

THE BUS *to university*



Park & Ride

The Park & Ride scheme allows you to park within one of the car parks and then catch the bus into the city centre. The closest Park & Ride stops near the university is outside Royal Hampshire County Hospital located on Romsey road, which is less than a 5-minute walk from either campus. There are 5 different car parks available under the Park & Ride scheme. Check out their timetable for more information. The standard charge tends to be £3.50 per day

Bluestar 1 is one of the services available between Southampton and Winchester. They tend to run through Chandler's Ford, with a bus running every 20-minutes. The nearest Bluestar stop is Southgate Street, which is a-minute walk from the University. All Bluestar buses offer free WiFi and USB charging points. Alongside many different discounts available. Make sure you're checking the Bluestar 1 map, alongside their timetable. This can be found on their website.



Bluestar



Stagecoach

There are many different Stagecoach buses that run across the city, they can also run outside of Winchester. Due to Stagecoach running across Winchester, there are many different stops that are close to the University; Number 1 bus stops at Cromwell Road; Number 63 stops at Sparkford Road; Number 4, 5, 46, E1/E2, 66 all stop at Romsey Road. Make sure you're checking the bus timetables located on their website,

The University usually offers a subsidised scheme for students, it usually costs around £55 for a whole academic year. Bluestar offer a 20% discount on any 30 or 90 day network tickets. This gives you unlimited travel on all Bluestar services across Hampshire and Dorset. Alongside on the Unilink buses. This can be purchased through their website or app. Stagecoach offers a Student Rider ticket that allows you to travel on any Stagecoach.



Discounts

For more information, visit the transport & travel section on the University's intranet.

WALKING *to university*



Walking

If you're within walking distance of the University, walking is the most eco-friendly option for you. The King Alfred Quarter is located on Sparkford Road whilst the West Downs Quarter is located on Romsey Road. As a commuter, walking from home isn't a viable option. This doesn't mean you can't go on a stroll around Winchester or even walk from the train station to the University.

Walking to and from the train station or bus stations can be beneficial for your mental and physical health. In order to ensure you don't lose your way, the University have produced maps that are visible on the intranet. These show you the best routes available for either campus whether you're coming from the train station or a bus stop.



Getting Here



Routes

Finding routes to take can be difficult, especially if you are in an unfamiliar area. Visit Winchester have a lovely City Walk Guide that has several routes that help you explore the city. Additionally, there is an app called Crumbs Trail, this takes you on a trivial route of Winchester, allowing you to learn more about the history and culture of the city. You can also find routes on Google Maps.

If you're looking to increase your step-count but are unable to walk all the way from home to University. That's okay! We have you covered with our top tips for walking. You can always walk part of the way and catch public transport. Taking a lunch-time stroll down into the city centre is another great way! Make sure to have lunch within the Cathedral grounds. It's one of our favourite picnic spots. It's also okay if you're unable to walk to University!



Top Tips

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THE TRAIN

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Train Station

The closest train station to the University is Winchester Train Station. There are regular trains that come from all over the country and stop at Winchester, if getting the bus or driving is more difficult or nearly impossible, getting the train could be your preferred way to travel to University! The train station is a 20-minute walk to the King Alfred Quarter and a 20-minute walk to the West Downs Quarter.

Where the train station is almost a mile away from the University, it is always worth ensuring you know how to get from A to B. If you're up for it, you can take a lovely stroll from the train station. However, if walking up a hill isn't your style, you can get a bus (Stagecoach or Park & Ride) to a bus stop that is near to the University. Additionally, you can cycle to the University!



Getting Here



Waiting

Sometimes the wait for the next train can be a while, it's always good to check out the coffee shops available within the city centre. As it is only a 5-minute walk from the train station. Additionally, there is a Costa's that is available both outside of the train station and on one of the platforms. If you're lucky, there is multiple benches you can sit on, if the inside area is open, this offers an additional space to wait.

There is an NUS Totum card that can be used to gain discounts on trains. Railway companies also offer many different type of railcards; disabled persons railcard (allows you and a friend to get 1/3 discount train tickets); 16-25 saver railcard (allows you to get 1/3 discount on train tickets); 26-30 saver railcard (allows you to get 1/3 discount on train tickets). If you are a full time student, you can apply for the 16-25 saver despite age.



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THE FERRY

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Ferry

Southampton and Portsmouth both offer ferry services between Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It's important that you are checking the ferries timetables before leaving your home! These can be found on the respective ferries website. Some ferries can take a while, whilst some are super speedy. Make sure to figure out how you're getting from the dockyard to the University! You could drive, cycle, get the bus or a train.

There are many different services that link Southampton and the Isle of Wight. The Red Funnel that operates two different services; Red Jet which is a high speed service for foot passengers only, this takes roughly 25 minutes; Vehicle Ferry service that can take up to an hour. There is also the Hythe Ferry that takes foot passengers and cyclists, this takes roughly 10-15 minutes. After docking, getting the train or the bus from Southampton to Winchester is advised.



Southampton



Portsmouth

There are many ferry services available at Portsmouth, although this is a bit further from Winchester than Southampton is. There is the Wightlink Ferries that can take between 20-40 minutes. Hovertravel that is the fastest between the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth, taking only 10 minutes. There is also Hayling Ferries and the Gosport Ferries available. After docking, it's best to get the train or drive to Winchester.

Solent Go travel cards are eligible to be used for majority of the ferries listed above, it's worth double checking! You can purchase tickets using your Solent Go travel card from the Solent Go website, an added bonus is this can also be used on multiple bus operators! This is incredibly useful if you plan on getting the bus after the ferry.



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DRIVING *to university*



On Campus

Parking on campus is incredibly limited, there is no general student parking allowed on site. Those with a blue badge or a documented medical condition (you will need to discuss this with student services) are guaranteed a parking permit. Those who are on placement may also be eligible. You can usually apply for a parking permit at the end of August/throughout September.

Using the Park & Ride is always an option, all you have to do is park within one of the car parks and catch the bus to the hospital on Romsey Road. There are also opportunities for students to rent a parking space within Winchester. You are able to rent a parking space through JustPark, Parklet and YourParkingSpace. There is also a multi-storey car park on Tower Street, which is a 10 minute walk from the University.



Off Campus



Sharing A Car

If you don't have immediate access to a car, the University are apart of Winchester's Car Club scheme, this allows people to hire a car. Car's can be reserved at a moments notice, the car available is a Renault Clio that is parked in a dedicated bay at the front of Medecroft. Furthering this, there is a car sharing scheme! Through esitSHARE, commuters are able to share someones car and get to University.

There aren't many discounts when using a car to get to University. Due to the University having a scheme with the Park & Ride services, you can pay roughly around £55 for the academic year. Additionally, parking is only £3.50, if you were to use the car share opportunities stated above, you would be saving even more money, though this isn't technically a discount.



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CYCLING *to university*



Storage

There are many open and covered cycle racks that can be found across both West Downs and King Alfred Campus for people to store their bikes. Additionally, there are bike lockers next to The Stripe and within the West Downs Student Village that are available to hire for free. Do note, it is a first-come, first-serve basis. To hire a bike locker, please email the environmental team at environment@winchester.ac.uk.

If you need to perform any essential repairs, there are repair stands by the Stripe Bike Lockers and Cycle Hoops, alongside another location at the Cycle stand behind the student union shop at West Downs. Additionally, the University have a Bike Doctor who comes in every now and then to perform safety checks and basic repairs. The labour is free, however, you may be asked to cover the cost of parts needed.



Maintenance



Hiring A Bike

There are many places where you can hire a bike; borrowing a hybrid e-bike on campus, there are two available at St Swithun's Lodge. Additionally, there are free bike loans to students on placement. You can also apply for a free bike hire for one month through [easitLOAN BIKES](#). Or even get in contact with [Bespoke Biking](#), they have bikes for rental and for sale!

There are loads of discounts available for students, we highly recommend using the [UNIDAYS](#) & [Student Beans](#) apps to get initial discounts. Additionally, there is a 10% discount on cycles and accessories at [Hargroves Cycles](#) and [Halfords](#) in Winchester for students. All you need is your student ID to access this. There are also discounts through the [easit](#), all you have to do is sign up using your university email.



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