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**Phone it in: New parking service is just for students**

Sacramento State’s newly implemented PayByPhone mobile payment service means that students with smartphones no longer have to wait in line to buy machine-issued daily parking permits.

“It’s the easiest way to get to class on time,” says Gina Lombardo, director of transportation and parking administration for UTAPS (University Transportation & Parking Services.)

PayByPhone works on iPhone, Blackberry and Android devices. When students sign up online at [www.paybyphone.com](http://www.paybyphone.com) or by downloading the free phone app, they will supply their license plate and credit card numbers. Once on campus, they park in a student-only space, open the app, enter Sac State’s PayByPhone location number – 5115 – and their desired parking duration, either two hours or all day.

Students without a smartphone can use the service by calling PayByPhone’s toll-free number posted on the campus parking-permit machines.

“Say that a meeting is running late and you lose track of time, or you go to class and it runs over and you can’t get away,” says Lombardo. “You’ll get a text five minutes before your permit expires, and you can add time from your phone and avoid a $43 citation. It’s the coolest thing.”

Parking rates are identical to machine-issued permits: $3 for two hours or $6 for all day. PayByPhone administrator Verrus charges an additional 35-cent “convenience” fee for each transaction.

Members of the UTAPS “street team,” dressed in “Keep Calm” T-shirts, will be posted near the parking machines to answer students’ campus parking questions.

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