Welcome to Oklahoma State University!

Our self-guided walking tour will take you from the heart of campus, past our beautiful modified Georgian-style architecture, to the latest research buildings on campus. We’ve also included optional excursions for you to explore at your leisure.

We invite you to take a look inside all the buildings along the tour. If you’re touring campus on a weekend, between academic terms, during final exams, or a time when facilities are closed, we invite you to visit us again when classes are in session. Student-led campus tours are available for prospective students Monday-Friday and on select Saturdays.

To register for a guided tour, go to admissions.okstate.edu/visit.
Your tour begins on the east side of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center.

1 The ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center houses the OSU Alumni Association and serves as the “home” for more than 200,000 alumni. The center was built in 2005 and is dedicated to bringing alumni together with students, faculty and fellow alumni. With the support of the OSU Alumni Association and the efforts of the student body, “America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration” has grown into a weeklong spectacular that draws thousands of alumni, family and friends back home to Stillwater each fall.

2 To the east is Old Central. Built in 1894, The College Building, as it was then known, was the first building on campus and is the oldest academic building in Oklahoma. When construction began in 1893, many students, who wanted their own building as soon as possible, assisted the 50-man construction crew. Students received 10 cents per hour for jobs like carrying bricks and water to the masons. Classes were held in the building until the Oklahoma Historical society leased the building for use as a history museum in 1971. From 2007 to 2009, the building underwent a $7 million restoration. Upon completion, Old Central became the home of the OSU Honors College.

3 The Seretean Center for the Performing Arts is home to OSU's theater and music departments. The Seretean Center is the focal point of all major dramatic and musical events on the OSU campus. Constructed in 1970 at a cost of $3 million, the building contains the 800-seat Concert Hall and the 600-seat Vivia Locke Theatre which attract a myriad of fine arts activities such as ballet, concerts, mime, opera, plays, faculty and student recitals, and a host of summer conventions.

4 The Bartlett Center for the Visual Arts contains 10 studios, three computer labs, a 100-seat auditorium and the Gardiner Art Gallery. The Gardiner Art Gallery has become an integral part of the department’s teaching environment, as well as a place for the university and general community to experience the visual arts. Exhibits have varied from local student and faculty exhibitions to national shows.

Follow the sidewalk east until you reach the Seretean Center for the Performing Arts.
5 To the west you will see Morrill Hall. Morrill Hall was named for Vermont Senator Justin Smith Morrill, the chief sponsor of the 1862 Morrill Act which created more than 70 “land grant” colleges, including OSU (originally Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College). A disastrous fire in August of 1914 completely destroyed Morrill Hall. Only the exterior walls remained and much of the early administrative history of the college was lost, but in 1955, Morrill Hall was rebuilt. Morrill Hall remains the second oldest building on campus. It and Old Central are the only remaining facilities left from the territorial period of Oklahoma. Morrill houses the English and speech departments, as well as the OSU Writing Center.

6 West of Morrill Hall you will find the Spears School of Business Building. This school is home to thousands of students pursuing 15 business-related degrees. The building contains the Watson Trading Floor, a stock-trading room that gives students real-world experience in analyzing data and making real-time decisions. Many of the 20+ student organizations within the school have received national recognition for their performance and activities, and the School of Entrepreneurship is recognized nationally as an innovator in entrepreneurship education.

Head north along Hester Street and take the diagonal sidewalk northeast to the Donald W. Reynolds Architecture Building.

7 Renovated and expanded in 2009 is the Donald W. Reynolds Architecture Building. Completed in 1920 as the new Armory-Gymnasium, the building now serves as the home of the School of Architecture. Originally containing basketball courts, a shooting range, training rooms, a suspended track and a swimming pool, the building played host to many of the greatest moments in Oklahoma State athletics history. In fact, the building even inspired the name for the Bedlam Series rivalry during a wrestling match in 1930 against the University of Oklahoma. Fans packed the building so tightly that many resorted to climbing onto the steel rafters to watch the match. At one point, fans were yelling so loudly that light bulbs began bursting, at which point the radio announcer said, “It’s really bedlam here!” Today, activities in the building are much more subdued. This is the home-away-from-home for architecture students, who enjoy spacious studios, classrooms and a gallery featuring student projects.

8 To the north of the architecture building lays Boone Pickens Stadium. Built in 1920, the original stadium was a wooden grandstand that seated 5,000 people. After decades of expansions, the stadium received a complete overhaul in 2009, including the construction of the west end zone, which “bowled in” the stadium, and increased seating capacity to 60,218. Construction also resulted in new, state-of-the-art football training facilities, an athletic medicine center, media facilities, locker rooms and offices.
Optional Excursion: Heritage Hall (#23)

Head west and stop in front of the Advanced Technology Research Center.

Completed in 1998, the Advanced Technology Resource Center houses labs, research facilities, classrooms and lecture halls for the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology (CEAT). Students receive hands-on experience in specialized labs, including a wind tunnel, laser labs, robotics lab and many others. Oklahoma State University’s CEAT is the only combined school of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology in the country. It is also the oldest school of engineering in the state.

Continuing west, you'll find International Mall, a place dedicated to recognizing our international students. Flags from the home countries of OSU’s international students are flown and rotated throughout the year. This ensures that every international student will see his or her home country represented during the academic year, and is a testament to the diversity of OSU’s student body.

Directly north is the Noble Research Center, a perfect example of OSU’s commitment to research. The facility houses laboratory spaces, faculty offices, lecture rooms, a 280-seat auditorium, and a major interactive space for the departments of plant pathology, entomology, microbiology, biochemistry and geology. The building was designed with innovative energy conservation systems, with flexibility and student-faculty interaction in mind. The roof of the solarium is fitted with motorized metal louvers to allow more or less sunlight in to help keep the building’s atrium heated or cooled. The louvers are complemented by solar panels, which help power the building.

Continue walking west until you reach the intersection of Athletic Avenue and Monroe Street.

On the northeast corner of Monroe and Athletic stands another monument to research, the Henry Bellmon Research Center. Completed in 2010, the 124,000-square foot building contains custom-designed facilities for research in biodiversity, biophysics, photonics, synthetic chemistry and advanced materials.
Across Monroe Street is Agricultural Hall, home of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). Inside, you'll find classrooms, laboratories and the CASNR Student Success Center, which includes a student career resources facility, a boardroom for the college’s 35+ student organizations, individual student guidance and programs for CASNR students.

Heading south along Monroe Street, you will pass the College of Human Sciences Building on the right. The college features specialized facilities for its students, including a food production research lab, a quantity food production lab, demonstration classrooms, computer-aided design labs, lighting and technology labs, apparel production labs, advanced nutritional science labs and galleries to feature students’ works. The Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research ranks OSU’s Hotel and Restaurant Administration program among the top in the nation.

To the west you will see Murray Hall. Set at the historic entrance to the OSU campus, Murray Hall reflects the university’s Georgian architectural heritage and served the campus as a dormitory for more than 60 years. Upon its opening in 1934, the four-story building was considered among the largest residence halls in the country, accommodating more than 150 women. During World War II, the building was used by the U.S. Navy, which housed WAVES and radar trainees. The building served various campus needs for decades, and completed a total renovation in 2011 which brought many departments within the College of Arts & Sciences together under one roof. In addition to offices and classrooms, the renovation also added a new student plaza and auditorium.
16 On the south side of University Avenue, you’ll see many of OSU’s **Greek houses**. There are 21 fraternities and 12 sororities on campus, and during Homecoming, the houses compete in an elaborate decoration competition. More than 75,000 alumni and friends pack the six-square-block area at the heart of campus to see the colorful, larger-than-life house decorations and hear the stories that go with each.

*Cross to the east side of Monroe Street and take the angled walk by Theta Pond.*

17 **Theta Pond**, originally named Horse Pond, was built in 1895 to water horses and assist in solving water shortage problems. Today, students go to Theta Pond to relax, study, picnic, enjoy the beautiful surroundings or watch the ducks that call the pond home. Surrounded by the Centennial Gardens, Theta Pond beautifully complements the rest of the campus, whether alive with the colors of spring or graced with the snow of winter.

18 To the north of Theta Pond, you will see **Willard Hall**. Completed in 1939, Willard originally served as a women’s residence hall. Today, Willard Hall is home to the College of Education. The College of Education is one of the most diverse colleges on campus, boasting 29 program areas that range from aerospace administration and operations to athletic training.

19 East of Willard Hall, at the heart of campus, is **Library Lawn**. Students gather here to study, play games, or simply soak up the sun during breaks between classes. Library Lawn is a gathering place for all students, serving as the backdrop for scores of activities all year long. A large, formal garden lies at the center of the lawn.
20 At the north end of Library Lawn is Edmon Low Library. Opened in 1953, the library is now ranked in the upper three percent of research libraries in the nation. Inside the library, you’ll find a spacious computer lab, quiet study rooms, a coffee shop and free laptops and iPads for checkout. The fountain in front of the library is a well-known symbol of Oklahoma State University. During the week of Homecoming, the fountain is dyed orange and serves as a great backdrop as friends and family take pictures and show their Cowboy spirit.

21 Follow the sidewalk east and then south along Library Lawn until you come to the Classroom Building. The name speaks for itself; this is where many students will attend a number of classes throughout their academic careers. Located right in the middle of campus, Classroom Building holds classes from every college and department. It is also home to the Math Learning Resource Center, a free tutoring center for math.

22 Across the plaza to the south of Classroom Building is the Student Union. Since its opening in 1950, the Union has been the center of social life and student services on campus. It remains the true hub for student activity on campus, as evidenced by the number and variety of activities and services that call it home. Here, you’ll find the University Store, Campus Life, several restaurants, a convenience store, post office, banks, gathering places for student organizations, and several student services including the LASSO tutoring center, the Registrar, Undergraduate Admissions, the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid and much more. The Student Union completed a $50 million renovation in 2012 that expanded student areas.
Optional Excursions

23 The history of Oklahoma State University Athletics is proudly on display inside Heritage Hall at Gallagher-Iba Arena. Opened in November 2001, Heritage Hall contains trophies, memorabilia, and other items spanning several decades of OSU's treasured past.

24 The Colvin Recreation Center provides OSU students with an incredible experience physically and socially, and has been recognized as one of the top facilities of its kind in the nation. The Colvin, with more than 240,000 square feet of activity space, includes: 10 basketball/volleyball courts, a large multi-purpose court, more than 30,000 square feet of weight and fitness equipment, cardio-theater, an indoor climbing wall, two golf simulators, a four-lane jogging track, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, 12 racquetball/handball courts, and five large multi-purpose activity rooms. The Center is home to the Campus Recreation Department and all of its programs and activities, including intramural sports, personal training and fitness classes.

25 Residential Life. There are more than 25 on-campus living options offered at OSU. There are housing types to fit all needs, including suites, traditional halls, living-learning communities which focus on specific academic interests, and seven family-first apartment neighborhoods. There are also 30 dining options spread throughout campus. You must sign up for a guided campus tour for a peek inside our on-campus living options.

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