

SJSU Non-Motorized Vehicle Policy

The purpose of this policy is to regulate and promote the safe use of non-motorized vehicles on campus grounds. By allowing the use of non-motorized vehicles on campus, the University is encouraging community members to reduce its dependence on motor vehicles. This reduces traffic congestion, pollution, parking demand and the consumption of fossil fuels.

A. Definition:

For the purpose of this policy a "Non-Motorized Vehicle" is any device upon which any person may ride and is propelled by human power. These devices are otherwise commonly known as bicycles, unicycles, skateboards, roller/inline skates, scooters and other similar devices.

B. Campus Riding Regulations:

Non-motorized vehicle riders shall follow these "common courtesy" rules:

1. Always yield to pedestrians.
2. Drive an appropriate speed according to existing conditions, not to exceed the campus speed limit for all vehicles of 5 mph.
3. Drive in an appropriate manner that does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
4. Walk vehicle when there is no clear path ahead, such as when the walkway is too crowded with pedestrians or other obstructions.
5. Do not ride in an acrobatic or stunting manner, i.e. activities causing one or more sets of wheels to leave the ground or other surfaces intended for pedestrian or vehicular travel.
6. Do not ride on stairs; ramps, railings, vegetation, benches, tables, planters, or other surface not intended for vehicular travel.
7. Do not ride inside University buildings.
8. Dismount and walk vehicle where appropriate signs are posted. Posted dismount areas will be high pedestrian traffic areas with small or obstructed pathways. Designated dismount areas will be in affect between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.
9. Walking with any vehicle is permitted throughout the campus grounds.

C. Parking:

1. Non-motorized vehicles shall not be locked to trees, poles, handrails, buildings, fences, etc. and shall only be parked in posted areas.
2. Bicycles are not permitted in buildings unless in a private office, closet, or enclosure where they are not blocking any walkway or exit or building electrical or mechanical equipment.
3. Illegally parked vehicles may be impounded and a release fee charged.

D. Exceptions:

1. These regulations do not apply to a moped, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, as defined in section 406, 407 and 407.5 of the California Vehicle Code.
2. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the operation of non-motorized or motorized vehicles consistent with any authorized University activity.

E. Penalties:

1. For Faculty, Staff, Students, and other persons affiliated with the University
Penalties may range from a verbal warning with a record of the contact being kept at the University Police Department, to the issuance of a citation for the appropriate moving violation. The matter may also be referred to the appropriate campus disciplinary group.
2. For Non-Affiliated Persons
Penalties may range from a verbal warning with a record of the contact being kept at the University Police Department to the issuance of a citation. It could also result in the withdrawal of consent to remain on University property.

F. Emergency Clause:

The University President or their designee at anytime may prohibit the use of any or all vehicles in all or specific areas of campus grounds during an emergency or special event.

G. Exclusions:

Students with disabilities who are registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and use alternative devices are excluded from this policy.