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U-Pass

U-Pass Pilot Program

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Winter 2010 U-Pass stickers are now available - eligible students at U of A and MacEwan can obtain information detailing where and when to pick up the Winter 2010 U-Pass stickers (valid from January 1st to April 30th, 2010) at www.ualberta.ca/u-pass and www.macewan.ca/upass.

Please note, Fall 2009 U-Pass stickers are not valid for travel after December 31st, 2009.

What is U-Pass?

The Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) program is a three-year pilot project giving eligible students unlimited access to regular Edmonton, St. Albert Transit and Strathcona County Transit services* for fall (September – December) and winter (January – April) academic terms.

The program includes U of A undergraduate and graduate students and full-time MacEwan students.

**This does not include charter, special event or contracted services provided by ETS, St. Albert Transit or Strathcona County Transit to outlying communities.*

How much does it cost?

For the 2009-10 Academic Year, the U-Pass fee is \$97.43 per student per term for MacEwan students. U of A Administration are subsidizing one sixth of the total U-Pass price, so the final U-Pass cost to U of A students is \$81.19 per student per term.

How was U-Pass initiated?

After receiving presentations from student representatives, municipal Councils in St. Albert, Edmonton and Strathcona County approved a three-year U-Pass pilot at a subsidized price. Students at MacEwan and U of A voted in favour of the U-Pass program during referenda activities in early 2007. At that time, NAIT Students Association opted to take a 'wait and see' approach, based on survey results indicating lower levels of support for implementing U-Pass at NAIT.

What will happen at the end of the pilot program?

The three municipal Councils have all approved a three year U-Pass program from 2010 to 2013, priced at \$110 in 2010/11, \$125 in 2011/12 and \$140 in 2012/13. Discussions are continuing with current stakeholders and other interested parties, prior to student referendum activities in early 2010.

More information on U-Pass:

For further background information on U-Pass please visit the ETS website at www.takeets.com