Self-Guided Walking Tour
A Supplement to the Visitors Guide

Welcome to The University of Iowa!

This tour features select buildings on the east side of the Iowa River, where you will find most of the undergraduate classrooms. To visit the west campus, hop on a Cambus Red Route or Interdorm bus. This free University bus system stops at most posted locations about every 10 minutes (two to four times per hour on weekends and during summer and interim sessions).

As you explore campus, refer to this handout for information about each building’s history and use. Feel free to explore the public areas of any building that interests you.

PC • Pomerantz Center, 2005—This is home to the Admission Visitors Center, Academic Advising Center, and Pomerantz Career Center, which helps students assess career interests, prepare résumés, and locate jobs and internships.

BHC • Blank Honors Center, 2004—Home to the University of Iowa Honors Program, this close-knit community offers unique opportunities to participate in ambitious course work, faculty research, and social events. The building features classrooms, lounges, a computer lab, and quiet study rooms, and is connected to the Daum Honors House Living-Learning Community.

PBB • John Pappajohn Business Building, 1994—Named for a 1952 business alumnus and Des Moines–based entrepreneur, this building houses the Henry B. Tippie College of Business. It features multimedia-equipped classrooms, a computer lab, a two-story business library, and a cafe that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

CALH • Calvin Hall, 1884—This building, which originally stood south of Jefferson Street, was hoisted onto logs and rolled across the street to its current location in 1905 with no interruption to classes. The Offices of Admissions, Orientation Services, and Student Financial Aid are housed here, as are the Registrar’s Service Center, and the University Billing Office.

JH • Jessup Hall, 1924—One of the five buildings that make up the Pentacrest, Jessup houses the geography department and several University administrative offices, including the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, and those of the president, provost, and registrar.

MH • Macbride Auditorium, 1908—This building is home to Macbride Auditorium, the largest lecture hall on campus with 760 seats. (Don’t let the size of the auditorium mislead you—about 80 percent of undergraduate classes at Iowa have fewer than 30 students.) The Department of Anthropology and the Museum of Natural History also are located here.

OC • Old Capitol, 1846—Located at the heart of the Pentacrest, this former state capitol building was given to the University by state legislators when they moved Iowa’s capital from Iowa City to Des Moines in 1857. Check out the museum inside.
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**SC • Seams Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences, 1905**—This building is home to the College of Engineering, which offers courses in biomedical, industrial, mechanical, chemical and biochemical, electrical and computer, and civil and environmental engineering.

**MLH • MacLean Hall, 1912**—This is home to the mathematics and computer science departments and a math tutorial lab where students can get help with their homework.

**LIB • Main Library, 1951**—The Main Library, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, and five branch libraries make up the largest library system in the country. With plenty of room to study, the Main Library is open until 2 a.m. every day except Friday and Saturday during the academic year.

**CRWC • Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, 2010**—Open to students and members, the 20,000-square-foot facility features competition and leisure pools, a lazy river, a climbing wall, gyms, and wellness programs.

**West Overlook/The Pentacrest**—The steps west of Old Capitol provide an excellent panorama of the west campus. The Colleges of Law, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Public Health, and the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine are across the Iowa River, along with UI Hospitals and Clinics. You’ll also find four residence halls, Kinnick Stadium, and Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Hop on a free Cambus for a closer look.

**IMU • Iowa Memorial Union, 1925**—The IMU is home to the Office of Student Life, the Campus Information Center, University Box Office, Hills Bank, Iowa House Hotel, a student-run cinema (the Bijou), and many student organizations (Iowa has nearly 500). You’ll also find computer labs and several places to eat and study.

**Iowa River/IMU footbridge**—At the west end of the bridge, you’ll find Iowa’s fine arts campus, which includes the award-winning Art Building West and the Theatre Building. Due to the 2008 flood, the School of Art and Art History is temporarily divided between Art Building West and the Studio Arts building in southwest Iowa City.

One-hour tours led by current University of Iowa students are offered weekdays. They leave from the Admission Visitors Center reception area, which is located in room C110 on the first floor of the Pomerantz Center. Please call us at 319-335-1566.

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**Thanks for visiting the University of Iowa.**

Check out your Visitors Guide for other Iowa City sights!