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Registration of Motor Vehicles

All members of the Delaware Valley College faculty, administration and staff and upper-class students who are currently enrolled in Delaware Valley College classes are authorized to use motor vehicles on the Delaware Valley College campus. Delaware Valley parking permits are required to park on College property.

Note: First-year students, with less than 28 credits, and resident freshman are not permitted to possess or operate motor vehicles on the Delaware Valley campus without PRIOR approval. This restriction applies to any vehicle regardless of its type, ownership, or registration but does not apply to fleet vehicles used in accordance with college sponsored activities. This policy is in effect seven days a week.

Exceptions to the policy are granted according to strict guidelines and can only be made by the Department of Public Safety. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing by completing the First Year/Freshman Parking Request Form and forwarding it to the Department of Public Safety at security@delval.edu or by mail.

All members of the faculty, administration, staff and students must register their vehicles with the Department of Public Safety to receive a parking permit. Persons planning to use more than one motor vehicle must register each vehicle separately. Vehicles should be registered immediately upon being brought to campus. Students may register their vehicles online at the Public Safety Web Page.

All persons associated with Delaware Valley College who expect to park a motor vehicle on campus for less than 24 hours should acquire a Temporary Parking Permit at the Welcome Center.

Parking and Operation of Motor Vehicles

Parking and operation of motor vehicles must conform to provisions of the laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Doylestown Township and New Britain Borough. Motor vehicles which are abandoned or illegally parked in college parking lots will be removed in accordance with Section 3353 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

Parking is permitted in “Marked Spaces” only. The absence of a no parking sign is not an invitation to park.
The following are not permitted:

1. Parking in a “no parking” or reserved space.
2. Parking in a handicapped space without a proper tag.
3. Parking in fire lanes marked with yellow curbs.
4. Parking in areas designated as “tow away” zones.
5. Parking so as to block access to refuse containers.
6. Parking in or blocking a driveway.
7. Parking on a sidewalk or in the grass.
8. Exceeding the posted time limit in regulated areas.
9. Careless or imprudent operation of a motor vehicle on College property.
10. Invalid use of a visitor space.
11. Parking an unregistered vehicle on College property.

Penalties for Violations of Regulations

Failure to observe traffic regulations will result in the imposition of penalties as follows:

1. Parking offenses will be assessed a fine starting at $20.00.
2. Handicapped, no parking, service vehicle, visitor parking and shipping and receiving areas are tow-away zones. In addition to the towing charge, a $25 fine will be imposed.
3. All fines must be paid within 30 days of issuance at the Welcome Center. Fines paid within 7 days will be discounted at 50%. After 30 days fines will be forwarded to the Bursars Office for collection. Students Accounts will be placed on hold until fines are paid.
4. Students who accumulate 3 unpaid tickets in a 30 day period are subject to the placement of a wheel immobilizer (Boot) being placed on their vehicle on the 3rd offense.
5. Penalties for violations committed with a vehicle will be charged against the registered owner of the vehicle unless another person is clearly identified as the operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation.
Violation Appeals

Tickets issued for parking and moving violations may be appealed within 7 days of the date issued. The parking and moving violation appeal form is available online and at the Welcome Center. The appealing party is notified of the outcome of their appeal by e-mail.

Parking Over Winter Break and Closings

Persons needing to leave vehicles parked on campus during Winter Break or Closings must contact Public Safety to be directed where to park the vehicle. In the event of a storm, cars not parked in areas designated by Public Safety may be towed at the owner’s expense.