RENTING A CAR
International Student & Scholar Services

Things to know

Age
You must be at least 21 years old to rent a car. Usually if you are younger than 25, you will have to pay an extra fee of about $10. However, there are some companies that will not rent at all to individuals younger than 25.

Insurance:
To drive a car in Texas, you must have liability insurance. If you do not have this type of insurance, you will have to pay for it on a day-to-day basis. The average cost is $10-15 per day.

Cost
The price of rental cars varies greatly depending on the kind of vehicle. Companies charge per day, usually with unlimited mileage. Rates range from $30/day for a small economy car up to $90/day for a sports car or SUV.

Questions to ask

What are the late charges?
Rental car companies are strict about when the car is returned. You may be charged a penalty if you are late in returning your vehicle.

Where can I take the car?
Some companies will allow you to travel in only Texas, while some may allow you to go outside the state.

Is there unlimited mileage?
Sometimes the company may advertise unlimited mileage; however, there still would enforce a limit for and “unreasonable” distances. Check the terms and conditions of your contract.

Are there any discounts available?
Sometimes companies will offer discounts on certain cars or days

Rental car companies
The following companies are located at the Austin airport (to get to the airport, take the Airport Flyer bus from the corner of Dean Keeton St. and Speedway). These companies are open 7 days a week.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Open 6:30 a.m. – Midnight
(800) 257-1136
www.enterprise.com

Alamo Rent-A-Car
Open 6:00 a.m. – Midnight
(888) 826-6893
www.alamo.com

Advantage Rent-A-Car
Open 6:00 a.m. – Midnight
(512) 389-2633
www.advantage.com

Ace Rental Cars
Open 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
(512) 961-5277
www.acerentacar.com