Santa Clara University Policy on First-Year Student Resident Parking

Resident Santa Clara University students are not permitted to bring cars to campus for the duration of their freshman year (Fall through Spring quarters). This includes students who have enough credits to be considered sophomores at any time during their first academic year at Santa Clara.

Because the University recognizes the impact its students have on parking in the residential areas surrounding the campus as well as the need for parking availability related to University special events, First-Year students are not allowed to park their vehicles on campus if they are living in a campus residence hall.

Parking restrictions have been applied to First-Year students, as it is The University's belief that they will be least impacted by this policy. First-Year students are strongly encouraged to live in residence halls with board plans, and any freshman who needs a job may obtain one on campus. First-Year students are also supported by a wide array of special social activities in their residence halls and elsewhere on campus.

Unlike many universities, resident students at Santa Clara have enjoyed the privilege of being able to park as close as possible to their residence halls. By restricting car usage in the freshman year, we hope to better protect this privilege for other resident students. It is also our hope that by restricting cars in the freshman year, students will take advantage of the many alternative transportation options available to them, and will think twice about the need to bring their cars in subsequent years.

While no resources can truly match the convenience of a private car, the University believes there are sufficient on-campus activities throughout the year, coupled with excellent availability of public and other transportation choices for first year students so that the need to bring a car to campus is minimal. For a list of upcoming Student Activities go to http://www.scu.edu/studentlife/. And to obtain information about local transportation opportunities, go to http://www.scu.edu/map/parking/transit.cfm. In addition, Enterprise Rent-A-Car has a special Program with SCU that allows persons 18 yrs old to rent a vehicle from their local office.

Interpretation and Enforcement of this Policy

Campus Safety Services will not sell parking permits to First-Year students, and other

Exceptions

Students transferring to Santa Clara University from another college or university that have completed a full year of academic study are not impacted by this policy.

Students who can demonstrate a compelling need or who would suffer undue hardship under this policy can apply for a waiver. Waivers will be reviewed by committee

First-Year students Resident Parking Policy FAQ's

What if I have enough units to be classified as a sophomore during my first year at Santa Clara?

The policy also applies to students who have enough credits to be considered sophomores at any time during their first academic year at Santa Clara. This policy does not apply to transfer students.

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