
Parking Information

Every vehicle that parks on campus is required to be registered with CSU's Parking Services.

Visitor parking spaces will be monitored to prevent students, faculty, and staff from parking in these reserved spaces. Registration is required for parking in all university-owned lots, decks, and parking spaces on CSU's RiverPark campus.

[Parking Maps](#)

Faculty & Staff Main Campus Parking Deck Access

Deck access permit add-ons are on sale now for faculty and staff. Add-ons are limited and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The parking deck add-on fee is \$67/semester (in addition to your regular parking fees) and can be purchased online on our [Parking Services portal](#).

Affinity Spaces

Affinity spaces are reserved parking spaces in the parking deck. These parking spaces can be purchased by students (and faculty and staff after a set length of time) via an add-on fee (in addition to your regular parking fees), with pricing based on the parking deck floor. Pricing is as follows:

- 1st Floor - \$120/year
- 2nd Floor - \$108/year
- 3rd Floor - \$84/year
- 4th Floor - \$60/year

Our Office

Parking Services is located in the University Operations Annex next to Parking Lot 5.

We are open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All parking policies can be found in the [Parking Code](#). For additional questions, please contact Parking Services at parking@columbusstate.edu or (706) 507-8203. Additional maps of and directions to campus can be found on our [Maps and Directions](#) page.

Parking Policy Implementation

The annual cost of the parking permits is **\$45** for students and **\$90** for faculty/staff. Permit costs are payable by check, credit card, or money order only. *Reserved parking spaces (named spaced) are \$180/annually.*

Departments requesting visitor passes should e-mail parking@columbusstate.edu. We will respond within two business days. Vehicle information including the make, model, color, and license plate information is required to issue visitor parking passes.

Parking Policies

The Parking Code is in effect at all times.

Additionally, University Police has the authority to enforce Georgia's Motor Vehicle Code at all times. See, O.C.G.A., Title 40, §§40-1-1 ff.

All faculty, staff, currently enrolled students, and service providers who intend to park on either the Columbus State University main campus or its RiverPark campus are required to register their vehicle(s) with Parking Services. Failure to register a vehicle could result in a citation and/or vehicle immobilization or towing. Students taking only online classes and who visit either campus must have their vehicle registered upon arrival by requesting a temporary student permit online or by contacting the Parking Services Office. Vehicle information must be updated when vehicles or license plates change.

The following information may be helpful with CSU campus parking but only serves as a general overview. Please consult the [Parking Code](#) for the full list of rules and regulations governing parking at Columbus State University. You may also want to consult our campus maps. If you have questions regarding any of these policies, please call University Operations at (706) 507-8203.

- Parking is at the risk of the driver. The University does not carry insurance for damage or loss to vehicles or contents. We recommend that individuals:
 - Avoid leaving valuable items in vehicles.
 - Call University Police at (706) 507-8911 to report damaged or stolen property.
 - Pay attention to warning signs and park away from athletic fields and unlit areas.
- Vehicles not parked in appropriate spaces or illegally are subject to ticketing, booting, and/or towing. Anyone accumulating four (4) or more outstanding parking citations is subject to having his/her vehicle immobilized or towed. All fines must be paid before the release of the vehicle. The vehicle operator/owner is responsible for all towing and storage fees.

No Pull Thru / No Back-In Parking



Parking Services has now implemented a new permit system that will ensure accurate calculations of lot occupancy and permit utilization. Drivers are no longer issued parking hang tags. A vehicle's license plate is now its parking permit, therefore backing into or pulling thru parking spaces is no longer allowed. The vehicle's license plate must be fully visible from the driving lane at all times. Vehicles are permitted to pull thru or back into a parking space if there is a front-mounted license plate at the front bumper height that matches the vehicle's rear license plate. Some states, such as New York, Texas, and California, already require front and back license plates.

To apply for a license plate to mount on the front of your vehicle, please [complete an application](#).

Permissible Parking / Operations on Campus

- Bicycles: Bicycles are not allowed in buildings and must be chained to a bike rack and not chained to stairs or handrails on campus. Parking is prohibited from obstructing walkways, railings, doorways, or ramps intended for use by pedestrians or persons with accessibility needs.
- Non-motorized vehicles (i.e. skateboards) are prohibited on university streets, sidewalks, buildings, and lawn areas and should only be operated during daylight hours. Non-motorized vehicles are allowed in parking lots away from parked vehicles.
- Motorcycles and Mopeds: Parking permits are still required for motorcycles and mopeds. Motorcycles and mopeds must park in a regular parking space and the same manner as an automobile or in a designated motorcycle parking

area. Two motorcycles or mopeds may park in one vehicle parking space. Motorcycles and mopeds are prohibited from driving or parking on sidewalks.

- CSU Motorized Carts: Parking is prohibited on landscaped and lawn areas and in front of electrical transformers and other equipment that could require immediate access.
- Vehicles designed for living or sleeping: Overnight or extended parking of campers, vans, buses, etc. utilized as living and sleeping quarters within the university's boundaries is not permitted.
- Loading/Unloading: Special parking permissions may be granted by Parking Services for short periods for loading and unloading. The maximum length of this time is 15 minutes. Service spaces are limited to use by university service vehicles and contractors/vendors on official business and are not valid spaces for loading/unloading.
- University Service and Police/Emergency Vehicles: Police and/or service vehicles may stop or park irrespective of the parking regulations while performing necessary official business. Service vehicles may not be left unattended blocking a fire hydrant, traffic flow, or access for persons with accessibility needs.

Parking is Prohibited

- Vehicle parking or standing is prohibited on campus in areas not specifically designated for parking. Parking areas within the university's campuses are marked. Any area not lined as space or designated with a parking sign is a NO PARKING area. The absence of a "No Parking" sign or curb marking does not mean that parking is permissible.
- Double parking or obstructing drives, walkways, doors, refuse containers, emergency responders, bus loading/unloading zones, or vehicles.
- Parking or standing in a fire lane or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- On sidewalks, landscape areas, ramps, and other conveyances that serve pedestrian traffic or serve as a means of egress from a building.
- On streets, driveways, and parking lot access points, unless in a designated parking spot.
- In any location or any manner, that would impede emergency responders.

Parking Area Color Coding and Designations

Green - Faculty/Staff Parking.

White - Open parking for all currently registered vehicles unless designated otherwise. This excludes the Main Campus Parking Garage; the main campus garage is exclusively for registered student vehicles.

Blue - Accessibility Parking. Individuals without special accessibility placards or plates are subject to citation and impoundment.

Visitors - Visitor parking. Faculty, staff, students, and third-party employees and vendors may not park in designated visitor spaces at any time.

Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces - These publically available spaces are reserved for electric vehicles (EV) only. EVs must be in an active session connected to the charger to use the spaces. Any non-electric vehicles or EVs not in active sessions are subject to citations. EV spaces are located in the center section of the first floor of the parking deck, Lot 14 in front of University Hall, and at the Cunningham Conference Center. A valid parking permit and registration with Parking Services are still required.

Inoperable Vehicles

If a vehicle becomes inoperable, the operator should notify Parking Services at 706-507-8203 as soon as possible along with the approximate length of time before the vehicle will be moved. Parking Services does not provide roadside assistance services. The owner is liable for all parking citations issued before Parking Services is notified. The time limit for vehicles inoperable or in visible need of repair on campus is 48 hours. After 48 hours, the vehicle will be towed from campus at the owner's expense.

Temporary Vehicles

Parking permits are required for any temporary vehicles. Vehicles can be added as a temporary replacement on a permit holder's account by logging into the [Parking Web Portal](#). For assistance during business hours, please contact the Parking Services Office. After business hours, please email parking@columbusstate.edu. Individuals must include an ID number (909), the length of time they will have the vehicle, and all vehicle information including make, model, color, and license plate number. Citations for unregistered vehicles parked in their correct zone after-hours will be excused if an email is received by Parking Services before the issuance of the citation.