Welcome to the University at Buffalo! This self-guided walking tour of the South Campus will give you a glimpse of all the things that inspire talented UB students every day.

UB’s long and rich history dates back to 1846 when it was founded as a medical school. Now one of the nation’s top 40 public institutions, the University at Buffalo is globally recognized for its high-caliber graduates and academics.

UB attracts bright scholars from all over the country and around the world, who are drawn here to learn, teach and discover. We are one of just 62 institutions in the Association of American Universities (AAU), a distinguished group that leads the way in education and research. Our students and faculty showcase their exceptional talent in our classrooms, labs, and studios and out in the field. Their accomplishments have built UB’s reputation for excellence and their successes continue to drive our university forward.

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 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 live in the City of Good Neighbors, too.

The South Campus is a Buffalo landmark known for its classic, ivy-covered buildings and its long history. Now home to the schools of Architecture and Planning, Dental Medicine, Public Health and Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the 154-acre campus sits on the former site of the Erie County Almshouse and Poor Farm. Several of the almshouse buildings were retained and remodeled, and many of the other buildings were designed in the early 20th century by renowned architect E.B. Green.

The campus is located in the City of Buffalo in a beautiful residential city neighborhood filled with popular restaurants and shops. And with its own subway station, the South Campus is students’ gateway to downtown Buffalo.
To begin your tour, head toward the central part of campus. When you reach the main walkways beside the bus loop, you’ll be looking at the back of FOSTER HALL. This is your starting point. Built in 1921, Foster Hall was named after Orrin Foster, a manufacturer of medicines and member of the University Council, who gifted $400,000 toward its construction. Today, Foster Hall is used for nonclinical functions of the School of Dental Medicine and postgraduate dental programs. Inside, there are faculty labs, offices and seminar rooms.

CROSBY HALL. Follow the path to your right until you reach Crosby Hall. Crosby was the first permanent home of the School of Business Administration. Named for William H. Crosby, a bicycle frame manufacturer and onetime university treasurer, today it houses studio space for UB’s School of Architecture and Planning.

HAYES HALL. Continue walking right until you reach the iconic Hayes Hall (although you may hear its bells first). Hayes Hall was originally UB’s administrative building, and was fitted with its neoclassical facade, roof and clock tower in 1926. The clock and the Westminster chime were the gift of Kate Robinson Butler, wife of Edward Butler, the longtime president of the Buffalo Evening News. Today, Hayes Hall is home to the School of Architecture and Planning. Be sure to get a picture. You won’t be alone – this neighborhood landmark, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2016, is probably UB’s most photographed building.

WENDE HALL. Go past Hayes and turn left at the next stone building you see. This is Wende Hall, home to the School of Nursing. Wende Hall was the original maternity ward of the Erie County Almshouse. A portion of the
building you see in front of you dates back to 1885. Now, Wende Hall provides the latest in 21st century nursing education facilities, including state-of-the-art classrooms, instructional laboratories and research space.

5 Make a right to wrap around Wende Hall, then head straight. Directly in front of you is PARKER HALL, which opened in 1946. Today, it’s home to programs for the School of Social Work, the Graduate School of Education (NYGEAR UP; Center on Rehabilitation Synergy), the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (Department of Nuclear Medicine), and the School of Architecture and Planning (Fabrication Workshop; Sustainable Manufacturing and Advanced Robotic Technologies (SMART)).

6 PHARMACY BUILDING. Ahead on your right you’ll see the Pharmacy Building, the cutting-edge home for the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. It’s filled with research labs, comfortable lounges, computer labs, office space and much more.

7 CLARK HALL. Once you’ve seen the Pharmacy Building, turn around and take the path heading toward the central part of campus. Across the lawn to your right you’ll see Clark Hall, which has recreational facilities, a pool, and a gym that students, faculty and staff can use. Surrounding Clark Hall are fields for field hockey, soccer and lacrosse.

8 DIEFENDORF HALL will be straight ahead of you. The building was one of the first structures to open after UB joined the State University of New York system in 1962. Inside, Diefendorf provides centralized access to essential student services. Diefendorf Hall is also home to the Center for Educational Innovation, the College of Art and Sciences’ Center for Children and Families, and many classrooms.

9 Walk straight until you reach ABBOTT HALL (on your left). Head inside to see the Health Sciences and Architecture & Planning libraries, open study spaces and a Whisper’s Café. Abbott opened in 1935 and was renamed in 1977 in honor of Charles Abbott, a UB Libraries director, prolific book collector and founder of the UB Poetry Collection. Modeled after the Villa Rotunda in Northern Italy, Abbott is considered one of the most well-designed buildings at UB.

10 Leave Abbott and go into HARRIMAN HALL through the center doors. Harriman Hall provides space for student activities, the Office of Student Life and the Office of University Advancement, and has a ballroom and a café. Harriman is a dining destination on South Campus, with plenty of food options for hungry students.

11 Inside Harriman, take a right toward the stairs and then exit out the back of the building. Walk toward the HEALTH SCIENCES COMPLEX: Cary-Farber-Sherman (11-12-13), the Biomedical Education Building (14) and the Biomedical Research Building (15). These interconnected buildings house UB’s health science schools, like the School of Public Health and Health Professions and space for the undergraduate operations of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. The School of Dental Medicine and College of Arts and Sciences also have operations here. The Health Sciences Complex contains all the labs, equipment and teaching and research spaces that enable cutting-edge research and a rich exchange of ideas.

**Medicine moves downtown.**

South Campus was the longtime home of the university’s medical school until 2017, when the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences moved to UB’s Downtown Campus. While classes, offices and advising for undergraduate students in the medical school still reside on South Campus, UB now has a prominent footprint right in the heart of our city. Other UB entities are located on or near this lively hub of clinical care, research and educational institutions. They include the New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, the Clinical and Research Institute on Addictions, and the Clinical and Translational Research Center.

This way
Bear left past the Biomedical Education Building and walk to the front of SQUIRE HALL, your final stop. Squire Hall is home to the School of Dental Medicine. UB’s public dental clinics offer low-cost care to both university and community members. The school has 400 dental chairs, as well as student laboratories and faculty and administrative offices. It also houses a museum collection of antique dental tools and dental equipment.

You are now at the end of the walking tour, but there are additional South Campus buildings to note. Across Hayes Road, you’ll see KIMBALL TOWER (17). This building houses the School of Public Health and Health Professions, which includes UB’s physical therapy, exercise and nutrition sciences, and occupational therapy programs.

GOODYEAR HALL (18) and CLEMENT HALL (19) provide housing on South Campus. Goodyear is a 10-story residence hall with all the comforts of campus living: lounges on each floor, kitchenettes, laundry facilities, recreational areas and the Main Street Market Dining Center. Clement has lounges, recreational space and study facilities for students to enjoy. Both halls offer two-person rooms and suite-style arrangements.

Before you leave South Campus, spend a few moments enjoying the Harriman Quad. Surrounded by old stone buildings and equipped with benches and walkways, the quad is a peaceful destination for students and visitors passing through campus.

WE HOPE YOU’VE ENJOYED YOUR TOUR OF SOUTH CAMPUS. THANK YOU FOR VISITING!

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Directions to South Campus
BY CAR: Exit UB’s North Campus at Flint Road. Take Flint across Maple Road and make a right onto Millersport Highway (Rt. 263). Take Millersport to Bailey Avenue (Rt. 62) and make a left. Take Bailey to Main Street (Rt. 5) and make a right. UB’s South Campus will be on your left. Turn left at the light near the rail station, just before Wendy’s. Follow signs for visitor parking.

A NOTE ABOUT THE STAMPEDE: Students can ride the UB Stampede intercampus shuttle for free with their UB card. It takes about 10 minutes to travel between the North and South campuses.