Transportation Guide

to the Portland Area
Strategies for Linfield students and families

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Overview

Your backpack is full. Your laptop is charged. Your schedule is printed. You’ve put patches on your scrubs. You’re ready for class.

Now... How will you get to campus? If you drive, where will you park? This guide is designed to help you answer these questions and more.

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Getting Here: Transportation Options

Linfield College–Portland Campus is largely a commuter campus, with about 80% of students living off campus. Your ideal commute will depend on a variety of factors, such as where you live and the location of your clinical site. Here are some options to consider as you plan your commute.

Car

Traveling by car provides the most flexibility, and the biggest challenge is parking. Linfield is located in Northwest Portland’s Parking Zone M, and street parking is limited. See p. 6, “About Parking in NW Portland,” for details and a map.

If you drive to campus, allow 15 minutes or more to find parking.

Theft from parked vehicles has occurred in our area. Please remove all valuables, and items that suggest valuables, such as phone chargers and cloth grocery bags, from your vehicle.
Bike

A growing number of Linfield students commute by bicycle. Benefits include ease of parking and lower cost; however, transporting textbooks and clinical/lab items can be difficult. If you bike to campus, take advantage of the indoor bike storage room in the basement of Loveridge Hall. You may also park in the bike racks in front of Loveridge or Peterson Halls. See p. 7, “About Commuting by Bike,” for a complete list of perks for bike commuters.

Public Transit

Public transit in the Portland area is viable for many students. Benefits of public transit include study time during the commute, and avoiding parking issues; the biggest challenge is longer commute times compared with driving. Many Portland-area towns and cities are served by TriMet, including Gresham, Beaverton, and Hillsboro. Student Life offers discounted TriMet College Passes for purchase by Portland campus students each semester. See p. 4, “About Public Transit,” for details about public transit.

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Car Share

Car share services can provide a useful backup option for bike and public transit commuters. Students who are parents benefit from the peace of mind of knowing that a car is available to borrow when childcare plans change. Details and costs vary by company. Companies offering car share services in Portland include Car2Go, Getaround, RelayRides, and Zipcar.

Park-and-Ride

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About Public Transit

TriMet provides public transit service in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties, plus limited service to Clark County, Washington.

TriMet offers transit via three kinds of vehicle: bus, light rail, and streetcar. Buses drive on surface roads and highways among regular traffic. There are two forms of light rail in the system. MAX provides light rail through the city, with five lines from the city center to different areas of town. WES provides commuter rail (higher speed and fewer stops than MAX) to the west-side suburbs. The Portland Streetcar is a smaller light-rail train, serving Northwest Portland, downtown, and the inner east side.

How to Ride

TriMet vehicles run on fixed schedules. The schedule for each bus line and train is different. Schedules are posted at trimet.org.

To plan your trip, use the Trip Planner at trimet.org. Enter your starting address, destination, and desired departure or arrival time. This tool uses TriMet’s live satellite information and is more reliable than third-party trip planning apps. Some of the apps available may also work for you.

Use Transit Tracker to find the next departure times from your stop: trimet.org/arrivals/index.html.

As of August 2015, the cost of a single TriMet ticket is $2.50. You can use your transfer (receipt) to board any buses, trains, or streetcars for 2.5 hours. A day pass costs $5 for unlimited rides. You must keep your transfer or pass as proof of payment for the duration of your trip. You must show your transfer or pass to a TriMet operator or fare inspector when asked. If you do not provide valid proof of fare, you will receive a citation; the fine is $175.

Student Life offers the College Pass Program, providing TriMet passes at a discount to Portland campus students on a semesterly basis. Ticket books are also available at a subsidized rate. Please see Student Life for current prices and details.

Monthly passes and day passes are available from TriMet and at area grocery stores such as Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, and QFC.

Bikes are welcome on TriMet at no extra charge. Load your bike onto the front of the bus after signaling the driver, or use the bike racks in each MAX, WES, and Streetcar vehicle.

Your service animal is welcome on TriMet, but pets must stay home.

To use park-and-ride, identify your nearest lot at trimet.org/parkandride/index.htm. You may park at no cost for up to 24 hours at a time, and no registration is required. Remove all valuables and lock your car. There is a MAX station, WES station, or bus stop near each park-and-ride lot.

Riding the Bus

Arrive at your stop at least five minutes early. Have exact change in cash, a bus ticket, or your bus pass ready. When the bus approaches, check the sign above the windshield for the correct line number and destination. Let riders leaving the bus get off first, then board the bus. Pay when you board, or show your pass to the driver. About two blocks before you wish to get off, pull the yellow cord to signal your stop. If you are unfamiliar with the area, ask the driver to announce your stop.

Riding MAX or WES (Light Rail)

Arrive at your station at least five minutes early. Buy your ticket (cash or card) from the ticket machines at each station. Single tickets are validated when you buy them; if you use a book of tickets, validate one at the ticket machine. You must buy and validate your fare before boarding. If a fare inspector asks for proof of payment, show your validated ticket or your pass. MAX and WES stop at every station, so you do not need to signal your stop. Route maps are posted inside each light rail car.

Riding the Portland Streetcar

Arrive at your station at least five minutes early. Your Linfield College - Portland Campus student ID card provides you with unlimited free access to Portland Streetcar. Carry your badge as proof of payment, and show it to a fare inspector if asked. Your guests may purchase Streetcar-only tickets with a credit card at Streetcar stations or on board. The Streetcar stops at every station, so you do not need to signal your stop. Route maps are posted inside each car.

Riding the Aerial Tram

Purchase a ticket (debit/credit only) at the South Waterfront station. The tram leaves when it is full, approximately every 6-10 minutes on weekdays and Saturdays. There is no service on Sunday; instead, take bus 8 on Sundays and at night. A single-use TriMet ticket is not valid on the tram; however, the TriMet College Pass, monthly passes, and annual passes are honored. There are only two stops, South Waterfront and OHSU.
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About Parking in Northwest Portland

Linfield College is located in a densely developed area, and parking is at a premium. The three options are street parking, private paid parking, and park-and-ride.

Street Parking

Our campus is in Parking Zone M. If you live in the neighborhood, you are eligible to buy a parking permit from the City of Portland. Commuter students living outside Zone M are not eligible for these permits. Zone M visitor parking (street parking) is metered and time-limited. Metered parking is in effect Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Outside these hours, parking is free. Parking regulations may vary from block to block, so read street signage carefully. Complete information is available at portlandoregon.gov/transportation/60560. See the map below for details.

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Private Paid Parking

Daily and monthly parking is available at a variety of paid parking lots operated by City Center Parking. Daily parking options within one mile of campus range from $5 to $9. Monthly parking is also available at most lots. Look up locations, prices, and availability details at citycenterparking.com.

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Linfield and Legacy Parking Lots

The Loveridge Hall parking lot is reserved for faculty and staff Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Students may park in the lot during nights and weekends.

Linfield students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to park in Legacy Good Samaritan parking structures, and violations are subject to a $65 fine.

About Commuting by Bike

Portland is known for its accessibility by bike, and many Linfield students commute by bike some or all of the time. Several offerings are available to help make Portland Campus students’ bike commutes easier.

There are two options for bike parking on campus. There are outdoor bike racks in front of both Peterson and Loveridge Halls. There is also an indoor bike parking room in the basement of Loveridge Hall. In all locations, lock your bike with a sturdy U-lock, and use a cable on the wheels. Remove all personal items, saddle bags, and detachable lights when you leave your bike.

U-locks and cables are available for Portland Campus students to borrow; please visit the Student Life desk. These locks are not intended to substitute for owning your own lock, but are offered as a convenience. The locks are high quality, but not guaranteed. Whether you use your lock or borrow one, use your good judgment about security and safety.

Student Life also stocks a small supply of bike tools, including a pump and a patch kit, available to students as a convenience.

Bikes are welcome on TriMet at no extra charge. Load your bike onto the front of the bus after signaling the driver, or use the bike racks in each MAX, WES, and Streetcar vehicle.

Route maps, info, classes, local laws, and other information is available at portlandoregon.gov/transportation/34772. Route maps and other printed information are available on the Neighborhood Information board on the first floor of Loveridge Hall.