

## Starship Delivery Robots Take Over Angelo State Campus

New to Angelo State University's campus, food delivery robots are kicking off the year to a great start. The Starship robots, owned and managed by Starship Technologies, deliver to many places from Angelo State University all the way to Tallinn, Estonia. As the semester progresses, seeing the robots cross Johnson Street or roll along the sidewalks on campus might become a common occurrence.

The Starship Delivery Robots are able to deliver to many locations within an area set by the partnering organization. Here at ASU, the robots can reach the Junell Center Stephens Arena on the east side of campus, to the westernmost Centennial Village. Unfortunately, the robots are still in development and not capable of reaching every point on campus. For example, if one would want to deliver something to the Junell Center, the robot could only deliver to the nearest delivery location.

Starship robots can deliver to any address within your set location. On ASU's campus, the Starship robots deliver anywhere from the Junell Center Stephens Arena to the Centennial Village. Within this area, there are a number of drop-off locations that the robots will deliver to and orders can be received. Even though these locations are in the vicinity of the robot on the app there are only certain drop-off places where the robot can travel to.

Forms of payment include RamPoints, as well as Apple and Google Pay. There is a delivery fee of approximately \$2.50 on top of the cost of food itself. Places to order from include Roscoe's Den, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Paper Lantern, The Ranch Smokehouse, Tu Taco, Subway and Starbucks. Delivery time varies from 15 minutes to 35 minutes.

When ordering, customization of delivery includes music or characterized robots. The robots can play between five different songs while delivering. These songs include, "Cruel Summer" by Taylor Swift, "Fast Car" by Luke Combs, "What Was I Made For?" by Billie Eilish, "vampire" by Olivia Rodrigo and "Barbie World" by Nicki Minaj and Ice Spice. The characterized robots include the Classic Bot, the positive Sunshine, the laid-back Asher, and the British Harry, with a randomized option as well. The Classic Bot is the original robot designed by Starship Technologies while the others each have their own personalities.

To place an order, one must download the Starship app and follow the process through the app. This new technology around campus shows that Artificial Intelligence continues to make its way to college students. Helping students cut time from walking to the University Center for food, Starship robots could become the next big thing here at ASU.