

UMass Lowell Bike Shop - Do It Yourself Stand Time

We offer free do it yourself stand time during our open hours to UMass Lowell students, faculty and staff during our normal business hours. DIY stand time is a great way to gain hands on mechanical experience on your bike when you need it as well as save some money on repairs. Bike shop staff will help you perform an initial assessment and help you get oriented to the shop. Mechanics are present for occasional consultation and limited basic instruction. In the event that you need a bike shop mechanic to do the work or give you their attention though the entire repair we will charge the normal labor rate for that service. We are happy to teach and we also need to maintain a functional and efficient bike shop.

Ultimately by offering do it yourself stand time in the Bike Shop we hope to promote learning and foster a growing community of bicyclists at UMass Lowell.

DIY Stand Time Policies and Expectations

All participants must go through an initial shop orientation and sign in each time they use the shop.

All DIY work is done at your own risk.

All participants are strongly encouraged to register their bike.

DIY stand time is first come first served.

During busy times DIY stand time may not be available.

Give tool and workspace priority to bike shop staff.

Only use tools that are designated for public use.

If you took it out, put it back where it belongs, clean up after yourself and then some.

Work within your skillset

Work to expand your skillset – Mechanics and written materials are available for reference.

Ask for help before you break it.

If you break it, stop and ask for help.

Be prepared to accept feedback and learn.

Parts must be purchased before installation.

Overnight storage of bicycles is strongly discouraged.

Safety Precautions

Wear closed toed shoes only.

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment when applicable. Gloves, goggles and aprons are available.

Clean all debris and liquids left over from repairs

Use tools only for their intended purpose.

Report all accidents to the shop attendant immediately.

When in doubt, ask.