide

[here.](#)

5-SURE Service

5-SURE Safe Rides is a completely free service for all Stanford students and other members of the campus community. The risk reduction service provides point-to-point car rides to various campus locations, ranging from parties and sporting events to campus residences, libraries, and department buildings. If you are ever on campus at night and don't feel safe walking home, you can book a ride to your campus destination or a [5-SURE on Foot staff](#) member can walk home with you from the Row. 5-SURE typically operates whenever school is in session, seven days a week, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. (last Call at 1:45 a.m.). To book a ride, call 650-725-SURE (725-7873). For more information, please visit [here.](#)

For more information, check out [Stanford Transportation](#) and this guide to [Thriving at Stanford without a Car.](#)

Cars and Parking

Zipcar

Stanford has over 35 Zipcars at more than 24 Stanford locations. In addition, you can join [Stanford's plan for special discounts and incentives](#). Zipcars are available 24 hours, 7 days a week to students 18 and older with valid licenses, and cars can be booked through the Zipcar app.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Enterprise offers discounted rentals to Stanford faculty, staff, and students 21 years and older. For discounted rate information, start a reservation by [logging in as a Stanford affiliate.](#)



Parking Permits for Students with Cars

Stanford requires permits for vehicles, including scooters and motorbikes parked in its on-campus lots. Students are able to purchase short-term/daily or long-term/monthly permits that allow you to park in designated lots near your residence. For information on purchasing a parking permit for the 2021-22 academic year, please visit [here](#).

Vehicle Registration

According to California Vehicle Code Section 4000.4, you are required to register your car in California if “the vehicle is located or operated in this state for a greater amount of time than it is located or operated in any other individual state during the registration period in question.”

If you plan to register a vehicle, you must do so within twenty days after arrival to avoid a late fee. Visit the [DMV](#) website for more information.

The nearest branch of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is located at 300 Brewster Street, Redwood City, CA 94063. You can reach the DMV office at (800) 777-0233.

Mark your Calendars

Past Due:

June 30: Deadline to request OAE accommodations for undergraduate housing. If you missed this deadline, please apply as soon as possible. [For details, please visit this site.](#)

August 2 - August 27 (8 a.m Pacific Time): [Sign-up](#) for priority enrollment in up to three [autumn introsems](#).

August 18 - September 1 (5 p.m Pacific Time): [Enroll in PWR2](#) for autumn quarter.

September 30: Deadline for [second round sign-ups](#) for the Sophomore Wayfinders program.

Community Events

September 18: Cardinal Service Fair

September 18: Football Game Watch Party

September 19: Sophomore Welcome Event

September 25: [First home Football Game, Stanford vs. UCLA](#)

September 28-30: Student Engagement Fair

More coming soon on a sophomore scavenger hunt, Cardinal Nights evening activities and a Class Field Day.

Class Enrollment

September 1: Enrollment opens

September 20: Preliminary study list deadline; first day of the quarter

October 8 (5 p.m.): Final study list deadline

Questions?

We are here to answer your questions and ensure that your transition to a full on-campus experience is a smooth one. Let us know how we can help you! If you have questions or suggestions on topics we should cover, feel free to [drop us a line](#).
