

Prerequisites for Operating University Vehicles

Environmental Health & Safety is responsible for providing the Driver Orientation Program for students who want to drive University vehicles. It is also responsible for providing a behind-the-wheel road evaluation for omni buses. This department maintains copies of all student driver documents and conducts a motor vehicle record (MVR) search on all student drivers.

Driver Qualifications and Training

A. University driver requirements:

- All drivers must be at least 19 years of age and possess a valid state issued driver's license in effect for a minimum of two years.
- Only drivers 21 years of age and older can drive a University omni bus.
- International driver's licenses are not acceptable.
- First year students are not permitted to drive University vehicles under any circumstances.

B. Bucknell Student Driver Orientation Program: Student drivers must successfully complete the Driver Orientation Program.

C. Special Evaluation for University Omni Bus Drivers: Any student who wishes to drive an omni bus must pass a behind-the-wheel evaluation with an approved instructor. This evaluation is in addition to the Driver Orientation Program.

D. Driver History

- Before a student is granted driving privileges, the University's Department of Environmental Health & Safety, must review and approve the student's MVR (motor vehicle record). To obtain this MVR, students pay their state MVR fee plus a \$7 processing fee. The Department of Environmental Health & Safety reviews student driver MVRs on an annual basis. Students must pay their state MVR fee plus the processing fee annually for MVR recertification.

E. Driver Disqualification

- For students, the following misconduct will disqualify the student from driving a University vehicle or result in termination of University driving privileges:
 - Citation at any time for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI), refusing a substance test, reckless driving, driving while license already suspended or revoked, driving more than 31 mph over the posted speed limit or other serious driver misconduct.
 - Loss of state driving privileges in the last three years.
 - Two or more at-fault accidents in the last three years.
 - Citation for two or more moving violations in the last three years.

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