

Know Your Parking & Transportation Options

Parking & Transportation (P&T) is a self-funded auxiliary meaning that it receives no tuition dollars nor state funds and must pay its \$18 million expenses annually using parking revenue and student fees. Permit fees are set annually at the lowest point that allows the operation to break even and cover costs. Expenses include \$6 million on debt service of past parking construction, \$3.6 million in parking operations, \$3.5 million in shuttle expenses, \$1 million in other transportation expenses including the CUE bus subsidy to the City of Fairfax so students and employees can ride for free. A growing cost is maintenance, with \$2 million this coming year in garage and surface lot repairs, with a projected \$20 million in repairs over the next decade.

Here is an overview of the Parking & Transportation budget and programs:

http://transportation.gmu.edu/pdfs/2014_2015/PT%20Budget%20and%20Program%20Overview%20Aug%202015%20081015%20final.pdf

While having to cover costs, P&T strives to offer an array of options from economical parking in West Campus to reserved lot and deck options as well as offering many shuttle options to get to and from campus without a vehicle. Several carpool programs exist where people can share rides and costs to even a rebate program for reserved lot and deck permit holders for carpooling, with up to a 40% rebate each semester.

Parking prices differ in some cases depending on if you are a resident student living on campus or an off-campus student.

The lowest priced parking is the West Campus lot at \$150/year if an off-campus student or \$195/year if a resident student. This permit price has not increased from last year. Shuttle service was increased last fall from West Campus with buses every 15-minutes 7am-12am M-F

Other economical options include the Lot M/P(Field House) permit for off-campus students at \$265/year, which is \$165 less than a general permit. This price has not increased as well from the last academic year. There is also daily parking at the Field House for \$4/day utilizing a lay station, online daily printable permits, or mobile payments with ParkMobile.

General permits are available for just the fall semester for \$235 or for the entire year for \$430. While general lots are busy, there is enough parking for all permit holders. Advice is given on when and where to look, but after the 1st few weeks of each semester, Lot K, PV Lot, and the Field House most always have space.

There are other reserved lot and deck options where the number of permits are tightly controlled to essentially guarantee one a space in that area. However, the lower cost options do have enough parking for everyone and are a great way to save money.

It is important to know your options and make a decision on what suits you based on price and convenience. Feel free to ask P&T for advice at @MasonParking, on Facebook, or by email at parking@gmu.edu.

Permit Type	FY17 Fee
General Student/Faculty-Staff (Fairfax/SciTech)	\$430
Resident Student General	\$500
Shenandoah/Mason Pond Deck	\$725
Rappahannock River	\$610
Founders Hall Garage	\$610
Reserved Lot R	\$635
Reserved Lot I	\$610
Reserved Lot J	\$550
Lot M/P	\$265
West Campus	\$150/\$195*
Resident Lite(Lots K,M,O,P)	\$323
Arlington General Student (Metropolitan Garage)	\$425