

Bike Use Policies:

1. Always use a bike lane. These lanes are specifically designed for bike riders to stay a safe distance away from motor vehicles. These lanes are identified with a bike symbol.
2. Be aware of your surroundings. If a bike lane is not available for your use, make sure that you are cautious. If a bike line is available for your use, follow the arrows and travel in the same direction as the motor vehicle traffic. Regardless of whether or not you are in a lane, watch for turning vehicles. Although you may see them, they may not see you.
3. This rule pertains to people that are operating motor vehicles and not bicycles. If you see a bicycle on the road, use caution when you approach them. Allow three feet of room between you and the bike. Always yield to bike traffic and look for bikes before you make a turn. Never drive or park in bicycle lanes.
4. When riding a bicycle, try to avoid using sidewalks. They are actually more dangerous than riding in roads. This is due to the fact that they have more hidden driveways, surface irregularities, and intersections than roads do.

Biking FAQ's:**Do I ride with or against car traffic?**

Cyclists must always ride in the same direction as traffic. When riding against traffic, cyclists cannot see traffic signals and signs, and are unpredictable and less visible to drivers. Cyclists are much safer when riding with the direction of automobile traffic.

Where am I supposed to ride on the road?

Generally, a bike is supposed to be driven like a car: In the road, in the right-most lane that takes you to your destination, and as far to the right in that lane as "practicable." The law requires that a rider should ride nearest the right-most side of a lane—but how far to the right may depend on conditions.

Can I ride on a sidewalk?

Generally, you should not ride on the sidewalk. Sidewalks are surprisingly dangerous places to ride, as they have more hidden driveways, intersections, and surface irregularities than roads. To make matters complicated, there is no statewide law prohibiting sidewalk riding.

General Bike Rules:

1. Bicycles are defined as vehicles in the state of Georgia, with the same rights and responsibilities on public roads as motor vehicle drivers.
2. UWG encourages all UWG students, faculty, and staff bike riders on campus to register their bikes with UWG Parking and Transportation

3. Any bicycle that is found on campus and determined to be abandoned, will be removed. If the bicycle is registered, UWG Parking and Transportation will put forth reasonable efforts to find/contact the owner.
4. When parking on campus, bicycles should be locked to a “Bike Rack”; bicycles are prohibited from being locked to handrails or other fixtures on campus.
5. When locking your bike to a Bike Rack, UWG encourages cyclists to always use a high quality “U” shaped lock; avoid using lightweight cables, chains or ties.
6. Attach bicycles to bike racks through the frame and at least one wheel.
7. Do not leave any free or easily detachable items on bikes.
8. Bicycles are prohibited from the inside of UWG facilities or on UWG fields.

Pavement Markings:

When biking, it is important to know what the pavement markings might be telling you. Check the infographic below to learn more about the different types of pavement markings that you may encounter!