**Getting to Stirling**

The University of Stirling’s campus is just two miles from the centre of Stirling in central Scotland. We're served by excellent fast public transport links from Glasgow and Edinburgh, and are easily accessible by bus, foot and bike from Stirling city centre or Bridge of Allan.

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**Getting to campus**

[**On foot**](https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here/#panel25282-1)

Our campus is a pleasant walk from both Stirling city centre and from Bridge of Allan.

Stirling Rail Station to University of Stirling (Approx 40 minutes walk)

On exiting Stirling Rail station turn right and follow Goosecroft Road until its junction with Wallace Street.

Turn right into Wallace Street (you will pass a large Tesco Store on your right).

At end of Wallace Street follow the underpass footpath and then cross the historic Old Stirling Bridge over the River Forth. Carry straight on until you reach the pelican crossing at the junction of Cornton Road/Causewayhead Road.

Cross over at the crossing and then proceed straight along Causewayhead Road (A9), passing under the railway bridge and, on the right, the entrance to Stirling County Rugby Club.

Continue straight on up Causewayhead Road until reaching the Causewayhead roundabout.

Turn left at the Causeway head roundabout and follow the path along until reaching the pelican crossing at Wallace High School where you should cross to the pavement on the opposite side of the road.

Continue on the A9. Thereafter you can opt to either access the University via:

the entrance to the Scottish Institute of Sport (quite a steep climb, with the University's sports facilities on your left) which takes you out opposite the main Cottrell Building car park

the University's main entrance (accessed by continuing past the turn off for the Scottish Institute of Sport). At the main entrance you should cross over the road to access the footpath which runs from the main entrance to the campus itself.

Bridge of Allan Rail Station to University of Stirling (Approx 30 minutes walk)

From the train station make your way up to the A9 main road (road bridge crosses over the railway line).

Once on the main road, turn right and make your way into the town of Bridge of Allan.

Cross the road at the pelican crossing, located at the Allanwater Café, and then continue to make your way through the town. Follow this route all the way through the town and out the other side.

The main entrance to the University of Stirling is located approximately one mile after leaving Bridge of Allan

**By coach**

Stirling is well connected by Scotland’s coach network and Stirling’s bus station is next to the train station. You can check timetables on the [Citylink website](http://www.citylink.co.uk/) and find out more about [Edinburgh Airport Bus Connections](https://www.lothianbuses.com/our-services/airport-buses/).

**By bus**

The University of Stirling has excellent bus links from Stirling city centre, and some from Bridge of Allan. The Unilink shuttle bus between Stirling centre, the train station and the main University campus is the one of the handiest and most regular services. Most bus services to the campus run from either just outside Stirling's Rail Station or a two minute walk away, in Murray Place.

Regular travellers to and from the University can also enjoy substantially discounted fares on buses by purchasing a weekly FirstWeek ticket. FirstWeek ticket holders can enjoy unlimited travel within their designated travel zone over a period of seven days.

Find out more about the [First Group's services](https://www.firstgroup.com/south-east-and-central-scotland/tickets/ticket-types/university-stirling) and times to the campus. You can also use the [Find your Next Bus](https://www.firstgroup.com/next-bus) tool to see live timings of when services will arrive at your location.

Busses to and from the campus and surrounding area are also operated by the providers listed below. Visit their websites for the most up-to-date timetable information:

[Citylink](https://www.citylink.co.uk/)  
[Mackies](http://www.mackiescoaches.com/)  
[Stagecoach](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/)

Night bus

A night bus service serves the campus on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Find out more about times on the [First Group website](https://www.firstgroup.com/south-east-and-central-scotland/tickets/ticket-types/university-stirling).

First Bus App

Using the First Bus app, you can obtain timetable and Real Time information, service updates and news about First Bus services sent straight to your phone.

mTickets App

The [mTickets App](https://www.firstgroup.com/south-east-and-central-scotland/tickets/mtickets) enables you to purchase bus tickets using your phone. Once registered for mTicketing, simply buy your ticket, activate it for the day or week required, show your ticket to the bus driver and away you go!

Timetables

FirstBus operate the following services to the University – Unilink (UL), 51/52, 54, 55.  
[Timetables for these services](https://www.firstgroup.com/south-east-and-central-scotland/plan-journey/timetables/?source_id=2&operator=25&page=5&redirect=no)

This also includes details of the night service which operates on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

[**By train**](https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here/#panel25282-4)

Stirling is at the heart of Scotland and enjoys excellent rail services to Scotland and the rest of the UK. Regular services run between Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Aberdeen and Dundee.

Visit [Scotrail](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/) or [trainline.com](https://www.thetrainline.com/) for fares, timetables and journey information.

Travelling between train stations and the campus

Our Stirling campus is a 40 minute walk from Stirling city centre /train station and 30 mins from Bridge of Allan rail station.

Stirling train station is the easiest option to complete the journey by bus or taxi.

Bridge of Allan train station is the easiest option to complete the journey by walking or cycling.

Cycling from the rail stations

Staff, students and visitors commuting to campus by train should note that, on most Scotrail services, bikes will be transported free of charge. See the 'Cycling' section for route suggestions. Find out [More Scotrail information](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/travelinfo/cycle-info.html) about transporting your bike on the train.

**By bus from Stirling station**

Unilink ‘shuttle’ service: Stirling City – University of Stirling – Stirling City

53: Whins of Milton – University (via Stirling City Centre)

54: Stirling - Stirling (via Cornton, Bridge of Allan, University, Causewayhead)

54A: Stirling - Stirling (via Causewayhead, University, Bridge of Allan, Cornton)

[**By car (including parking)**](https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here/#panel25282-5)

We encourage everyone coming to the University to use the excellent public transport links to and from Stirling or Bridge of Allan.

Flood reinstatement works – impact on car parking

Recent flash flooding has caused damage across our campus, which means areas of car parks are currently being used for contractors’ temporary buildings and storage containers while essential restoration works are undertaken. As a result, demand for parking spaces may exceed supply.

Parking for visitors

Pay and Display machines are in operation within all campus car parks and operates Monday–Friday, 9am-5pm all year excluding Christmas and New Year's Day.

Members of the local authority Blue Badge scheme are not required to Pay and Display.

Pay and Display rates

Up to 1 hour – £1.00

1-3 hours - £2.00

3-5 hours - £3.00

5+ hours - £5.00

Vehicles that do not have a ‘Pay and Display' ticket displayed and/or are otherwise in breach of the [campus traffic regulations](https://www.stir.ac.uk/media/stirling/global-assets/documents/campus-traffic-regulations.pdf) (e.g. parking on double yellow lines or in disabled bays, etc.), will be issued with a Private Parking Notice (PPN) requiring a payment of £60 to the University. This will be reduced to £30, if paid within 14 days of the date of the notice. Failure to pay a PPN within 28 days will result in the vehicle being denied access to the campus at the main control barriers.

Queries regarding any aspect of car parking on campus can be directed to the Car Parking Office, Cottrell Room 4Z2, +44 (0) 1786 466065. You can also find more information on our [frequently asked questions](https://www.stir.ac.uk/internal-staff/estates-and-campus-services/how-do-i/car-parking-faq/) page.

These spaces will remain reserved for car sharers up until 10.30am daily, Monday-Friday or as may be varied from time to time and advertised accordingly.

Visitors to campus are encouraged to do their bit for the environment, ease congestion and save fuel costs by car sharing.

Directions for driving to our campus

Visitors to the University who choose to bring their car should note the following directions:

From the East, South or West take the M9 to Junction 11. At the junction, there is a roundabout which marks the end of the M9. From here you should take the exit for Bridge of Allan, follow the road through the town itself, and after about 200 metres you will find the University entrance on the left.

From the North take the A9 to the same roundabout and follow the same route through Bridge of Allan as above.

Park in a designated parking space. Possession of a valid permit does not guarantee a parking space.

[**By air**](https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here/#panel25282-6)

You can fly to either Edinburgh or Glasgow Airports from a wide range of international and domestic airports including regular shuttle flights from London airports.

At Edinburgh or Glasgow Airport regular buses or trams can take you to the city centres where you can then access frequent train services to Stirling.

You can check timetables on the [Citylink website](http://www.citylink.co.uk/) and find out more about [Edinburgh Airport Bus Connections](https://www.lothianbuses.com/our-services/airport-buses/).

You can also [pre-book a taxi in advance using Stirling Taxi’s online system](https://www.stir.ac.uk/student-life/welcome/international-students/travel-and-accommodation/airport-collection/).

Driving from the airport

Glasgow Airport is approximately an hour drive to the University campus while Edinburgh Airport is a 45 minute drive.

Arriving via Dublin? Important information

There is no routine passport control between Dublin and the UK. This means that you may not pass through passport control in the UK if you arrive from Dublin.  If you arrive from Dublin with a Tier 4 (General) visa you should keep your flight confirmation emails/papers about the Dublin-UK flight and carry them with you the next time you travel. You will have to leave the UK and re-enter within three months of arrival so that your Tier 4 (General) visa can be activated. This can obviously be costly so any savings made arriving in Dublin initially may be lost.