

# U-Pass FAQ

## WHO?

- Full time students who pay a student activity fee with their tuition.
- Part time students can choose to pay the fee and join the U-Pass Program.

## WHAT?

- A Universal Bus Pass that connects Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland transit systems, making public transportation easier and cheaper for students.

## WHERE?

- Connects the Transit Systems, giving students unlimited bussing on routes throughout the 3 systems.
- Campus Connection Route – connecting Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL), and Welland campuses with one bus. Also, direct route between Welland and NOTL campuses.

## WHEN?

- Fall Semester - Your U-Pass is valid from **September 1st to April 30th**.
- Winter Semester - Your U-Pass is valid from **January 3rd to August 31th** but you must get a new sticker at the end of April for summer transit (stickers only available for students attending classes during the Spring/Summer term) [Please note: transit runs are greatly reduced from May to August](#)
- Trips between campuses are Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, December winter break, and reading week (March break).

## WHY?

- Public transit is environmentally friendly.
- The U-Pass is less expensive than buying just one bus pass, but you get access to all three transit systems.

### **Current Bus Pass Costs**

St. Catharines \$290

Niagara Falls \$280

Welland \$276

**Total \$846/term**

### **New Prices with U-Pass**

St. Catharines Included!

Niagara Falls Included!

Welland Included! **Total \$69.50/term**

## HOW?

- ALL Niagara College students ride the buses free for the first 2 weeks in each semester.
- For Fall Semester (September) Starts: Starting **September 12<sup>th</sup>** you can obtain your U-Pass sticker from your SAC Office upon presentation of your valid Student ID Card, **September 16<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY** to ride **FREE**.
- For Winter Semester (January) Starts ONLY: Starting **January 16<sup>th</sup>** you can obtain your U-Pass sticker from your SAC Office upon presentation of your valid Student ID Card, **January 20<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY** to ride **FREE**. You must also obtain a summer sticker at the end of April for summer transit (stickers only available for students attending classes during the Spring/Summer term)

## SPRING/SUMMER SERVICE?

- Spring/Summer service is greatly reduced from May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Winter Semester (January) and Spring Semester (May) start students must obtain a summer U-Pass sticker for summer transit services. Stickers are only available to students attending classes during the spring/summer term.
- Spring/Summer passes and further information will be available from the SAC Offices. [Please note: transit runs are greatly reduced from May to August.](#)
- Eligible students will be able to ride all three transit authorities for the same low price.

## What If I...

### Lose it?

- Visit the SAC office for a replacement sticker for \$20; a second replacement is \$60.

### Drive?

- Print your income tax receipt for your tax return from your Blackboard account.

### Break or Damage ID Card?

- If your student card is broken or damaged and once you have replaced it, bring both the damaged card and your new card to the SAC office to receive a free replacement sticker.

### Please Note:

Your Student Council office is only responsible for the Welland, Thorold, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines bus services to the Niagara College campuses. Transit services outside of the areas mentioned are the responsibility of your local municipal government.