

Creighton  
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# CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY GUIDE TO COMMUTING

Presented by the Student Leadership and Involvement Center  
and Office of Sustainability Programs

# WHO IS A COMMUTER STUDENT?

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If you live off campus at any point during your time at Creighton, you are considered a commuter student! Whether you have never lived on campus, you are a student who has completed their residency requirement, or a graduate/professional student, you are considered to be a commuter.

# WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE COMMUTING?

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Transportation accounted for 28% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in 2018—greenhouse gas emissions are the number one contributor to climate change. Challenge yourself to become a more sustainable commuter by traveling to and from campus via low carbon and sustainable modes.

Creighton is located in the heart of a large, sprawling Midwestern urban city. Because of this, we have access to a variety of transportation options. Using sustainable modes of transportation reduces gasoline consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Additionally, activities such as walking and bike riding help build a sense of community and encourage healthy lifestyles.



# SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION METHODS

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## WALKING

Omaha is a great city for walking. At 12 blocks per mile, you can walk an Omaha block in a New York minute! To travel from campus to downtown it takes about 15 minutes walking, four minutes biking, and two minutes driving. Enter your address into [Walk Score](#) to see how far you can commute in a given timeframe by walking, biking, taking the bus, or driving.

## CARPOOLING

Data from our 2018 Parking and Transportation survey shows that 73% of students, faculty and staff live in a zip code with 30 or more individuals who also commute to Creighton. Carpooling reduces the number of single-occupancy cars on the road and in campus parking lots. By carpooling, you reduce our carbon footprint and improve social connections. Now that passes can be easily moved between vehicles, carpooling is more convenient!

## THE OMAHA BUS SYSTEM

Omaha has a bus system that can take you all across the city. To learn more about bus routes, how to ride, and more, visit the [Omaha Metro Website](#).

## BIKING

There are a few hills in town, so riding your bike is a great way to get to campus while keeping up with your fitness and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Bike racks are available outside each residence hall and many other campus buildings. Check out the Creighton [bike rack map](#) to see where you can park your bike. To explore beyond campus, use the [Omaha Metropolitan Area Bicycle Map](#). Don't have a bike? [Heartland Bicycle](#) has you covered! With stations near campus, you can rent bicycles and ride to popular areas of town.

Community Bike Project Omaha (CBPO) and its Earn-a-Bike program are less than a mile from campus. You can volunteer, pay a small fee for supplies, choose a bike, and refurbish it with shop mechanics. You'll have a bike to call your own and learn fundamental bicycle maintenance and repair skills.

## TAXI SERVICES

In addition to services such as Uber and Lyft, there are five taxi services in the city of Omaha. Popular drop-off addresses on campus are:

**Lied Visitor Lot:** 2395 Cass Street,  
Omaha, NE 68178

**Harper Center:** 602 N. 20th Street,  
Omaha, NE 68178

# CREIGHTON-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION



## JAYRIDE

**JayRide** is a free taxi service provided to students between 11 p.m.–2 a.m. JayRide will take you as far west as 38th street and as far east as Florence Blvd. JayRide will not go south of Dodge. You can call JayRide at **402.546.8294** for a free ride.

## VAN AND SHUTTLE RENTALS

Shuttle Services has you covered for your events and trips both in and out of town! Rates and reservation information are available online. Questions or concerns? Please call **402.280.7610** or email [mwilley@creighton.edu](mailto:mwilley@creighton.edu).

## ZIPCAR

Need a car? Borrow a **Zipcar!** Creighton has partnered with Zipcar to bring self-service, on-demand car sharing to the area. Simply register as a member, reserve a car online or by phone, use your Zipcard to enter the car, and drive away. Return the car to the location you picked it up.

## SHUTTLE SERVICES

Creighton offers free shuttle services that stop all around campus and in the neighborhoods west of campus. Click [here](#) to learn more about the shuttle route and where you can catch a ride.

## PARKING PERMITS

You're welcome to bring a vehicle to campus as long as you purchase a parking pass. **Student parking** is designated in green. In addition to several surface parking lots, student parking is available on Levels one and two of the 20th Street Garage, Levels two and three of the 24th Street Garage, and the bottom level of the 30th Street Garage.

University ID cards and parking permits are required for all garages. To find the annual price of a parking pass, please visit the [Public Safety website](#).

**Evening-only parking permits** are available for no cost at Public Safety. These permits allow faculty, staff, and students to park in faculty/staff and student parking areas from 4 p.m.–6 a.m., Monday through Friday, and any time on weekends.

# PERSONAL CARS AND ON-CAMPUS PARKING

## MOTORCYCLE PARKING

Motorcycles may be parked near bicycle racks and do not require a permit. If you would like to park your motorcycle in a parking space, you must purchase and properly display a Creighton parking permit.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

If you have an electrical vehicle and need a charge while on campus, we have two charging stations:

- **24th Street Garage:**  
Lowest Level on the west side
- **20th Street Garage**  
2016 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68178



# CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

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## CREIGHTON STUDENTS UNION

The Creighton Students Union is the comprehensive student government for all Creighton students. Through the cooperative efforts of the nine (9) colleges and schools of Creighton University, the Creighton Students Union is entrusted to serve as an advocate and voice for the student body and is dedicated to the enhancement of the educational, social, and cultural environment on campus.

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## CREIGHTON STUDENTS UNION PROGRAM BOARD

Creighton Students Union Program Board is a programming entity committed to providing the Creighton University community with multicultural, social, recreational, educational, and entertaining programs that align with the Creighton University Mission Statement. To find a list of their events, visit [CU Involved](#).

## COMMUTER STUDENT PEER MENTORS

If you are an incoming freshman to Creighton University, considering signing up for our Commuter Student peer mentor program. The goal of this program is to welcome new commuter students, connect commuter students to one another, and provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for new commuters. For questions, email [newjays@creighton.edu](mailto:newjays@creighton.edu).

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## STUDENT NEWS

Each week the Student Leadership and Involvement Center sends out an email with the subject line 'Student News.' Within this email, you will find a number of involvement opportunities ranging from events and programs to job and leadership openings.

## ON-CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS

While you might not be living on campus, you are still welcome to purchase a meal plan option. As a commuter student, you have two meal plan options. Students may change or add a meal plan section via the NEST. Commuter student meal plans can be found [here](#).

# ACADEMIC RESOURCES

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## DEAN'S OFFICES

For further academic resources and support, be sure to know the location of your college's Dean's Office.

- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [College of Nursing](#)
- [Heider College of Business](#)
- [School of Dentistry](#)
- [School of Law](#)
- [Graduate School](#)
- [College of Professional Studies](#)
- [School of Pharmacy and Health Professions](#)
- [School of Medicine](#)

## CREIGHTON EDGE

The **EDGE** is Creighton's one-stop-shop to receive academic coaching, tutoring, career advice, and pre-professional advising. The EDGE is in the lower level of the Reinert Alumni Memorial Library.



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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## ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

**Handshake** is Creighton University's online career management system that offers many benefits including a search function for on-campus student employment, a mobile-friendly interface, and a personalized experience for students and employers to connect for opportunities. Keep in mind that some on-campus jobs are filled by word-of-mouth. Contact any departments of interest directly. Before you start working, you need to complete Section 1 of the I-9 Form. You can complete this form online by going to [creighton.edu](http://creighton.edu) and searching Student Employment. You must bring **this documentation** to the Student Employment Office.

# OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

Consistent with our Standards of Conduct is the affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities for all members of the Creighton University community, realizing that you are a member of a larger community, understanding societal issues, and being a responsible participant in the civic and Creighton community. Always try to do what is right and fair by treating others as you would expect to be treated yourself. Know that being a good neighbor can be difficult because people hold different beliefs and perceptions. It is important that all of us respect the rights of others and that we accept the responsibilities, as well as the benefits, of good citizenship.

**These guidelines** give students an understanding of how behavior may affect others. Students must adhere to the Creighton University Community Standards on and off campus. Students who allow or sponsor house parties that disturb the neighborhood and adversely affect the surrounding community, will be subject to review by the University and be referred to the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing.





# ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

## LOUNGE SPACES

If you're on campus for an extended period of time or are in between classes, consider stopping by any of these spaces on campus:

- Creighton Intercultural Center
- Mike and Josie Harper Center
- Schlegel Center for Service and Justice
- Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library
- Skutt Student Center
- Criss II (Second Floor)
- Health Sciences Library
- Law Library
- Mutual of Omaha Lounge (Hixon-Lied)

## MICROWAVES

If you bring food to campus and it needs to be heated, you can find microwaves in these locations:

- Wareham Court (Skutt Student Center)
- Creighton Intercultural Center (Lower Brandies Hall)
- College of Nursing, Criss II (Second Floor)
- Health Sciences Library
- Mutual of Omaha Lounge (Hixon-Lied)

## COOKING SUPPLIES

The Creighton Intercultural Center (CIC) has amenities including a fridge, dishes, and other cooking supplies.

## SHOWERS

Showers are available in the Kiewit Fitness Center and the Rasmussen Center. All you need to access them is your student ID.

## LOCKERS

If you're looking for a place to store your belongings on campus, consider

- **Kiewit Fitness Center**
- **Rasmussen Center**
- College of Nursing, Criss II 2nd Floor
- Eppley Building, Ground Floor
- Health Sciences Library (First Floor); must be reserved by calling **402.280.5109** or email **hslcirc@creighton.edu**.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT RETENTION

The **Office of Student Retention** assists students in navigating their way at Creighton through support, resources and advising. If you're experiencing a barrier to your success and don't know where to start, contact **studentretention@creighton.edu**.



# WELLNESS

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## STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

The transition to college as a commuter can be unique and different for commuter students. Creighton's Student Counseling Services is free for all students. If, during your transition, you feel you could benefit from talking to a counselor, set up an appointment by calling **402.280.2735**.

## CREIGHTON CUPBOARD

To combat food insecurity at Creighton, the [Creighton Cupboard](#) provides complete meals for undergraduate, graduate and professional students who identify as food insecure. The pantry is supported by the Division of Student Life staff and student employees. This initiative is also made possible by support from [Creighton Dining](#) and [Creighton Students Union](#).

# SAFETY

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## CU ALERT

All students should register for **CU Alert**. CU Alert is a comprehensive crisis plan that allows Public Safety to keep the Creighton community informed. If campus is closed or there is an event in which you should not come to campus, you receive messages via text, phone call, and email.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

In the event that you are on campus and have a flat tire, a dead car battery, or any other car complication, call Public Safety at **402.280.2104**.



# WELCOME WEEK

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Welcome Week is our official kick-off to the new school year. The program provides a week of engaging activities for students alongside the first classes of the year! Make sure to download the [Creighton Guidebook](#), which contains schedule information.

## REQUIRED WELCOME WEEK EVENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Welcome Week is an important part of transitioning to Creighton, however, it can be difficult for commuter students.

Commuter students are welcome to attend all Welcome Week programs, but make sure to attend the required programs below.

- Commuter Student Welcome
- First RSP Session
- Be a Bluejay
- The Event
- Called to Creighton
- CU Survival
- CU For and With Others

