Riding Around Campus

Many UCF students and faculty and staff members use bicycles to get to and around campus. Following bicycle laws and regulations protects everyone at UCF, making bike riding safe and convenient. Obeying just a few rules will help you secure your bike and stay safe.

Abandoned Bikes

• If you leave your bike on campus unattended, it will deteriorate due to lack of use—and it can be impounded. Abandoned bikes will be tagged for a minimum of five days, giving you the opportunity to remove and repair your bike.

• If you do not repair your bike during that time, it will be impounded. If your bike is impounded, you can recover it by bringing proof of ownership, which includes receipt of purchase, operation ID and property registration in use, or registration. State identification is required upon return of bike.

• Your abandoned bike must be picked up within 30 days after it was impounded. All abandoned bikes are auctioned off at Propertyroom.com after 30 days.

Register your bicycle with Parking & Transportation Services.
As a bike rider, you are not only responsible for your own safety, but also for the safety of others. The following are important laws to obey while riding a bike at UCF:

### Equipment
- Bikes must be equipped with a brake or brakes that allow the rider to stop within 25 feet from a speed of 10 mph on dry, level and clean pavement.
- Bikes operated between sunrise and sunset must be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from 500 feet to the front, and a lamp and a reflector on the rear, each exhibiting a red light visible from 600 feet to the rear. Additional lights or reflectors are permitted and recommended.

### Helmets and Apparel
- Everyone is encouraged to wear a helmet but riders under 16 years old must wear bike helmets.
- Bicyclists may not wear a headset, headphone, or listening device other than a hearing aid while riding.

**UCF provides spaces throughout campus for more than 6,500 bicycles.**

### Your Responsibilities
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and laws
- Ride with traffic flow and as far right as practical
- Use bike lane if available
- Use hand signals to communicate your intentions
- Do not impede traffic
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebar
- Yield to traffic when entering the roadway
- Use lights at night
- Don’t drink and ride—if you are not in a position to legally drive a motor vehicle, then you are not in a position to legally drive a bicycle
- Ride slowly on sidewalks—pedestrians have the right-of-way and you must give audible warning when you pass (voice, bell or horn)
- Do not carry more persons than your bicycle is equipped or designed to carry. (Adults may carry a child securely attached to their person in a backpack or sling)

### Safety Laws
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and laws
- Ride with traffic flow and as far right as practical
- Use bike lane if available
- Ride single file on roadways
- Use hand signals to communicate your intentions
- Do not impede traffic
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebar
- Yield to traffic when entering the roadway
- Use lights at night
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### Safe Riding Conduct
- Be visible, stay alert and make eye contact with motorists
- Never weave between cars and watch for opening car doors
- Protect yourself—reduce risk of head injury by always wearing a helmet
- Always lock your bike, even if you’ll only be away for a minute or two
- Use a good quality U-lock to lock your bike—visit a bike shop for recommendations
- Bikes stolen while parked on campus should be reported to the police at 407.823.5555 as soon as possible—please have make, model, and serial number available

Most bicycle crashes are caused by:
- Running stop signs and red lights
- Riding at night without lights
- Riding on the wrong side of the road

**For a listing of bicycle rack locations, please visit:**
www.parking.ucf.edu/bicycle.html

**When you ride your bike to UCF, you save money and the environment.**