

## Off-Campus and Public Transit Guide

### 1. Safety is the most important thing!

- o Only students 17 years of age or older are eligible for a Tap Card and high school students cannot take rideshares (i.e. Uber, Lyft) as stated in the [Participant Agreement](#).
- o Many [Westwood stores and restaurants](#) are walkable without needing to take the bus.
  - Students can walk to Target, Ralph's, Trader Joes, CVS, and more.
- o Only leave campus when you do not have a mandatory class or program activity. Precollege students must inform their program coordinator or residential staff member that they will be leaving campus.
- o Do not take the bus alone. Go in small groups or ask a Residential Staff member to join.
- o Be aware of your surroundings and do not talk to strangers, ask a staff member or store associate for help if you do not feel comfortable.
- o Keep your charged phone, wallet, and valuables close to you. For bus riding tips, please refer to the following link: <https://www.bigbluebus.com/Rider-Info/Riding-Tips.aspx>

### 2. Getting a Tap Card and Loading Money

- o A Tap Card can be used to pay for most of LA's public transit, such as the Big Blue Bus and Metro. Download the [Tap App](#) to add money and pay bus fees through your phone!
- o For instructions on how to download the app, get the virtual Tap Card, and add money, please visit: [https://www.taptogo.net/articles/en\\_US/Website\\_content/TAP-App](https://www.taptogo.net/articles/en_US/Website_content/TAP-App).

### 3. Bus Fees and Routes (subject to change)

- o Big Blue Bus
  - Fees: \$1.10 each way
  - Schedule and routes: <https://www.bigbluebus.com/Routes-And-Schedules/>
- o Metro
  - Fees: \$1.75 each way
  - Schedule and routes: <https://www.metro.net/riding/schedules-2/>
- o The Bruin Bus
  - Fees: Free for UCLA students with Bruincard
  - Schedule and routes: <https://transportation.ucla.edu/getting-around-campus/bruinbus>

### 4. Getting to Santa Monica Pier and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Promenade

- o Big Blue Bus Route #1 or #2
  - Walk into Westwood to the Westwood Blvd & Weyburn Ave bus stop to board
  - Get off at the 4<sup>th</sup> SB & Santa Monica Place bus stop
- o Big Blue Bus Route #18
  - Walk to Gayley SB & Strathmore FS bus stop to board
  - Get off at the 4<sup>th</sup> SB & Santa Monica Place bus stop

- o We do not recommend traveling further than Santa Monica by bus. If you have family/friends with access to a car that can safely transport you, that is preferred

**5. Important notes:**

- o You can use [Google Maps](#) or [Apple Maps](#) to show routes and directions, including how to walk to the bus stops from your current location
  - Choose routes that don't involve transfers to different buses routes, even if the single bus route takes longer
- o Download the [Transit app](#) to see all LA public transit options and schedules near you!
- o If you have technical difficulties, contact (310) 825-8000 or email [consult@ucla.edu](mailto:consult@ucla.edu)