

First- Year Resident Parking FAQ

1. I'm an incoming first-year resident student, so why can't I purchase a parking permit?

As the University of San Diego increases its efforts to be sustainable and care for our common home (the planet), we have decided to decrease the number of cars traveling to and from campus. As first year students, living on campus supports your academic growth, personal development and well-being. As such, the vast majority of needs can be met right on Alcalá Park!

2. What are some ways I can get around on-campus and off-campus?

On campus:

- Trams - on campus, the university provides a tram services that operates Monday-Friday 7am-11:00pm. You can download the MYSanDiego app to see their locations.
- Torero Bike Library- a [Free bicycle](#) to borrow for the day, weekend or semester!

Off campus:

- [Zipcars](#)- For off campus exploration, you may use a Zipcar. These vehicles are conveniently located both behind the Hahn University Center and in the Valley, residential area.

Access to Zipcars are available 24/7. USD vehicles live right on campus! This program provides access via self-service and vehicles are on-demand with the keys inside!

The program offers discounted hourly rates for faculty, staff and students age 18 and older

Gas, insurance, maintenance and 180 miles per day are included for free in every reservation!

[Learn more and get started](#)

- [SuperShuttle](#) – USD has arranged a special rate with SuperShuttle for transportation between USD and the San Diego International Airport. More information can be found on the [SuperShuttle](#) Information Page.
- [Metropolitan Transit System Bus and Trolley](#) - USD is located just up the hill from the Morena/Linda Vista Trolley stop on the MTS Trolley Green Line. The Old Town Transit Center is also close by, making our campus easy to access by public transportation. For more information, please visit the [San Diego Metropolitan Transit System](#) website.
- [Ride Share](#)

3. I really need a vehicle on campus, what can I do?

First-year resident students with a medical or disability related need, who are active duty or reserve personnel, or those with off campus employment or other unique circumstances may apply for an exception. All requests for exceptions must be approved prior to bringing the vehicle to campus. Applications for exceptions must be completed and submitted by July 31st to ensure they will be reviewed prior to the start of the fall semester. The application for exception may be found [here](#). Individuals for whom a medical or other unique circumstance arises during

their first year are encouraged to contact the Parking Services Offices as soon as feasible to obtain a temporary permit while their application for exception is under review.

4. Can I bring my vehicle and park off campus?

We ask that you do not bring your vehicle to park off campus. The surrounding neighborhood streets are already impacted and congested with traffic. To avoid the stress of finding a parking space off-campus, especially overnight, it's best to use alternate transportation to get around campus and San Diego.

5. In case of emergency and I need a ride, what I can do?

For on campus emergency a Public Safety escort is also provided from dusk till dawn for the safety of anyone walking alone on campus at night. If you call (619) 260-7777, dial x7777 from a campus phone, or pick up the phone handset one of the emergency phones (denoted by a blue light on top), an escort can be summoned to your location and will accompany you to any location on campus or within a one mile radius of campus.