

Transportation Options

U-M Buses

The University of Michigan operates its own line of buses that anyone can ride **free** of charge. Blue U-M buses have “University of Michigan” written in large letters on the side, and run between Central, South, Medical and North Campuses. Blue buses and smaller white U-M buses also run between the various buildings of the U-M Health System (including the East Ann Arbor Health Center) and stop at nearby parking lots. For a list of routes and schedules, refer to **Taking the Bus** at the U-M Parking and Transportation Services website, <http://pts.umich.edu/transit/>

Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA) TheRide

Ann Arbor operates a public bus system, **TheRide**, <http://www.theride.org/>. The bus services the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area.

University of Michigan students, faculty and staff can ride the buses for free by swiping a valid Yellow MCard (University of Michigan ID).

For those students who do not have a yellow MCard, the cost is **\$1.50** for a fixed rate. The fare can be paid in cash or with AATA bus tokens. Tokens can be purchased online or in person at the Blake Transit Center. Tokens can also be purchased in person at the Michigan Union Ticket Office. If you do not have exact change for your trip on our fixed route buses, ask the driver for a change card. Change cards are issued for amounts of \$0.25 cents or more and are not redeemable for cash.

Blake Transit Center

399 S 5th Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Trip Planning: 734-996-0400

Business Office: 734-973-6500

<http://blaketransitcenter.com/>

Michigan Union Ticket Office (MUTO)

Michigan Union

530 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Phone: 734-763-8587 also (734-763-TKTS)

<https://uunions.umich.edu/resource/michigan-union-ticket-office-muto-0>

MUTO ticket office is located in the basement, ground floor, in the Michigan Union.

Taxis

Taxis are a convenient but more expensive way to get around Ann Arbor. Cabs can get you around Ann Arbor, but keep in mind that we are not a big city where you can hail a taxi at every corner. It is best to call at least one hour ahead in order to make sure that you arrive at your destination on time. You can often find taxis waiting on State Street outside of the Michigan Union.

Ann Arbor is home to many different taxi cab companies. There are several options for reaching local cab companies available on the Ann Arbor Convention Visitors Bureau's List, <https://www.visitannarbor.org/about/transportation/taxi>. The city of Ann Arbor also lists taxis, <http://www.a2gov.org/departments/city-clerk/Pages/Taxicabs.aspx>.

Transportation Beyond Ann Arbor

For further information about transportation in the Ann Arbor area and beyond, refer to the University Campus Information Center, <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/life/transportation>

Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

315 W Huron St #340, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Phone: 734-995-7281

<https://www.visitannarbor.org/>

After Hours Transit Services

The following transit services are designed to fill in the gaps between regular service hours.

Ride Home

Free shared-ride taxis service for students, faculty and staff to their residence halls, vehicles parked in U-M operated lots or structures, or local residence (within a one-mile radius of Central and North Campuses). This service is available after U-M transit buses have concluded daily service, seven days a week:

May through August, **1:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.**

- **North Campus** - rides are available from the Duderstadt Center.
- **Medical Campus** - rides are available from the Cancer Center.
- **Central Campus** - rides are available from the Shapiro Undergraduate Library.

To schedule a ride, call 734-647-8000 and select option 2

State Street Ride

Free after-hours taxi service from any U-M building to the South State Street Commuter (Park & Ride) lot after buses have concluded daily service. This service is available Monday through Friday from **10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.**

To request a ride, call **Blue Cab** directly at 734-547-2222.

Night Ride Home

Shared-ride taxi service within Ann Arbor (when AAATA bus service is not available) seven days a week, Monday through Friday, **11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** and Saturday and Sunday, **7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.** Fee is **\$5** per person. A **\$2** surcharge is added to trips that begin or end outside Ann Arbor without an advance reservation.

To request a ride, call 734-647-8000 and select option 3.

Emergency Ride Home

Free taxi rides can be provided in **emergency situations** for faculty, staff and students to return to their vehicle parked in remote lots or other location. Emergencies covered by the program include **illness, injury, or stranded** carpool or vanpool riders. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Use of the program is limited to six times per permit year.

To request a ride, call the Department of Public Safety and Security (**University of Michigan Police**) at 734-763-1131.

Paratransit

Paratransit is a scheduled door-to-door service for students, faculty, and staff with permanent or temporary disabilities.

To register for the rides, contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 734-763-3000.

Parking

Republic Parking System, 734-761-7235, operates parking and related issues for the City of Ann Arbor. Meter cash cards can be purchased at a Republic Parking office at 324 Maynard or in the Ann & Ashley structure.

Parking Structures

City -owned and Downtown Development Authority (DDA)-managed parking facilities are marked by white signs with a green letter P (lots) or blue signs with a white P.

- **Maynard Structure**, 324 Maynard Street. There is also an entrance on Division.
- **Liberty Square Structure**, 510 E. Washington Street.
- **Library Lane Structure**, 319 S. Fifth Avenue.
- **Fourth & Washington Structure**, 123 E. Washington Street.
- **Fourth & William Structure**, 115 E. William Street.
- **Forest Structure**, 650 Forest Street.
- **Ann Ashley Structure**, 220 N. Ashley Street.
- **South Ashley Lot**, 305 S. Ashley.
- **First & Huron Lot**, 201 W. Huron Street.

- **Fifth & Huron Lot**, 115 S. First Street.
- **First & William Lot**, 300 First Street.
- **415 W Washington Lot**, 415 W Washington.

Parking Meters

Parking is difficult in Ann Arbor. Rates range from \$1.20 per hour to \$1.70 per hour. Check <http://rpsa2.com/Location-and-Rates> for locations and rates. The fine for an expired meter may range from \$6 to \$10 depending on the meter. Fines continue to increase if not paid by the next business day. Your car might be towed after three unpaid fines or if you park in an unauthorized area.

Gray parking meters belong to the City of Ann Arbor and are enforced Mondays through Saturdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., except holidays. Parking time limits are posted on meters or shown on the screen at the ePark kiosk. Legal parking durations vary from 30 minutes to 10 hours. Rates in the downtown and campus area are \$1.60/hour.

Some meters have been converted to solar-powered "**e-park**" **pay stations**. Each pay station is located near a group of spaces. You can pay and add time at any machine. E-park machines accept coins and credit or debit cards. Meter cash cards can be purchased at the **Republic Parking office** at 324 Maynard or at the Ann & Ashley structure.

Maize and blue meters belong to the UM and have the same times of enforcement. Most meters around Central Campus (Michigan Union area) are two-hour meters. You can find some four-hour meters on Madison Street between Packard and State.

Republic Parking: <http://rpsa2.com/>

City Parking: <http://www.a2gov.org/services/Pages/Parking.aspx>

University Visitor Parking: <https://pts.umich.edu/parking/visitors.php>