

SELF GUIDED CAMPUS WALKING TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Penn's campus contains all of the academic, cultural, recreational, social, and personal support resources necessary to provide an enriching and challenging experience for our diverse graduate and professional students. This walking tour will highlight some of these resources, so you can get a feel for what will be available to you as a Penn student.

START: Graduate Student Center (3615 Locust Walk)

With its green lawns and landmark architecture, our beautiful West Philadelphia campus houses all of Penn's activities, from student life, athletics, and academics to research, scholarship, and cultural life. All of Penn's 12 graduate and professional schools (Annenberg School for Communication, Graduate School of Education, Law School, School of Arts and Sciences, School of Dental Medicine, School of Design, School of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Social Work, School of Veterinary Medicine, and Wharton School) are located within walking distance of one another. This geographical unity, unique among the Ivy League schools, supports and fosters Penn's interdisciplinary approach to education, scholarship, and research.

On this self-guided tour, you will see these places as well as many other important buildings on campus! Let's get started!

Locust Walk (the walkway that you are standing on) is Penn's main pedestrian thoroughfare. Formerly an actual street open to motorists, Locust Walk extends from 34th Street to 40th Street. The SEPTA trolley along Woodland Avenue also once cut diagonally through campus above ground. As you might imagine, this posed a logistical nightmare with motorists and pedestrians on Locust Walk and the trolley running straight through it all, so authorities eventually created an underground line for the trolley. Remnants of the original trolley are visible in the triangular shape of buildings such as the undergraduate Quad and Stouffer Commons.

Due to the growing number of students, Locust Walk was closed to vehicles, and recent campus development has brought the buildings most frequented by students closer to this central walkway. You can see the street lamps where the original Locust Walk used to be inside the Steinberg-Dietrich building (directly across from the Graduate Student Center). Steiny-D, as students call it, is a Wharton building and contains one of the original NY Stock Exchange trading booths.

STOP: THE GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

The Graduate Student Center is a home to all Penn graduate and professional students. It has a lounge area, as well as quiet study rooms and a small computer lab. The Graduate Student Center offers many programs ranging from personal development, TA and PhD support programs, language chats, arts & recreational outings, mentoring opportunities, and

intercultural events. These activities are great ways to network and meet people outside of your own program.

The Graduate Student Center is also the home of Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA), the main student government group for graduate and professional students. Last, but not least, the Graduate Student Center provides tea and coffee all day, every day, FREE to those who bring their own mug! (Paper cups are \$1).

CONTINUE EAST ALONG LOCUST WALK.

STOP: The ARCH Building (3601 LOCUST WALK)

The ARCH (Arts, Research & Community House) is the home of **PAACH** (Pan-Asian American Community House), **MAKUU** (the Black Cultural Center), **La Casa Latina**, and the **Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowship** (CURF). CURF administers a number of graduate fellowships and funding opportunities. The ARCH also houses Tortas Fronter, a fabulous Mexican cafe from Chef Rick Bayless

CONTINUE EAST ALONG LOCUST WALK

STOP: African-American Resource Center (3537 LOCUST WALK)

The African-American Resource Center (AARC) serves to enhance the quality of life for students, staff and faculty at Penn, with a particular focus on those of African descent. The services of AARC include advocacy, information and referral, workshops, support groups, consultation, counseling, and events to promote dialogue on race and diversity issues.

CONTINUE EAST ALONG LOCUST WALK

STOP: THE SPLIT BUTTON IN FRONT OF VAN PELT LIBRARY

Van Pelt Library is Penn's main library. The University also has 14 other libraries within its system, containing more than 6 million volumes as well as borrowing agreements with other colleges and universities.

The area you are standing in is known as **College Green**. This popular open air space is completely wireless, making it a great place to relax and study outside in good weather.

Famed sculptor Claes Oldenberg crafted the Split Button in 1981. Legend has it that Benjamin Franklin decided to build Penn on its current campus when his button popped off in this very location. Oldenberg noticed that the statue of Benjamin Franklin in front of College Hall looks as if it might soon lose a button, and designed the current button to split as it popped off of Franklin's vest and landed in front of the library.

CONTINUE EAST ALONG LOCUST WALK

STOP: FISHER FINE ARTS LIBRARY

Designed by famed architect Frank Furness, the library's design is a product of the industrial revolution era, when architects endeavored to mesh form and function. Furness designed the whole building in "library stacks", so even the plumbing is arranged so that the bathrooms are stacked on each floor. The exterior references Furness's love for factories and railroads and is

composed of different materials – terra cotta, sandstone, and brick – to create diversity and texture in monotone red theme.

The beautiful main Reading Room of the library was included in the 1993 film “Philadelphia” starring Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. The building also houses the **Arthur Ross Gallery**.

TURN RIGHT AND CONTINUE SOUTH around College Hall

STOP: WYNN COMMONS / PERELMAN QUADRANGLE

Wynn Commons is the open area formed by the boundaries of Irvine Auditorium, Houston Hall, Williams Hall, Claudia Cohen Hall, and College Hall. Together, the buildings make up **Perelman Quadrangle**. Both Steven Wynn (president and CEO of Mirage Resorts, Inc) and Ron Perelman (CEO, Revlon) are Penn alumni.

Houston Hall is the oldest Student Union in the United States. It holds the Office of Student Life, Penn Student Agencies, a food court, meeting rooms, and vending machines dispensing Amtrak tickets and SEPTA tokens. Houston Hall is also home to the **Office of the Chaplain**, the center of religious life initiatives at Penn.

Irvine Auditorium is a great performance space where the undergraduate Social Planning and Events Committee brings an array of public figures to address Penn’s community each year. Past years have included the following speakers: Benjamin Netanyahu, Conan O’Brien, Christopher Reeves, Arthur Miller, and Queen Noor of Jordan. It also houses one of the largest pipe organs in the country, the Curtis Organ, which was built in 1926.

College Hall is the first building on Penn’s campus, completed in 1873. It houses many of the top administrative offices of the University, including the offices of the President, Provost, and Secretary, as well as the Dean of the School Arts and Sciences (SAS). As the oldest building, it has many of the oldest Ivy stones embedded into its walls. Each Ivy stone represents that year’s graduating undergraduate class. Themes can be seen, e.g., a war plane is depicted on the 1944 Ivy Stone.

Claudia Cohen Hall was the University’s original Medical School. This site served as the setting in the acclaimed Thomas Eakins painting depicting Dr. Agnew of the University of Pennsylvania performing a surgery for his medical students. After burning down a number of times, the Medical School moved to its current location along Spruce. Claudia Cohen Hall now houses many School of Arts and Sciences departments including Philosophy and Folklore.

Williams Hall houses many of the language departments on campus, as well as Williams Café and the quiet, glass-walled Silfen Student Study Center.

WALK SOUTH THROUGH HOUSTON HALL TO SPRUCE STREET

STOP: ON STEPS

Towards your left down Spruce Street are the Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, Franklin Field, the Palestra. Across the street is one section of the University Hospital.

The **University Museum of Archeology and Anthropology** is free for all students with Penn ID and houses many interesting collections, including feature materials from ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Bible Lands, Mesoamerica, Asia and the ancient Mediterranean World, as well as artifacts from native peoples of the Americas, Africa and Polynesia. We even have mummies!

Franklin Field and the **Palestra** are the homes of Penn's Quakers! Franklin Field is the oldest collegiate football field still in use and the country's first double-decked college stadium, designed in the style of a Roman coliseum. The Palestra hosts Penn men's and women's basketball games, volleyball and wrestling matches.

The **Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania** (HUP) is home to Penn's Perelman School of Medicine.

TURN EAST (RIGHT) AND WALK UP SPRUCE STREET

STOP: STAND ACROSS THE STREET FROM QUAD GATES AT 37TH AND SPRUCE

Along Spruce Street you will see many Food Trucks. These are all great, cheap, and fast ways to get lunch.

Across the street you can see the gates to the beautiful **Quad**, where many undergraduates live. Graduate and professional students can apply to be Graduate Associates in on-campus College Houses, where you get free room and board throughout the year.

To the right of the Quad is the **Weingarten Learning Resource Center** in Stouffer Commons (3rd floor). Weingarten is great if you need someone to help edit your papers. The Center also offers support in learning to read critically and study effectively. Most of the services offered by the LRC are customized for your own individual needs, but they also offer group workshops on a variety of issues.

Student Disability Services is also located within the Learning Resource Center. They provide comprehensive academic support, including learning strategies that complement accommodations, academic adjustments, and the use of auxiliary aids.

TURN (RIGHT) AND WALK NORTH ON THE 37TH STREET WALKWAY BACK INTO CAMPUS.

STOP: PENN'S WOMEN CENTER (3643 LOCUST WALK)

Ahead you will see Penn's Women's Center for all women on Penn's campus. Its services range from support groups to educational programming, policy development and implementation, and networking.

TURN WEST (LEFT) ONTO LOCUST WALK

STOP: MCNEIL BUILDING (3718 Locust Walk)

The McNeil building is the home of **Career Services**, which offers a career library, counselors assigned to each school, resume files, references, and on-campus interviews. Career services also offers workshops on various career issues specifically for graduate students.

PROCEED WEST ON LOCUST WALK ONTO THE 38TH STREET BRIDGE

STOP: TOP OF BRIDGE

From this perch, you can see many different buildings stretching from 38th Street to 40th Street. Among those buildings are the:

At the foot of the bridge is **Kelly Writers House** (3805 Locust Walk), which organizes readings, workshops, and a home for the campus' literary community.

The **Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center**, located at 39th and Spruce Street, offers programs throughout the year to increase awareness of LGBT issues.

The **Civic House** (3914 Locust Walk) is the central office for Penn students' community service activities. The office provides support to both student and community organizations and coordinates programs aimed toward heightening awareness of and participation in public service and community involvement.

Hillel, the center of Jewish life at Penn, is located in its beautiful home on 39th Street, and offers a kosher dining hall as well as services, programs, and activities.

The **Catholic Newman Center** is located at 3720 Chestnut Street.

The **Christian Association** is located at 37th & Chestnut.

International House (3701 Chestnut Street) is located one block north on Chestnut Street. It is the home of the **International Student & Scholar Services**, and is also a residence hall for anyone interested in international issues.

Greenfield Intercultural Center (3708 Chestnut Street) is also to the north. This Center serves the needs of Penn's student of color communities and promotes understanding and interaction between students of all backgrounds at Penn.

RETURN DOWN THE BRIDGE BACK TO 37TH AND LOCUST WALK. TURN NORTH (LEFT) TO WALNUT STREET

STOP: POTTRUCK FITNESS CENTER (3701 WALNUT STREET)

The Pottruck Fitness Center is one of two on-campus fitness centers, boasting 19,000 square feet of fitness space, an Olympic-size pool and co-ed sauna, basketball courts, climbing wall, golf simulator, Energy Zone juice bar, dance and group exercise studios, a fully-equipped Pilates studio, and the Department of Recreation Membership/Business Services Office. Membership for graduate students is \$336 for the 2014-14 academic year.

WALK DOWN WALNUT STREET TOWARDS 36TH STREET

If you walk down Walnut Street you will discover many more of Penn's attractions.

The **Annenberg Center** at 3680 Walnut Street is Penn's professional performing arts venue. Annenberg presents classical, world and jazz music performances; contemporary dance series; national touring theatrical productions; and the Philadelphia International Children's Festival. Special discounts are available to Penn students.

The **Penn Bookstore**, located at 36th and Walnut Street, provides students with ample resources, a coffee shop, and Penn merchandise. The Bookstore is a partner of Barnes & Noble.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is located on the northeast corner of 36th and Walnut Street (133 South 36th Street) above Ann Taylor Loft. CAPS provides professional psychological and psychiatric services to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students seeking social, emotional, academic, and career support.

Further north on 36th Street is the **Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)**. Through exhibitions, commissions, educational programs, and publications, ICA invites the public to share in the experience, interpretation and understanding of the work of established and emerging artists.

Not visible from here but important to note, **Student Health Services** is located 2 blocks north at 3535 Market Street.

WALK SOUTH ON 36TH BACK TOWARD LOCUST WALK

CONCLUSION:

There are many other campus highlights you may not have time to see today, such as the **Class of 1923 Ice Rink** (3130 Walnut Street), the **BioPond** botanical garden (behind the labs at 3710 Hamilton Walk), and Penn's **Morris Arboretum**, located 12 miles away in Chestnut Hill. But do know that Penn is home to many more attractions and resources, and that we hope you enjoyed your discovery of Penn!

We would like to leave you with a bit of information about Penn, in general. In helping to found the University of Pennsylvania in 1749, Ben Franklin envisioned a school that focused on practical as well as classical instruction for the business and governing class. Today, Penn's campus is 302 acres, with 219 buildings, and home to nearly 24,000 students – about half of whom are graduate and professional students. The 12 graduate and professional schools range in focus from arts and science to business, design to engineering, communications to dentistry – all on one campus – and is located in distinct West Philadelphia. Our University is strongly committed to local engagement and service to the community, evident in such initiatives as the Penn Alexander Partnership School and the vast variety of volunteer and community service programs (over 300!). Penn's singular campus makes Penn unique amongst the Ivy League and fosters an environment of interdisciplinary studies and strong research.