

U Pass BC for Emily Carr Students

Emily Carr University and the Emily Carr Students' Union are pleased to announce that the U Pass BC Program will be introduced to Emily Carr students beginning in January 2011.

What is U Pass BC

The U Pass BC program is an integrated comprehensive transportation package that provides students in Metro Vancouver with universal, accessible and affordable access to public transit and other sustainable transportation programs. It is a mandatory program for all members of the Emily Carr University Student Union and costs \$ 30.00 per month (\$120 per semester). The program was approved via student referendum in October 2010.

All undergraduate and graduate students are automatically in the U Pass BC Program except for the following student categories:

- Outgoing Exchange students
- Students in programs or courses that are not offered at the Granville Island campus (i.e., BFA at North Island College; BFA in collaboration with the University of Northern British Columbia; On Line Program students; Headstart in Art students)
- MAA Low Residence program students
- Continuing Studies students

U Pass BC Fee Assessment

The U Pass BC fee will be assessed at the time of registration for each semester, as part of your ECSU fees. Current prices are guaranteed until March 31, 2013.

Getting Your U Pass BC – in January 2011

Your January 2011 U Pass BC will be distributed on the following schedule:

January 4	12 noon to 4:00pm in Student Services
January 5 – 7	9:00am to 4:00pm in Student Services
January 10 – 14	9:00am to 4:00pm in the Concourse Gallery
January 17 – 21	9:00am to 4:00pm in the Concourse Gallery
January 23 – onward	in Student Services during regular office hours

Your U Pass BC is Valuable

Your U Pass BC is like cash. Keep it in a secure place and be sure to:

- PRINT your name on the reverse of each monthly card.
- Carry only the current monthly card on your person and place the remainder in a secure place.
- Be sure to carry your Emily Carr Student ID card as it must be presented with your U Pass BC card.
- Fees are charged for a lost or stolen replacement card(s) (i.e., \$35 for a one month card)
- The University has a limited number of replacement cards and cannot guarantee that a replacement can be issued.

Definition of Terms

- “ECSU” is the Emily Carr Students' Union
- “Metro Vancouver” refers to Metro Vancouver Regional District, formerly known as “GVRD” or Greater Vancouver Regional District.
- “Passholder” is a person owning a valid U Pass BC.
- “TransLink” is the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA)
- “University” is Emily Carr university of Art + Design

Program Conditions

Passholders are entitled to the following transportation services offered by TransLink:

- Unlimited use of buses (including Community Shuttles), Skytrain and SeaBus transportation services within Metro Vancouver.

To access these transportation services, a Passholder must:

- Present a valid U Pass BC. Representatives of TransLink are entitled to confirm the validity of the U Pass BC; **AND**
- Present a valid Emily Carr University Student ID card with photograph.

Neither the University, the EC Student Union nor TransLink will be obligated to subsequently reimburse a Passholder who fails to meet these conditions and is refused access to Transportation Services.

If a person:

- Presents fraudulent identification;
- Refuses to present additional confirming identification which is satisfactory to TransLink;
- Attempts to use an invalid U Pass BC; or
- Attempts fraudulent use of the U Pass BC;

Then TransLink, may do any or all of the following:

- Confiscate the U Pass BC;
- Cancel the U Pass BC, rendering it inoperable; and/or
- Commence legal proceedings against the person.

U Pass BC Replacement Cards

The following charges will be assessed:

- The cost of replacing a lost or stolen U Pass BC is \$35 per month.
- A defective U Pass BC must be returned before the University will issue a new replacement U Pass BC. A Service Fee of \$10 will be charged for the replacement of a damaged U Pass BC.
- The University has a limited number of replacement cards and cannot guarantee that a replacement can be issued.

Payment of Fees

The University may cancel any U Pass BC if the Passholder has failed to pay the required fees for usage on time. Upon request, students shall return their cancelled U Pass BC to the University.

Ownership of U Pass BC

The U Pass BC is the property of TransLink. The University, the EC Student Union and TransLink are bound by the terms and conditions of the U Pass BC contract. These program conditions (the above), although descriptive of the provisions of the contract, are not binding on TransLink, the University or the Student Union.

Exemptions

The success of the U Pass BC program relies on the bulk purchase of U Passes by all Emily Carr University students.

Mandatory Exemptions

As such, students fully enrolled in one of the following categories are automatically exempted from the U Pass BC program:

- Students enrolled as On Line (ONLN) students.
- Out-going Exchange students for the term they are on exchange.
- Students enrolled in the joint BFA at the University of Northern BC.
- Students enrolled in the collaborative BFA at North Island College.
- Students enrolled in the MAA Low Residence program.
- Students enrolled in the Headstart program.
- Continuing Studies students **AND**
- Students who withdraw from the University during the U Pass Term

Medical Exemptions

If you have a physical or psychological condition that has been officially diagnosed by a qualified medical professional and prevents you from using public transit, you must register with the Emily Carr Disability Office. You will be required to provide the Disability Office with medical documentation supporting your claim. If you have received a U Pass BC and are subsequently approved for exemption from the program you must return the U Pass BC before your exemption will be recorded.