

Transportation and Parking: What You Need to Know A Summary Prepared by HBHE Graduate Students

As in many university towns, parking in Chapel Hill, especially on or near campus, isn't easy. We strongly recommend relying on mass transit and/or biking/walking whenever possible.

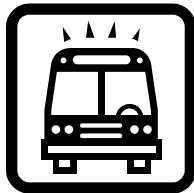
Alternatives to Parking on Campus



Biking

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro are cycle-friendly towns (for the most part), and many students bike to school. There are many bike lanes, and you can take a bike path from Carrboro to UNC that bypasses traffic. The Chapel Hill area is not flat, so be prepared to pedal up some inclines. North Carolina law requires that you have a light on your bike if you ride at night, and you must always obey moving traffic patterns and procedures. Please wear a helmet!

Information on bike transportation at UNC can be found at the following site:
<http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/alternatives/bike.htm>



Riding the Bus

Chapel Hill Transit operates over 20 fixed bus routes, which serve Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and the UNC campus. All Chapel Hill Transit buses are **free**. The bus stops nearest to the School of Public Health are the Health Sciences Library on Columbia Street and the Credit Union on Pittsboro Street.

Most apartment complexes in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area have service, but times vary. The most extensive bus route is the **J**, which provides service until after 12:00 a.m. on weekdays. Other extensive lines include the **D**, **NS**, and **S** routes, which run until between 8-9 pm. Many other lines stop at 7 pm or earlier. If you plan on spending a lot of time on campus in the evenings, you may want to investigate living on the **J** route.

You may obtain a bus schedule on any of the buses by contacting:
Chapel Hill Transit at 919-968-2769 or
<http://www.ci.chapel-hill.nc.us/index.asp?NID=397>.

There also is a free bus between the Duke and UNC campuses. The schedule is on line at: <http://www.robertsonscholars.org/bus/>.

The Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) provides regional bus service that connects UNC to Durham, Southpoint Mall, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, and the RDU airport. The TTA buses cost \$2.00 per ride, but coupon books and discount monthly passes are available for UNC students and staff. The RTP/Durham/Chapel Hill routes are the 402/412 and 403/413 routes. The routes and schedules are available at: http://www.ridetta.org/Bus_Shuttle/How_To_Ride/rideGuide.html.

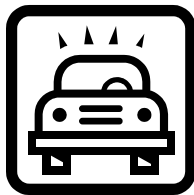
There are several special services, such as shuttles and late night options, that also are available to students.

EZ Ride offers services for the mobility impaired	919-968-2755
Point to Point (Campus Service).....	919-962-7867
TTA provides bus service to RDU Airport	919-549-9999

For more information on these services, please visit:

<http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/3rdtranspage.asp>.

Parking



For those times you must drive, or if you live too far from campus to take the bus from your house (as many students with partners who work in Raleigh or RTP choose to do), here's what you need to know:

You will only qualify for an on-campus parking space if you live at least two miles from campus. Even if you meet this requirement, permits are limited and are granted on a first come, first serve basis. Fees are subject to change. For information on this option, contact:

UNC Department of Transit and Parking

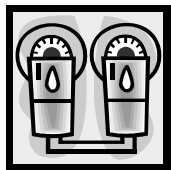
919-962-3951

http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/student/commuter_permit_eligibili.htm.

However, if you live at least two miles from campus, you also can apply for a free permit for several Park and Ride (P&R) lots through the Commuter Alternatives Program (CAP). There is a CAP P&R lot on Highway 54 between Durham and Chapel Hill that is very convenient for students living in Durham or Raleigh. The lot is served by several Chapel Hill Transit buses, including the FCX, S, HU, and V. (There also is a Town of Chapel Hill lot on Highway 54, but the lot often is full by 9 am.) Other Town of Chapel Hill lots include Eubanks Road, Southern Village, and Jones Ferry Road, and all are served by the free Chapel Hill Transit buses.

Information on the Town of Chapel Hill lots (including bus service) can be found at the Chapel Hill Transit Web site (see previous page). Information on the CAP program can be found at:

http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/alternatives/commuter_alternatives_program.htm.



If you do not have a parking permit, there are other options you can try:

- Parking in metered spaces on Franklin Street or Raleigh Road
- Public lots or garages on Franklin or Rosemary (\$5-\$8 per day)
- Parking for free on McCauley Street (only after noon; this is a very popular option, so don't count on it if you're in a hurry!)
- Public paid parking at the Rams Head or Hospital Garages

You can park in most campus lots after 5:00 pm on weekdays and all day on weekends, with the exception of days when UNC plays a home football game.

All of these services and more are explained in detail on the Department of Public Safety website: <http://www.dps.unc.edu/dps/>.