Getting Around Ann Arbor & Personal Safety

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Icebreaker

- Name
- Country
- What you’re studying
- First *fun* thing you did in Ann Arbor
Common ways to travel

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3. Renting cars
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Two bus systems in Ann Arbor

Blue buses
Operated by U-M

TheRide
Operated by AATA
Blue buses

- Most convenient way to travel around campus
  - More frequent
  - Convenient bus stops
- Free, no ID or $$ required
Blue bus riding tips

- Plan ahead, account for potential delays
- Confirm that your bus run on that day
- Check [LTP website](#) for schedule/detour info
Tracking Blue buses

Michigan App

Magic Bus

CCTC Live tracker
Travel between North & Central Campus

- **Bursley-Baits**
  - Fasted, most frequent

- **Northwood/NW Express**
  - Year-round, also fast

- **Commuter North/South**
  - Weekdays only, slower

- **Diag to Diag**

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Pierpont Commons (North Campus)

Central Campus Transit Center (CCTC)
TheRide (City Bus)

- Travel to off campus locations
- Less frequent/ends earlier than Blue buses
- Main stations
  - Blake Transit Center
  - Central Campus Transit Center
- Free with MCard
  - $1.50 per trip without card
TheRide routes and schedules

- Complete, updated info on [AATA website](#)
- Ride Guide booklet on buses
- Schedule changes twice/year
  - Spring/summer May - Aug
  - Fall/winter Sept - Apr
- Google Maps can be helpful to determine route, check web for detour/delays
TheRide routes

Northeast 22 & 23
TheRide routes

Northwest

High 20s & 30s
TheRide routes

Southwest Mid 20s
TheRide routes

South-East/Ypsi

Single digits
TheRide routes

Loops 60s

Do not go to BTC
City bus riding tips

- Plan ahead, expect delays
- Arrive 5 mins early
- Some routes do not run on weekends
- Be mindful of A/B routes
- Track bus in real time
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Lyft or Uber

- Convenient, less expensive than taxis
- Order and pay on your phone
- Can schedule rides in advance, especially early morning trips
- Taxis are available, but less common
Options for students with disabilities

- Curb-to-curb transportation for students with disabilities
- UM Paratransit
  - Within 0.75 mile radius of campus
  - Reserve 1 day in advance
- AATA A-ride
  - Comparable to regular bus routes
  - Travel to off-campus locations
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Renting cars

● Car sharing  
  ○ Available on demand
  ○ Annual membership + pay hourly
  ○ Good for local transport, grocery shopping

● Car rentals  
  ○ Pay per day
  ○ Usually cheaper for age above 21
    Good for longer trips
ZipCar

- **Cost**: $15/y membership, $8/h or $75/d
- **Includes** insurance and 180 miles
  - $0.45/mi if >180 miles
- **Extra documentation** required for non-US driver’s licenses

1. join
2. reserve
3. tap
4. drive!
ZipCar renting tips

- **Check car for damages**
  - Take photos for evidence
- **Plan ahead, allow extra time**
  Better than paying late fees!
- **Check email for free credits**
MAVEN

- **Cost:** $7/h or $80/d
  - No annual membership
- **Includes insurance & 180 miles**
  - $0.42/mile if >180 miles
- **US driver’s license required**
U-Haul trucks

- Cost: $20-40/d + $0.69-0.99/miles
  - Optional insurance ~$14/d
- Gas is not included
- Good for transporting furnitures, moving
- Not recommended for general use
Parking

- On-campus: managed by LTP
  - Four tiers, yellow & orange lots for students (blue lots offered for students with disabilities)
- Metered parking on street
- Off-campus:
  - Apartment/house
  - Neighborhood
## Interested in driving in the US?

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Google Maps

- Useful directions and voice navigation
- Accurate bus route and schedule
  - Add 5 mins to walking time
  - Double check schedule on holidays
- Alternative (faster) routes/detour
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Bicycling

- Very popular in Ann Arbor
  - Convenient and fast
  - Environmental friendly
  - Good for your health
- Many nice parks and trails for leisure cycling
Where to get a bike

- **Buy:** Campus Bike Shop, Local Bike Shop A2, Sic Transit Cycles, Craigslist

- **Rent:**
  - BlueBike (UM RecSports)
    - $12/d + $5 ea additional day, $85/semester
  - Arbor Bike - temporarily closed, more info to come
Bicycling tips

- ALWAYS wear a helmet
- Ride with traffic, on the right
- Use bike lanes when available
- Yield to pedestrians
- Be visible, use lights
- Lock bike with U-bolt lock
Bicycle hand signals

LEFT

RIGHT

OR

STOP
Mounting bike on AATA bus

Step 1
Pull this handle to drop the rack

Step 2
Load the bike with front wheel towards the handle

Step 3
Lift the handle over the front wheel
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Walking

- Ann Arbor is very walkable
  - Campus/Downtown
- Good for your health
- Environmental friendly
- Help remember roads and locations
- Appreciate beautiful scenes and fresh air
How to handle panhandling

- When people ask you for money
  - Politely say “NO”, walk away
  - Also appropriate to ignore them and walk away
- Don’t give money if you don’t want to or are uncomfortable
Winter traveling tips

- Stay warm, temperature can drop quickly
- Get good boots and gloves
- Cars take more time to stop in the snow
- Buses can be significantly delayed by snow
Popular places to shop in Ann Arbor

- Global Markets
- Briarwood Mall

- Other **workshops** for more information
  - Things to do in Ann Arbor
  - Shopping - An insider’s guide
Global markets

- Way1 Supermarket (East Asian)
- Jerusalem Market (Halal)
- Om Market (Indian)
- Patel Brothers (Indian)
- Hua Xing Asia Market (East Asian)
Kroger

- Groceries and household items
  - Fresh produce, Deli, Bakery
- Pharmacy
- Discount with Kroger card (free)
- Three in Ann Arbor area
Meijer

- Similar to Kroger
- More household item options
- Generally cheaper
- Only one in Ann Arbor
Briarwood mall

- Clothing, electronics, food
  - Apple
  - H&M
  - Macy’s
  - Forever 21
  - Bath & Body Works
- Great for buying gifts for friends, family, or yourself
- Location
Other popular places

- Kerrytown
  - Historic neighborhood
  - Markets, shops, festivals

- Quality 16 Theater
  - Theater with student discount
  - $7 tickets all day Tuesday

- Salvation Army
  - Thrift store with cheap clothes
  - Great for Halloween
Campus safety info & communication

● Report all crimes and incidents
  ○ Call in suspicious behavior
● Emergency alert system
  ○ Text messages and/or Michigan App
● Crime alert
● Campus safety handbook
● Annual Security Report
See something? Say something!

- Be alert and aware
- Observe and move to safety
- Division of Public Safety and Security
  ○ 734-763-1131 for non-emergencies
  ○ 911 for emergencies
  ○ Blue light emergency phones
- Give your name, location, nature of incident
Traffic stops

- ALWAYS yield to emergency vehicles
- Move to the right as soon as possible
- Remain inside your vehicle
  - Unless instructed otherwise
- Have your license, registration, and insurance ready
Personal safety: Value your valuables

- **Larceny** is the most prevalent crime
- Don’t leave property unattended
  - Laptops
  - Cell phones & tablets
  - Bikes
- **Register** your valuables
  - Anything with a serial number
Personal safety: Active Attacker Response

- DPSS community outreach
  - In-depth instructions
- Similar to fire drills or tornado drills
- Low probability of this Occurring at U-M
  - Should be prepared
Personal safety: Interpersonal violence

- Most underreported crime at U-M
  - Domestic assault, including dating relationships
  - Sexual assault
  - Stalking
- Abuse hurts. Report it!
- Special Victims Unit at UMPD
Personal safety: Getting around at night

- Always be alert
- Use crosswalk
- Don’t wear headphones
- Avoid walking alone in the dark
- Walk in group & well-lit areas
- Use late night transportation
SafeRide

- MCard required, 6 per year
  - 8PM - 2AM: UM buildings to home (~1 mile)
  - 2AM - 7AM
    - Shapiro Undergraduate Library
    - Duderstadt Center
    - Cancer Center
- Call 734-647-8000
- Use TapRide app
- Not available in the summer
Questions?

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