

GETTING ON THE BUS

- Use only one seat – keep backpacks and bags on your lap or under the seat.
- If all seats are taken, move quickly to the rear of the bus and take a standing position while holding onto the overhead grab bars or straps.
- Always move as far back as possible; if the driver has to take time to ask it slows everyone down.

REMEMBER GOOD MANNERS

- When listening to music through headphones, keep the volume low.
- Limit cell phone use while on buses. Loud cell phone conversations distract drivers and disturb other passengers.
- Check your use of profanity and loud conversations while on the bus.
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- Allow fellow passengers room to move if they are getting off the bus.
- Pack your trash when you leave the bus and dispose of it properly.

GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Pull the cord before you reach the stop where you want to get off.
- Say “Next stop, please” loud enough so the driver can hear you if you can’t find a pull cord.
- Don’t ask drivers to stop in unsafe locations; stick to posted bus stops only.
- Exit through the rear door when buses are crowded. This helps speed up the boarding process for passengers waiting to board.
- Allow buses to pass before you cross at crosswalks. This helps the buses stay on schedule, improves traffic circulation on campus, and keeps you safe.



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BUS ETIQUETTE 101

STUDENT GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE UC SANTA CRUZ BUS SYSTEMS



TAPS Campus Transit and Santa Cruz Metro buses are great ways to get around UCSC and Santa Cruz, but if you're not familiar with how the two systems work you might be confused. This guide offers a few simple bus etiquette tips that will benefit everyone who rides; please keep them in mind each time you ride a bus.

RESPECT YOUR RIDE!

CHOOSE TAPS TRANSIT BUSES FOR ON-CAMPUS TRAVEL

When walking isn't an option, take advantage of Campus Transit buses, or "shuttles," to get from one place to another when traveling on-campus.

Campus Transit buses are the ones with the Slug logo on the side.

There are three Campus Transit day routes: The Loop (blue signs), Upper Campus (orange signs), and Day Core (yellow signs).

There are also three Campus Transit night routes: Night Perimeter, East Night Core, and West Night Core.

Campus Transit schedules are available on the shuttles, and online at taps.ucsc.edu/campustransit.html.

BE MINDFUL ABOUT USE OF METRO BUSES FOR ON-CAMPUS TRAVEL DURING PEAK COMMUTE HOURS

Many students and UCSC community members who reside off campus rely on Santa Cruz Metro buses to get home after work and classes. When you choose a campus shuttle over a Metro bus for on-campus travel during peak commute hours, you make it possible for commuters in the UCSC community to reach their off-campus destination without an extended wait.

Don't take up a space on Metro buses that commuting students need; wait for the next Campus Transit bus to get across campus – they come often.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT METRO ROUTE WHEN YOU NEED TO GO OFF-CAMPUS

While most Metro University bus routes end in downtown Santa Cruz some take more circuitous routes through residential areas, to get there.

Route 10 buses travel along High Street to get to downtown. High Street is mostly residential with several churches located along the route.

Routes 13, 15, & 16 make stops along Bay Street, including the Mission and Bay intersection; take

theses routes to get to restaurants and stores near Mission Street.

Route 19 buses travel the entire length of Bay Street from West Cliff Drive to the campus main entrance. Route 19 buses travel close to the Santa Cruz Wharf, Cowells Beach and the Santa Cruz Beach/Boardwalk.

Route 27X is an express route with limited stops. This route is a good choice for direct travel between campus and downtown Santa Cruz.

Printed Metro schedules are available on Metro buses. You can also get Metro information on-line at www.scmttd.com/routes.html or call 831-425-8600.

AVOID TAKING ROUTE 20/ROUTE 20D BUSES TO GET ACROSS CAMPUS AFTER 3:00 P.M.

Use of the Route 20 after 3:00 p.m. on weekdays should be reserved for students living on the west side of Santa Cruz – there are no other buses that students and other west side Santa Cruz residents can use to get home from campus. Ride the Route 20 only if you need to get to west side Santa Cruz locations like Western Drive and Natural Bridges. Don't take up space on the Route 20 to ride across campus or to go downtown during peak commute hours, as every seat is precious to west side commuters.

Note: Route 20D buses do not go to downtown Santa Cruz.

BUSES ARE THE MOST CROWDED AT CLASS CHANGE TIMES, SO TAKE AN EARLIER BUS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

If time allows, consider walking or biking to class instead of taking a bus. Besides the health benefits, these modes can be beneficial from a time-management standpoint, especially for on-campus destinations.

If walking isn't an option, take a campus shuttle to get to class. Don't take up space on Metro

buses needed by commuters headed off-campus.

Study bus route maps in advance so you are less confused when it is time to get going; printed schedules are available near the front door of all buses.

Always wait at the stop on the side of the street with traffic going in the direction you want to travel; buses travel both directions across campus from east to west and from west to east.

Most bus stops are served by more than one route. As the bus approaches, check the route name/number displayed in the area above the windshield to make sure it's the one you want.

THERE IS A RIGHT WAY AND A WRONG WAY TO BOARD BUSES. REMEMBER THESE TIPS:

- Always wait for passengers to exit the bus before boarding. Don't push or cut in front of others.
- On some Campus Transit buses you can board through either the front or rear doors; student ID cards are not needed on Campus Transit buses.
- When you need to ride a Metro bus to go off-campus, have your student ID card ready before boarding.
- You must board Metro buses through the front door so drivers can check and count your student ID Card.
- You must have a current validation sticker on your UCSC student ID card to ride Metro buses.
- New students that haven't obtained their student ID card and sticker can use their temporary bus pass to ride Metro buses during the first two weeks of the quarter. Temporary bus passes are issued by each college.
- If you don't have a valid sticker on your student ID card or a temporary bus pass you'll need to pay \$1.50 for each ride on Metro.
- Don't slow everyone down by trying to convince Metro bus drivers to let you ride if you don't have a valid UCSC student ID card and sticker – pay the \$1.50 fare instead.