

Tips on Parking

Parking on campus is a source of expense and frustration for many in the University of Arizona community, so here are some tips on how to minimize those headaches as a Community Science Scholars auditor.

Annual permits for numbered lots on campus and the multi-story garages range from \$450 to \$700, and the garages charge \$2 per hour, which still adds up to \$120 to \$180 if you pay this each time you come in for a class.

Note that without a permit, hourly parking in the parking garages is first-come, first served, and some of the more central garages routinely fill up during the first few weeks of classes. If you plan to use hourly parking, be aware of an alternate location in case your first garage choice is full.

The various types of permit are listed here:

<https://parking.arizona.edu/parking/permit-rates/>

The cheapest option is a “Park and Ride” permit, which is \$100 for the entire academic year. Here is a link that shows the locations of all the parking lots, including the park and ride lots:

https://parking.arizona.edu/pdf/maps/campus_pre_reg_map.pdf

The “Park and Ride” lots 9005, 9006, 9007, and 9008 are connected to campus by Cat Tran buses. Each lot and bus route has unique drop-off points on campus. The map is available here:

<https://parking.arizona.edu/pdf/maps/cat-tran-shuttle-guide-web.pdf>

All these lots are possible ways to get to campus, but experience shows that lot 9006 to the west of campus (at the USA building) is rarely full, so that may be a good choice for auditors. It drops off at Old Main, which is central on campus. Note that it runs every 30 minutes so plan accordingly. The link for obtaining a permit is here:

<https://parking.arizona.edu/about/permit-registration-process>

If in addition to using the “Park and Ride” option, you opt to car pool with another auditor, you can keep your parking costs low.