

10 Simple Steps for Riding the City Buses

1) Locate the bus stops on campus

They are:

- a) Intersection of Vachel Lindsey and Eliza Farnham Drives
- b) On Richard Wright Drive, near TRAC sidewalk
- c) On Richard Wright Drive, near Butler Housing Commons
- d) Intersection of University Drive and Shepherd Road

2) Look at the bus route schedule and see what time a bus comes to those points

They come by every 30 minutes between 6 am and 6 pm. Buses do not run on Sunday.

3) Arrive at the bus stop a few minutes early

Wait for the bus near the corner, or designated bus stop. Do NOT wait in the middle of the block. You must be at the bus stop sign or the bus will not stop.

4) Have exact change

The drivers do not make change. The cost for one ride is \$1.00 (one dollar).

5) Get on the bus

6) Put your money into the little glass box

7) Take a seat

The seats up front are reserved for handicapped people and elderly.

8) When you want to get off, press the yellow rubber strip which is located next to the windows

The bus will then stop at the NEXT bus stop. They do not stop in the middle of the block. They stop where there is an SMTD bus stop sign. If you do not know where to get off, talk to the driver when you get on. Tell him/her where you want to get off, and sit close by so s/he can tell you when you have reached your stop.

9) If you need to transfer to a second bus to reach your destination:

When you get on the first bus, pay \$1.00, then say "I need a transfer".

You will get a small piece of paper. It is free. Go down town. Look for the second bus. Get on the second bus and give the driver the transfer paper.

To return to campus, reverse the process.

Some buses go out one way, but return via a different route. Make sure you know this before you get off the bus so that you know where to catch the bus to return to campus.

You can transfer from one bus to another if the routes cross.

UIS is served by Route 11.

The buses are marked with large numbers on the front, back, and sides.

10) If you have questions call 522-5531

Be prepared to tell: where you are, where you want to go, the time you want to arrive.

You can obtain a bus pass at the Bursar's Office. It will cost \$15.00 and will serve for 20 rides. You will not need to always have correct change if you have a bus pass. They will punch the pass one time for each ride.

If you ever get on a bus and you don't think you've got on the correct one: **Stay on it.** They ALL return to downtown. You can then get off and decide the right one. If you get off anywhere else, you may get lost.

If you do get lost or confused and it is Monday-Friday, 8:30-5, call the Office of International Student Services (217-206-6678), and we will walk you through this.

Buses do not run on the following holidays:

New Years Day – January 1

Memorial Day – the last Monday in May

Independence Day – July 4

Labor Day – the first Monday in September

Thanksgiving Day – the last Thursday in November

Christmas Day – December 25