University at Albany Making a Difference with Sustainability Transportation

One swipe at a time!

Did you know that driving to campus made up 18% of our carbon emissions in 2009? UAlbany issued over 15,000 parking permits last year!

How can we do better?

1. Take the CDTA bus – New for Fall 2010
The campus community can ride ALL CDTA bus lines with the exception of the Northway Express and Star buses. Just SWIPE your UAlbany ID card and hop aboard.
Make a difference 1 swipe at a time!

2. Car Share- Connect by Hertz- New for fall 2010
Connect by Hertz. It’s all the perks of car sharing - having a car without having to own one. And with low hourly rates, hitting the road has never been easier with your choice of a Toyota Prius or a Mazda 3 or Mazda 6. Cars will be available on the UAlbany Uptown Campus.
Connect by Hertz is easy to join and affordable with a pay-as-you-go membership. Connect by Hertz car sharing offers a variety of fuel efficient vehicles: Mini Cooper, Toyota Prius, Toyota Camry, Ford Escape and Mazda 3.
Members can book vehicles online or via phone for an hour, a day or up to a week. As a member, you get 24-hour access to vehicles right outside your door.
For more details visit the Connect by Hertz Products & Services page or go directly to the www.connectbyhertz.com site.

3. Take the UAlbany bus
The UAlbany shuttle runs up and down Washington and Western plus a new run last year along Madison Ave. In addition, the bus goes around campus from 7:00- 11:30pm everyday and to the grocery stores on Monday and Thursday. Current schedules www.albany.edu/pmts. New for fall 2010- UAlbany will have two new hybrid buses and an additional three hybrid buses in 2011.
4. Ride a bike from the bike share program

Students have gotten together to form a bike share program. Students will be able to sign out bikes for a 24 hour time period from their quad information center. They will receive a tip sheet, key to the bike lock and offered a helmet. Bikes are to be returned signed out. Currently we are looking for donations of bikes, helmets and locks to supplement our fleet. We also need help repairing and maintaining the bikes. If you are interested in helping or donating, contact the Office of Environmental Sustainability at gogreen@albany.edu.

5. Ride Share

If you are looking for a one time ride, you can post it electronically. Simply go to www.albany.zipride.com and register using your UAlbany address. This is open only to the campus community and is free to use. This site can also be used to look for riders to share expenses and even for commuting.

6. Vanpool

Looking for something new and unique? With funding from NYSERDA, vanpools are currently receiving a subsidy for start up. A vanpool consists of a group of five or more people who live near each other that make a commitment to commute together. One person agrees to be the driver of the van. Everyone chips in money to fund the van and the ride. Amounts will vary depending on the mileage to work. We are looking for some interested people to form our first vanpool and let us know how it goes. Vanpoolers will be eligible for preferred parking.

7. Carpool

UAlbany has an employer module within IPool2 service provided in conjunction with state and local entities. Go to their web site at www.iPool2.org and if you register using your UAlbany email, you will be automatically sent to our site so you may search for rides within our campus community. You also have the option to expand your search to local employers if you want. With everyone’s busy schedule, it’s sometimes hard to coordinate with a carpool partner but you don’t need to carpool everyday to make a difference. Even two days a week can make a good impact. Plus, if you register and use alternate transportation twice a week, you will be eligible for guaranteed ride home through IPool. Should an emergency arise and you don’t have your car available, they will provide a taxi ride. iPool2 is quick, easy and free so sign up today!

Each of you can help!