



COMMUTE SMART

Superb Commute Options For PLU Faculty and Staff

Commute Smart provides education in and support for alternative transportation methods for PLU students, faculty and staff, through a variety of policies, programs, and benefits. By making conscious efforts to use sustainable commuting practices, PLU commuters can model sustainability as well as work toward greater harmony with the environment.

Using an alternative commute does not necessarily mean commuting five days, once or twice a week is a great start and will have a big impact. This program offers various options and is very flexible. See how Commute Smart can help you.

Helpful Resources

PLU Commute Smart

www.plu.edu/commute

Campus Safety

www.plu.edu/campus-safety

Garfield Book Company at PLU

www.luteworld.plu.edu

ORCA (One Regional Card For All)

www.orcacard.com

Pierce Trips

www.piercetrips.com

Ridematching

www.rideshareonline.com

Zipcar (Car sharing)

www.zipcar.com/plu



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Bicycle	Ideal for short trips and can be combined with transit for longer trips. PLU offers bike racks around campus, as well as locker and shower facilities in the gym on lower campus.
Bus	PLU offers regional transit passes to benefits eligible employees. Faculty and staff receive their ORCA card preloaded with an annual pass good from June through May. The majority of the pass' cost is covered by PLU, but a small fee is charged to employees. Bring your valid PLU ID to the Concierge Desk in the University Center to purchase an ORCA card.
Carpool	PLU carpools have the privilege of preferred parking at no charge and can be one of the most flexible and convenient ways to commute. To apply for a carpool decal, contact Campus Safety.
Compressed Work Week	Some jobs allow for a nontraditional schedule such as four 10-hour shifts instead of five 8-hour shifts. Changes in schedule must be preapproved by the employee's supervisor and Human Resources.
Emergency Ride Home	If you commute to work and have an emergency situation, you qualify for Emergency Ride Home. Provides employees with transportation when they have a personal/family illness, family emergency, or unexpected overtime. Contact Campus Safety at ext. 7441 to arrange your ride home.
Relax Rewards	Participating is as easy as filling out the online monthly calendar on the Pierce Trips website. Use a Commute Smart option 4 or more days per month and you'll earn LuteBucks and also be eligible for quarterly prize drawings. Find out how you can use LuteBucks at Garfield Book Company's website.
Ridematching	This program allows faculty and staff to arrange their own carpools/vanpools to and from work. Share the cost of commuting while meeting people. Visit RideshareOnline.com for more information.
Telework	For those that are able to work at home, teleworking can be a desirable option offering flexibility.
Vanpool	Save costs by commuting with a prearranged group of five to fifteen. The group pays a low monthly fare and is provided a passenger van by the county.
Walk	Walking is very beneficial to physical and mental health. PLU also has a Wellness Walking Map for those who love a challenge.
Zipcar	Zipcars are available on campus for business and/or personal use. Faculty, staff and students (18 and over) can rent Zipcars by the hour or day; gas and insurance included. Visit www.zipcar.com/plu for more information including hourly and daily rates.