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Rideables Policy

The Master's University (TMU) prioritizes pedestrian access on campus. Motor vehicles and rideables are allowed on university property only as described in this policy. Members of the TMU community and visitors to campus should exercise prudence and caution while operating and parking motor vehicles and rideables on university property and in the surrounding communities.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, key terms are defined as follows:

Disability Mobility Device means a mobility device used by an individual with a mobility disability, as defined by federal law.

Main Campus means TMU's academic, administrative, and residential buildings and the surrounding property owned and controlled by the university in Santa Clarita, California.

Motor Vehicle means a self-propelled vehicle intended primarily for use on roads. This definition includes, but is not limited to, trucks, buses, recreation vehicles (oversized motor vehicles), vans, cars, gas or electric carts (e.g. golf carts, Cushman carts, utility vehicles), all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility-task vehicles (UTV), motorcycles, gas-powered scooters, mopeds, & pocket bikes (mini- motorcycles, mini- ATVs, and mini- UTVs).

Oversized Motor Vehicle means any vehicle motorized or not, that exceeds 20 feet in length, 8 feet in height, and 7 feet in width. Accessory extensions such as side mirrors, trailer hitches or roof racks are included in the measured distance. This definition includes, but is not limited to, recreational vehicles (RV's), 5th wheel trailers, motor homes, and buses.

Rideable means a device used primarily for the transportation of an individual. This definition includes bicycles, e-bicycles, scooters, e-scooters, one-wheel scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, hoverboards, and any similar device approved or prohibited by TMU for use on the Main Campus. Rideables does not mean a Disability Mobility Device used by an individual with mobility disabilities. Motor Vehicles and any gas-powered devices are not rideables.



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TMU Property means the Main Campus and all other buildings and property owned, operated, or controlled by TMU (e.g. Canyon Homes, Off-campus apartments, or offices).

Authority and Responsibility

TMU retains the right to control traffic and to enforce parking regulations on university property and may grant, revoke, or refuse driving, parking, or riding privileges at its discretion. Within its jurisdiction, LA County Sheriffs Dept. enforces relevant California state law, including the California Penal & Vehicle Codes (CVC) and Santa Clarita city ordinances. TMU Campus Safety oversees driving, parking, and riding on the Main Campus in accordance with the policy and procedures posted on the TMU Campus Safety website. TMU assumes no responsibility for the care or protection of, or damage to, any personal Disability Mobility Device, Motor Vehicle, or Rideable, or its contents, at any time it is operated on, parked on, or removed from TMU Property. TMU reserves the right to cite, fine, impound, or immobilize at the owner's or operator's expense any Motor Vehicle or Rideable, in violation of driving, riding, parking regulations, or this policy.

California law regarding rideables:

- Minors (under 18 years of age) must wear a helmet (CVC 21235 (c))
- Maximum speed is 15 mph (CVC 22411)
- Use the appropriate traffic lanes or bike lanes if available (CVC 21229)
- Stay off the sidewalks, and have a valid license (CVC 21235)
- Dismount and walk for left-hand turns (CVC 21228)
- Follow traffic rules like a motor vehicle (CVC 21221)
- No riding in crosswalks (CVC 275)
- No passenger allowed (CVC 21235)

Traffic

TMU allows Motor Vehicles to be operated on the Main Campus designated roads, in parking lots, and in accordance with traffic laws and posted signage. Motor Vehicles shall be permitted on TMU sidewalks for emergencies only, or with pre-approval of the Director of Campus Safety.



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Parking

TMU provides designated parking areas for current TMU students, employees, and visitors. Motor Vehicle operators must obey parking regulations, as found on the TMU Campus Safety website, and posted parking signs.

Parking of any oversized motor vehicle on the TMU campus is prohibited; however, limited exceptions may be made by the Director of Campus Safety.

Rideables and Pocket bikes

TMU allows the use of some rideables on the Main Campus subject to the following conditions:

General Operations

- Rideables must be operated in a safe and prudent manner, prioritizing pedestrian safety and movement.
- Rideables must only be operated on established lanes, walking areas, or on the shoulder portion of Main Campus roads.
- Rideables must not be operated on accessibility ramps designated for Motor Vehicles
- Rideable operators must maintain a clearance of 6 feet from pedestrians, Disability Mobility Devices, and other rideables.
- Rideables must be privately owned or owned by TMU and may not be commercial ride-share devices.
- Rideables must not be used for stunts, jumps, or tricks, or on railings, stairs, or similar features.
- All one-wheel rideables, pocket bikes (mini- motorcycles, mini-ATVs, and mini-UTVs), and regular sized ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.

Specific Circumstances

Sidewalks and Walking Areas

- Rideables must travel at speeds no greater than 10mph.
- Rideable operators must obey pedestrian laws, rules, and TMU policy/procedures.
- Rideable operators must always yield to pedestrians.
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on sidewalks or walking areas.
- All electric rideables, including but not limited to one-wheels are prohibited on sidewalks and walking areas.



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Main Campus Roads

- Rideables may be operated on the shoulder portion of Main Campus roads.
- Rideables must comply with all traffic laws, rules, including speed limits, traffic direction lane laws, and stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks, and must NOT impede Motor Vehicle traffic.

Upper Campus Parking Lots

- Rideable use is NOT allowed on the upper campus, dorm, parking lots, including but not limited to the hill roadway leading to and from the Campus Safety Guard Shack.

Inside Building

- Rideables must not be operated, ridden, or stored in buildings.
- Exception: Rideables may be brought into buildings only if they are carried or completely stowed inside a standard backpack-sized bag. Rideables must remain with the owner or operator and out of any aisles, dorm hallways, lounges, or walking paths.
- Bicycles are not allowed inside buildings.

Charging

- Charging of rideables is not permitted on the TMU main campus or properties. This includes but is not limited to dorm rooms, canyon homes, or off-campus housing.

Security and Storage

- When not in use, rideables must be secured or stored in designated areas.
- Rideables must not be secured to railing, light poles, or any other structure not designed for Rideable storage.
- If left unattended and unsecured, or secured in an unapproved location, a Rideable may be moved or impounded by TMU Campus Safety, LA County Sheriffs Dept., or designated authority at the owner or operator's expense.



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Exceptions or Variances

Posted signage may restrict or prohibit the use of rideables in ways that vary from the above conditions.

The TMU Office of Disability Services may approve individual exceptions to the above-listed conditions to provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

Additional Rideable Notices

Violations of these conditions may result in citations by law enforcement or TMU Campus Safety, fines, and the loss of Rideable-use privileges.

TMU assumes no liability for those who use rideables on TMU property. Any individual operating or riding on a Rideable on TMU property is operating or riding at that individual's own risk. TMU makes no guarantee that TMU property is safe for Rideable use.

Rideable users are responsible for any damage, injury, or loss caused by their personal Rideable use or storage on TMU property.

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APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all individuals on university property

POLICY OWNER: Director of Campus Safety

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: TMU Campus Safety

RESOURCES: California Vehicle Code

RELATED POLICIES: TMU driving, parking, riding policies

ADDITIONAL: Amendments to this policy can be done at the discretion of the Director of Campus Safety at any time.