



# U-PASS

**STUDENT VOTE**  
FEBRUARY 26-28, 2019

## WHERE CAN I GO WITH A U-PASS?

A U-Pass will take you wherever the bus goes. In addition to the [existing Metrobus routes](#), students availing of the U-Pass would benefit from a number of [enhanced routes](#) including campus shuttle services and potential park and ride lots in Paradise, Mount Pearl and Torbay.

## DO I LIVE IN A U-PASS SERVICE AREA?

The U-Pass service area includes any area within 1 kilometer of a bus stop or within a direct route of a proposed U-Pass park and ride lot. The U-Pass park and ride lots are identified as the Jack Byrne Arena (Torbay), the Mount Pearl Glacier and the Paradise Double Ice Complex.



[Learn more about the proposed U-Pass service enhancements here.](#)

## BACKGROUND

The proposed Memorial University Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) is a discounted bus pass that would give eligible students unlimited access to all bus routes in a given semester, with expanded and enhanced service (i.e. more frequent runs on current routes and new routes). The program would be offered to all full-time Memorial University undergraduate and graduate students registered at the St. John's campus, Centre for Nursing Studies and Marine Institute.

In order to offer a discounted pass, the U-Pass program relies on a high number of participants and as such, all eligible full-time students would participate, unless they qualify for an [opt-out](#). All revenue collected from the U-Pass fee goes directly toward supporting the U-Pass program and service improvements.

## PROPOSAL

Memorial University will hold a student vote to determine the level of support for the creation of a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass). The U-Pass would require a student fee of \$139.00 per semester (fall and winter) and \$110.00 per semester (spring, intersession, summer or Marine Institute technical session) beginning in September 2020. The U-Pass would give students unlimited access to enhanced Metrobus services.

## VOTING

- WHO:** All full-time Memorial University undergraduate and graduate students registered at the time of voting at the St. John's campus, Centre for Nursing Studies and Marine Institute are eligible to vote.
- WHEN:** Eligible students can vote from 7:00 a.m. (NST), February 26, 2019 to 7:00 p.m. (NST), February 28, 2019.
- HOW:** Eligible students can vote online during the voting period through [my.mun.ca](#). Look for the box labelled "Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass)" under the "Students" tab.

*If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please email [u-pass@mun.ca](mailto:u-pass@mun.ca).*

## STUDENT VOTE QUESTION 2019

The Memorial University Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) would provide unlimited travel on enhanced Metrobus services, effective September 2020. The U-Pass would require a student fee of \$139.00 per semester (fall and winter) and \$110.00 per semester (spring, intersession, summer or Marine Institute technical session). The fee would be adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on September 1 of each year. Any other changes to the program would be administered by an advisory committee, with student representation.

All full-time Memorial University undergraduate and graduate students registered in a given semester at the St. John's campus, Centre for Nursing Studies or Marine Institute would be assessed the U-Pass fee.

Students may opt-out of the U-Pass program if they qualify for any of the following opt-out criteria in a given semester:

- Students reside outside of the Metrobus service area (1 kilometer from a bus stop) and do not live in direct route of a U-Pass park and ride lot.
- Students' academic program requires them to be away from campus for a total of 60 calendar days or more during the semester. Examples include, but are not limited to, study abroad, co-op work term, Marine Institute work term, internship, clinical placement or leave of absence.
- Students not registered for classes, studying, conducting research or using facilities on campus at any time during the semester.
- Students with a medical condition that prevents them from using Metrobus services (Metrobus or GoBus).
- Students change from full-time status prior to the semester U-Pass opt-out deadline.
- Students enrolled in the Postgraduate Medical Education program.
- Students that are unable to use a U-Pass due to exceptional circumstances\*.  
\*Case-by-case exceptional circumstances will be reviewed for potential opt-out or subsidized funding.

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Do you agree to the creation of a Memorial University Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass), which will require a student fee of \$139.00 per semester (fall and winter) and \$110.00 per semester (spring, intersession, summer or Marine Institute technical session), applicable to full-time Memorial University undergraduate and graduate students registered at the St. John's campus, Centre for Nursing Studies and Marine Institute?

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No