BIKE POLICY

- Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws.
- Bicyclists are permitted on all roadways, multi-use paths, and sidewalks on campus.
- Biking is not allowed on sidewalks in downtown Blacksburg.
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on pathways, sidewalks, and in crosswalks. Bicyclists are strongly encouraged to dismount at crosswalks during heavy pedestrian traffic on campus.
- Bicyclists are not allowed to bike while using earphones in both ears.

BIKE MAINTENANCE TIPS

Visit the Hokie Bike Hub to learn basic maintenance, or use one of the five Fix-It Stations on campus for quick adjustments or to inflate your tires. Just don’t drop the pump nozzle.

When you’re biking, keep a basic tool kit handy, which includes a travel air pump, tire levers, a multi-tool, an extra tube, and a patch kit.

TRAFFIC TIPS

Lane positioning: When you are moving at the same speed as traffic and the lane isn’t wide enough to allow for safe passing (three feet) or sharrows are present, ride in the center of the lane. Otherwise you can ride in the right tire track.

HELPFUL COMMUTER ACCESSORIES

Helmet: Helmets are strongly encouraged. Your helmet should fit snugly on your head. Use the pads and fitting rings inside the helmet to make sure it will stay in place. Adjust the straps under the chin, leaving room for no more than one or two fingers under the strap when your mouth is open.

Locks: Lock your bike with a high-quality u-lock. When locking your bike for longer periods of time, lock the frame and both wheels to the rack by using a u-lock and cable.

Lights/Reflectors: A front white light and a rear reflector are required for on-street biking in Virginia from dusk to dawn. A bright red rear light can also help increase your visibility on the road.