

WELCOME COMMUTER FAMILIES!

Supporting Your Student's Success at Mount Union

WHO ARE OUR COMMUTER STUDENTS?

Who can commute?

Students who live within 30 driving miles may commute from their permanent home address.

On average, about 14% of the incoming class are commuter students!

Why students make the intentional choice to commute

- Financial
- Comfort
- Family
- Work
- Proximity/Location to campus

COMMUTER FORMS

Don't forget - commuters still have forms to complete as well!

Commuter Application

- Log in to MyHousing
- Students use @mountunion.edu credentials without .edu to log-in
- Select Apps & Forms on the left
- You'll see the housing contract before you can continue - that's normal!
- Select Commuting and provide emergency contact information.

Meal Plan Options

While a meal plan is not required, there are flexible options available:

- Block 50: 50 meals for the semester
- Block 50 (Breakfast/Lunch): 50 meals for breakfast and lunch only
- Block 25: 25 meals plus \$100 dining dollars that can be used at the B&B Cafe or KHIC Cafe

COMMON CHALLENGES

Feeling Disconnected

- Commuter students often feel disconnected from campus life without residence hall communities, needing intentional friendships.

Time Management Stress

- Travel, classes, work, and family can lead to fatigue and stress for commuter students.

Logistical Challenges

- Parking, weather, and transportation add daily complexity to commuter students' routines.

Finding Balance

- Balancing new friendships on campus while staying connected to family and friends at home as they grow in independence

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Maximize Campus Time

- Staying on campus between classes helps commuter students study, attend office hours, and build routines.

Build Faculty & Staff Relationships

- Introducing yourself early and attending office hours fosters support and academic success.

Engage in Campus Life

- Joining clubs, jobs, or leadership roles promotes connection and a sense of belonging.

Be Proactive

- Leverage resources, ask questions, and stay curious!

FAMILY SUPPORT

Encourage Independence

Empower students to manage schedules and communicate directly with faculty/staff

Adjust Home Expectations

Be flexible with household responsibilities and respecting study time

Engage in Meaningful Conversation

Open-ended questions about classes and goals encourage reflection and reduce pressure on students.

CAMPUS SUPPORT & RESOURCES

Commuter House

Located at 552 Vincent Street, the Commuter House is a great space for students to study, connect with other commuter students, and relax in between classes.

Email reslife@mountunion.edu for access.

Student Affairs

The Dean of Students frequently hosts lunches throughout the year with commuter students to hear about their experience and provide support as they navigate campus life.

Commuter Student Association

Meet other commuter students through various programs and activities provided by the Commuter Student Association!

Counseling Services

All students have access to free and confidential counseling services on campus through walk-in hours, established appointments, and ongoing programming.

Raider Guide

Each student is paired with a Raider Guide and cohort of other incoming students to support their transition, build connections, and navigate their first year.

QUICK TIPS

Missed Classes

- Doctor's appointments, family emergency, etc.
- Contact faculty members via email and the Dean of Students Office

Inclement Weather

Students are notified by 7 am on the day of closing via local television, radio, and text through the emergency alert system.

Parking

- All students are required to register their vehicle annually with the Office of Campus Security.
- Permits and the designated parking lots can be found [here](https://www.mountunion.edu/campus-life/safety-and-parking/parking-and-vehicles).
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SAVE THE DATES!

Fall Orientation - Required

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23, 2026

Raiderfest

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 5 pm

Family Day

Saturday, October 10, 2026

QUESTIONS?

More Information on Commuting at Mount Union Can be Found
@ mountunion.edu/campus-life/living-at-mount/commuting

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