



SCU's Policy on First-Year Undergraduate Student Parking

First-Year Students Defined

Santa Clara University (SCU) understands that newly admitted students have a desire to park on campus. SCU's parking resources are heavily impacted both on and off campus by visitors, faculty, staff, and students. Parking restrictions have been applied to First-Year undergraduate students (FYUS), as it is SCU's belief this group will be the least impacted by this policy. This includes FYUS who have enough credits to be considered sophomores at any time during their first academic year at SCU. **This policy does not apply to commuter students or transfer students. (second years and above).**

Amenities on Campus

FYUS's are not permitted to park their vehicles on campus for the duration of their first year (Fall through Spring quarters) and are strongly encouraged to live in an on-campus residence hall. Any undergraduate who seeks employment is encouraged to apply for an on-campus position via [Workday](#). FYUS are also supported by a wide range of social programming in their residence halls as well as various campus venues. It is SCU's hope that by restricting vehicles in a student's first year, this group will take advantage of the various alternative modes of transportation available to them (cycling, walking, skateboarding), and consider public transportation as they venture further from campus. In addition, SCU hopes FYUS will consider alternative modes of transportation and public transportation options in their subsequent years at SCU.

Alternative Programs & Available Transportation Options

The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) oversees all chartered student organizations (CSOs) and registered student organizations (RSOs) that host a variety of on-campus events for the undergraduate student community. For more information regarding the CSOs and RSOs on campus, please visit [CSI's Website](#).

While no resources can truly match the convenience of a personal vehicle, SCU believes there is sufficient on-campus programming available throughout the year, coupled with easy access to public transportation options for FYUS that the need to bring a car to campus is minimal. . For information about public transportation resources, please visit [Transportation Services](#).

Adherence to this Policy

Parking & Transportation Services will not sell residential parking permits to FYUS. Second-years and above and SCU faculty or staff members are not permitted to purchase one for a residential FYUS. Any attempt to do so will result in the revocation of any future parking privileges for both parties involved.

In addition, SCU asks that FYUS comply within the spirit of this policy by not bringing cars to campus, with the expectation that they can park on city streets or within the



neighboring communities. SCU works extensively with its neighbors to reduce traffic flow and parking in nearby neighborhoods.

Policy Exceptions

Students transferring to SCU from another college or university that have completed a full year of academic study are not impacted by this policy.

Students who can demonstrate a compelling need or who would suffer an undue hardship under this policy are directed to submit a hardship application form found [here](#). Applications may be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the Division of Student Life. **Applications are considered on a quarterly basis and all committee decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.** Following the submission deadline, the application process is closed until the following quarter. Applicants will be notified by email the results of their application prior to the start of the quarter. Approved applications will receive a quarterly permit based on their assigned residence hall.

Parking Policy FAQ

What are my parking options if my hardship application is declined?

In the event that a hardship application is declined, students may purchase a prorated daily, weekly or monthly "E" permit from the P&TS office (M-F, 8-5 p.m.).

What public transportation options are there nearby?

[SCU's Parking & Transportation Services Department](#) lists a number of public transportation alternatives for FYUS including VTA and CalTrain which are located directly across the street from SCU. In addition, there are a number of local cab companies and rideshare options, as well as Zipcar rentals found [here](#).

How will I get food, toiletries, and basic necessities without a car?

The Cellar Market in the basement of the Benson Memorial Center is open daily for your convenience. Safeway, a full-service supermarket, is across the street from Sobrato Hall. The [University Credit Union](#) has a branch on campus in Benson; and a number of other banks are within walking distance. Westfield Valley Fair, a regional shopping mall and Santana Row is a 15 minute bus ride (Route 60) from the CalTrain station (across from SCU's main entrance); and a number of major department stores are accessible on El Camino Real in Santa Clara and Sunnyvale by taking the VTA Route 22 bus.



What if I have visitors coming to campus?

During permit enforcement hours (Monday-Friday, 6 AM- 8 PM), all vehicles on campus must have an SCU-issued parking permit. Permit hours are posted at each parking lot/garage. Guests may park in any “B,” “E,” “F,” or visitor space Saturday-Sunday without a parking permit.

Guest Parking

Daily hang tags are available for purchase at the following locations:

Location	Directions	Hours of Operation
Main Entrance Kiosk	Palm Drive	Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Parking & Transportation Services Office	First floor of the main parking garage	Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Campus Safety	First floor of the main parking garage	Open 24/7

Prices and forms of payment:

\$9-daily (main parking structure)

VISA, Mastercard, ApplePay, or cash are all accepted forms of payment.

Pay & Display Stations

Daily parking permits are available for purchase at pay & display stations in the lots below.

Prices and forms of payment:

\$4 for 4 hours

\$6 for daily

VISA and Mastercard are accepted forms of payment.



Location	Directions
North Campus Garage	Located between Franklin and Benton Streets with entrances on Alviso Street and The Alameda.
Leavey Lot	Located along Accolti Way off of El Camino Real.
Guadalupe Hall (will be added)	Located along Campbell Ave. off of El Camino Real.
Loyola Hall	Located at the intersection of The Alameda and El Camino Real.
Franklin St.	Located off of Lafayette and Franklin St.
Music Dance	Located inside the lot off of Franklin St.

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