Welcome to the University at Buffalo!

On your self-guided walking tour of the North Campus, we invite you to visit the innovative facilities that demonstrate why UB is one of the nation’s top 40 public universities.

UB’s long and rich history dates back to 1846 when it was founded as a medical school. Now the largest and most comprehensive campus in the State University of New York system, the University at Buffalo is a flagship public research institution that is globally recognized for its high-caliber graduates and academics.

Bright scholars come to UB from all over the world. They excel in our classrooms, labs and studios, and out in the field, where their talents have built our reputation for excellence. UB’s national presence as a premier research university has earned us a spot in the Association of American Universities (AAU). UB is one of just 62 institutions with this distinction, which recognizes universities that lead the way in education, research and discovery.

A degree from UB commands respect and opens doors. And with manageable costs, hundreds of millions of dollars in merit and aid, and our signature Finish in 4 program, UB will provide you with an excellent education at an unmatched value.

And Buffalo, the city we’re proud to call home, has been named one of the best cities in which to attend college. Affordable living, a vibrant arts and music scene and food that certainly gets us noticed guarantee you’ll be proud to call Buffalo home, too.

Did you know?

Most of the primary academic buildings and common spaces on North Campus are connected by hallways, enclosed bridges or tunnels, which means you can get around campus without going outside. (A huge plus during the winter!)
Begin.

1 ➔ CAPEN HALL. Your starting point is Capen Hall, a main campus thoroughfare and home to important North Campus destinations. They include 1Capen, a centralized home for essential student services like Financial Aid and the registrar; the Oscar A. Silverman Library, a popular study spot with group conference rooms, video editing studios and a Whisper’s Café; and the Buffalo Room, a meeting space for formal gatherings. Also inside Capen are the University Honors College, Capen Café, administrative offices and more.

Pardon our dust!

As you navigate through Capen Hall, you’ll see construction underway for the One World Café, a state-of-the-art international eatery. This transformative initiative will create a food market atmosphere and community space where students, faculty, staff and visitors can enjoy a diverse selection of foods from around the world in a welcoming environment.

2 ➔ TALBERT HALL. Make a right at 1Capen, then make a left to take the long hallway to Talbert Hall. You’ll pass offices for experiential learning and scholarship support, and Accessibility Resources. On the floors above, you’ll find classrooms, Study Abroad Programs and the International Student and Scholar Services office. To get to your next destination, make a right and continue through the doors at the end of the hallway. Take the spiral staircase to the first floor.

3 ➔ NATURAL SCIENCES COMPLEX. You are now in the Natural Sciences Complex (NSC), which houses lecture halls, labs and classrooms. Straight ahead is the lab section, which has more than 125 active laboratories. If you are curious what real, college-level research looks like, head toward the labs and peek through the windows to see. To your right is FRONCZAK HALL, which has 500 lab stations, a research library and facilities in support of our physics and economics programs. Go ahead and explore the formula-filled chalkboards and physics equipment that line Fronczak’s hallways. Return to the NSC to continue on your tour.

4 ➔ COOKE AND HOCHSTETTER. Once you’re outside, look to your right to see the twin structures that house the biology and geological sciences departments. There’s even an undersea reef research lab inside! But for now, your tour stays outside. Walk straight toward the main section of campus, going by Talbert, Capen and the Flint Loop. This is where students catch the UB Stampede bus to residence halls, South Campus and more. (Rides are free with your UB Card.)

5 ➔ O’BRIAN HALL. Straight ahead is O’Brien Hall, which is home to UB’s School of Law. Inside, the Charles B. Sears Law Library is a popular silent study destination. It contains the Morris Cohen Book Collection, the Seneca Land Records and the Watergate Collection. When you approach the building, head right to proceed down Putnam Way.

6 ➔ PARK HALL. On your right is Park Hall, which houses several College of Arts and Sciences departments, research labs and classrooms.

7 ➔ BALDY HALL. Just past O’Brien is Baldy, centrally located on the academic spine and home to the Graduate School of Education and the School of Social Work, plus parts of the College of Arts and Sciences.

8 ➔ THE JACOBS MANAGEMENT CENTER AND THE ALFIERO CENTER. On your right, just past Park, are the buildings that are home to UB’s globally recognized School of Management. Together, Alfiero and Jacobs feature high-tech lecture halls, offices for student organizations, multiple breakout rooms, computer and specialty labs, and five conference rooms. The Tim Horton’s on the ground floor is a popular destination for students needing to refuel between classes and long study sessions.

9 ➔ LOCKWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY. Next to Baldy is Lockwood, UB’s premier research library in the social sciences and humanities. To get to the library, enter through the glass entryway near Baldy and make a left at the top of the stairs. Lockwood has one of the finest collections of books, periodicals and government documents in New York State, including the Government Documents Collection and the East Asian Collection.
1. Capen Café, Whisper’s Café
2. New York Deli & Diner (kosher); Bert’s
3. Mrs. Rich’s Corner Café
4. Tim Hortons
5. Center for the Arts Café
6. The Commons: Bollywood Bistro; Chick-Mex Grill; Dancing Chopsticks; Korean Express; Kung Fu Tea; La Rosa Pizzeria and Peppino’s Burritos; Poke Factory; Rachel’s Mediterranean; Starbucks; Subway; Young Chow
7. Jamba Juice; Moe’s Southwest Grill; Soma Sushi; Pistachio’s; Putnam’s; the Tiffin Room; Tim Hortons

Just a few dining options

11. CLEMENS HALL. Back past the stairs, you’ll find the bridge to 10-story Clemens, housing UB’s English department and other humanities departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. It’s named for Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), who lived and worked in Buffalo from 1869 to 1871.

12. BAIRD HALL. Turn right in Clemens and take a left at the end of the hall to cross the bridge to Baird Hall, one of UB’s two music buildings. Baird has classrooms, faculty offices, two rehearsal halls, 64 practice rooms, a modern recital hall and a music library.

13. SLEE HALL. Walk down the first hallway in Baird and take a left. Cross the next bridge and either go down the stairs or take the elevator (which can fit a piano) to visit Slee Hall. Slee is home to UB’s Department of Music, rehearsal rooms, a recording studio and the Lejaren Hiller Computer Music Studios. The Lippes Concert Hall inside Slee houses a beautiful custom-made C.B. Fisk pipe organ.

14. ALUMNI ARENA. Continue through Slee and out the front doors by the box office. Walk toward Alumni Arena. (Stop and take a selfie with our bronze buffalo along the way!) Alumni Arena has a 6,100-seat gym for basketball, wrestling and volleyball, circled by a 200-meter track. The gym is also used for commencement and special guest lectures. Other arena facilities include an Olympic-size pool, a fitness center, squash and racquetball courts, and more, all free to students. Behind Alumni Arena is UB Stadium, where the UB Bulls D-I football team plays. Right next to it is the Murchie Family Fieldhouse, a brand-new practice, training and event facility.

15. CENTER FOR THE ARTS (CFA). From the front doors of the arena you’ll see your next stop: the Center for the Arts (theatre and dance; art; media study). The CFA is a major cultural and artistic hub for the Buffalo region. Its has multiple theaters, video production and sound studios, the UB Art Gallery and dance/performance studios. Feel free to step inside, then head back through the front doors to continue your tour.

16. LAKE LASALLE AND BAIRD POINT. Continue straight to go back to the main part of campus. Across the lawn, you’ll see Lake LaSalle and Baird Point, a Greek-style amphitheater where events like Spring Fest and Fall Fest are held. Its marble columns were once part of the old Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Buffalo and were dedicated here as a memorial to veterans. Across the lake is the Ellicott Residence Complex, where most UB undergraduates live. It’s a short walk or drive from the academic spine. If you would like to see a residence hall while you’re here, flip to the last page for information on setting up a tour.

17. UB COMMONS. At the end of the walkway, make a right. Walk straight to visit the UB Commons, a popular destination with stores, eateries, offices and an outdoor garden and fountain. Check out all the dining options found here in our map legend.

18. UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE. At the far end of the Commons courtyard is the University Bookstore, where you can buy all of your books and supplies while stocking up on True Blue merchandise. It even has a post office!

19. STUDENT UNION. After you’ve seen the Commons, head across the street toward the Student Union. It’s got a movie theater, student club offices, the student newspaper, the Veteran Services lounge, Putnam’s food court, the Tiffin Room table-service restaurant and much more.
BELL (20), FURNAS (21) AND JARVIS (22) HALLS. Once you’ve explored the union, go back outside and take a left to walk toward UB’s engineering buildings. Inside, students, faculty and researchers of UB’s many engineering programs are hard at work. UB’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences offers undergraduate and graduate programs and is one of UB’s largest schools.

DAVIS HALL. Beside Furnas is Davis Hall, a $75 million state-of-the-art classroom and laboratory building for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences — and especially the Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Davis Hall features a clean room, a smart room, a cybertorium and more. The building has received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold certification. The Center of Excellence in Document Analysis and Recognition (CEDAR) and the Center for Unified Biometrics and Sensors (CUBS) are also located in Davis. Davis Hall was named in honor of Jack and Barbara Davis, recognizing their leadership gift toward the building.

KETTER HALL. Next is Ketter Hall, housing one of only 11 earthquake simulators in the world — part of MCEER, the Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research. Ketter is also home to UB’s renowned Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

Thank you for visiting North Campus! If you’d like to take a self-guided walking tour of the South Campus, stop by 12 Capen to get driving directions and the tour brochure.

Thinking about living on campus? Many first-year students live in the Ellicott Complex. Ellicott is open for tours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Campus Living at 716-645-2171 to schedule a tour while you’re here. Other housing options include the Governors Complex (general and specialty housing), William R. Greiner Hall (our newest residence hall that is reserved for second-year students), and apartment-style housing.

While you’re in Ellicott, be sure to check out the Crossroads Culinary Center (C3), our newest and very popular dining hall, featuring freshly prepared foods that include pho, Brazilian barbecue, wok and vegetarian.

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