

POLICY

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Authority: [WAC 516-13](#)

Cancels:

See Also: [RCW 46.61.261](#) and [RCW 28B.35.120\(12\)](#)
[Bellingham Municipal Code 11.48.070](#)**POL-U5620.05 USING BICYCLES ON CAMPUS**

This policy applies to all individuals riding, walking, parking or otherwise operating a bicycle on campus.

This policy does not apply to either motorized bicycles or mini-motorcycles. These are considered to be motorcycles and are subject to all traffic rules and regulations controlling motorcycles.

See [WAC 516-13](#) for specific details on rules and regulations.

Definitions:

Pedestrian: Any person who is afoot or who is using a wheelchair, a powered wheelchair or a powered scooter for persons with disabilities.

1. Bicycles are a Preferred Form of Transportation

Bicycles are an essential component of a sustainable transportation system, providing safe and equitable access to and around campus by all users. They are a preferred form of transportation in the University's Institutional Master Plan.

Bicycle use also encourages the reduction of commute trips among employees who drive single occupancy vehicles to, from, and/or on campus.

2. Bicyclists Must Yield the Right-of-Way to Pedestrians

Bicyclists must use caution when riding bicycles on campus. Especially in high traffic pedestrian areas, bicyclist must keep in mind that they must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and that the safety of WWU pedestrians is vital.

3. Mutual Respect Among All Transportation Modes is Essential

Respect and consideration for others on campus is a critical requirement for having different modes of transportation mix within a congested campus. The safety of pedestrians and cyclists depends on every person being careful and aware of their surroundings. Every person is strongly urged to watch out for the safety of others, especially those persons using modes that are more vulnerable to get to and around campus.

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4. **Bicyclists Comply with Regulations**

Bicyclists must comply with regulations to ensure the safe operation, use, and parking of bicycles on the campus.

It is the responsibility of bicyclists to:

- Use bicycles on campus for transportation only in compliance with [WAC 516-13](#) and the WWU Bicycle Responsibility Code; U
- Use them to and from campus in compliance with City of Bellingham bicycle regulations; and
- Use them in compliance with any other applicable rule or regulation.

Bicyclists must comply with University designated dismount zones, speed limits, use limitations and other safety precautions for bicycles as described in [WAC 516-13](#).

5. **Police Enforce Bicycle Rules and Regulations**

A bicyclist who violates applicable rules and regulations in [WAC 516-13](#) may be issued a university notice of infraction (NOI) by the University Police or a citation from another applicable law enforcement agency.

6. **Exceptions May Occur on Campus**

Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events involving the use of these or similar devices must be made in writing to the Viking Union Facilities Director for review and approval.

7. **The University Promotes Safety Education**

The University recognizes the importance of education for safe transportation in all modes on campus and for safe interactions between bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders and motor vehicle operators. The University supports this endeavor.

Departments on campus are strongly encouraged to provide educational opportunities for students and/or employees in these aspects of transportation safety and sustainability.