



Transport to University Of Bedfordshire

Have you thought about how you plan to get to campus?

Parking at the University is very limited, and likely to become even more so while we will be building new facilities. However, we have invested heavily in alternatives, so that many students will find there is no need to go to the expense of buying and running a car.

Shuttle Bus

To avoid this expense and any stressful parking problems, we strongly recommend making use of the shuttle bus service that is provided by the University and runs between Polhill and Lansdowne campus, via the town centre every half an hour during term time. If you live in Bedford you will find it an excellent means of getting into or across town – if you live further away, use it in conjunction with public transport – it calls at both the bus station and the train station. It runs every half hour, every week day in term time.

Bicycles

Bedford has an extensive cycle track network, and being fairly flat is extremely easy to get around by bike.

There is a bike shed at Lansdowne Campus and sheltered bike racks have been installed at Polhill campus, where shower and changing facilities and lockers are also provided. Save money and improve your health at the same time by **CYCLING** to campus instead of bringing your car.

Car Parking

Unfortunately, to meet the costs of running a secure, manned car park, we do have to charge for it. Pay and display tickets are available to all, and cost 50p for up to four hours, £1 for a full day. Tickets must be clearly displayed in the dashboard. Anyone who fails to do so is liable to a penalty charge of £80. Once bought, a ticket is valid at both Polhill and Lansdowne – if you happen to want to drive between the two campuses, you do not need to buy a second ticket.

Annual permits will be available at a charge of £50 per annum only for those students in halls of residence who are required to use a car for their studies. As with pay and display tickets, permits must be clearly displayed. All other students wishing to bring a vehicle to park on campus will be required to use the pay and display machines instead. Permits are valid at any Bedford campus of the University of Bedfordshire.

If you think you may be eligible for an annual permit, please fill in the attached form and send it to the Estates Dept, B block, University of Bedfordshire, Polhill Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9EA, enclosing a cheque and a stamped, addressed envelope. (If you wish to apply for a carshare permit, please give the details of each person who will be in the carshare). You will be informed in due course if you are eligible for a permit – if you are not, your cheque will be returned.

Free Car Parking for Carshare Groups

If you do need a car for your course (some students will find them useful to get to placements) have you considered carsharing? Quite apart from spreading the costs of running your car, we give **FREE** annual car parking permits to carshare groups of three or more. You may already know someone who lives near you on your course. If you don't already know anyone to share a car with, your placement organisers may be able to put you in touch with someone suitable. And even if you can't always come in with two colleagues, sharing a journey some of the time will help spread the cost of running and parking your car.

Access for Disabled Students

The University of Bedfordshire recognises our responsibility to ensure that facilities are appropriate and accessible for all students. The University Shuttle Bus has a low platform and wheelchair access. In addition, drivers who are blue badge holders are entitled to free annual car permits.

Cars without either a valid annual permit or a valid pay and display ticket clearly displayed on the dashboard will be liable to a penalty charge of £80.

If you have any further questions about getting to the University, please contact Sarah Wells, Transport Co-ordinator, swells@beds.ac.uk.