Faculty/Staff Parking FAQs

How do I obtain a parking permit?

You will receive a temporary permit from Human Resources once your Onboard paperwork is complete. Permanent parking permits can be ordered on our website at jmu.edu/parking. Due to COVID-19 and our ongoing efforts to promote social distancing, we strongly encourage this practice in lieu of coming to the Parking Services office in person. Permits ordered online will be mailed to your department Mail Stop Code. A full list of permit fees can be found under Faculty & Staff Resources on the Parking Services website.

Where does my permit allow me to park?

Faculty and staff are issued "Purple Zone" permits which allow access to standard, unmarked parking spaces in all campus parking facilities. Faculty/staff surface parking lots are indicated with an entrance sign indicating the lot name (such as "G Lot" or "D2 Lot"). Be sure to look for the JMU lot sign in order to avoid parking on any private or Harrisonburg City property adjacent to campus. JMU does not have authority over private or city property and cannot waive parking citations received in these areas.

How close will parking be to where I work, and how hard is it to find a space?

Peak Times for parking lot usage are Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. During these times, the lots closest to academic buildings fill first, with periphery lots filling last. It is recommended to locate a few faculty/staff parking facilities near your office so that you can have alternatives in mind if the lots closest to the building are full.

What resources are available to help me navigate parking on campus?

The Parking Services website (imu.edu/parking) features a real-time count of parking space availability in faculty/staff sections of the Mason Street, Grace Street and Warsaw Avenue Parking Decks. Click on "Real-Time Parking Availability" under the Faculty/Staff parking tab. Space counts are also available via the JMU Parking Services phone app, which can be downloading from Google Play and the App Store.

Other website features include a searchable directory of parking facilities on campus, and a color-coded campus parking map in PDF format. Print copies of the parking map can also be requested at the Parking Services office.

What should I do if I forget my parking permit or have to use a rental vehicle?

You can obtain a free temporary permit from the Parking Services office when you arrive on campus.

Can I register more than one vehicle with my permit?

Yes, you can register additional vehicles by contacting the Parking Services office with the vehicle information. Any vehicle parked on campus must display the appropriate parking permit.

Where do I park for football games and other athletic events?

On football game days, all lots not reserved for Duke Club permit holders are available for general parking at no charge. Visit www.imusports.com for more details on game day parking, and www.imudukeclub.com if you are interested in becoming a Duke Club member.

Certain faculty/staff lots, including G, F, P, D2 and Convo C Lots are reserved for football game days. Lots will be closed on the night prior to game at times indicated by signage. Any vehicles remaining in reserved lots at 6:00 AM on game day are ticketed and towed to Memorial Hall.

Certain Convocation Center lots are reserved on basketball game days for season permit holders. Refer to posted signs. For parking information for all other JMU athletic events, visit www.imusports.com.

What other transportation options are available?

Harrisonburg Public Transit is free to all JMU faculty/staff members with a valid JAC card. In addition to routes throughout the city of Harrisonburg, HDPT operates an inner campus route with shuttles arriving every ten minutes at designated stops throughout campus. Bike paths are designated throughout the campus, with bike racks located at most campus buildings. Visit www.imu.edu/transportation for more transportation options and information.