Welcome to UCLA! These walking tours are designed to help visitors and prospective students experience our campus. Each tour takes about 45 minutes. See the back of the map for details.

CENTRAL CAMPUS: Student services and historic core
Explore and enjoy: Plateia restaurant and lounge in Luskin Conference Center, Ackerman Union (UCLA Store and restaurants), Athletics Hall of Fame in J.D. Morgan Center

NORTH CAMPUS: Humanities, arts, social sciences
4. Young Research Library 5. Broad Art Center
6. Sculpture Garden/School of Theater, Film and Television
Explore and enjoy: Café 451 in Young Research Library, North Campus Student Center, Sculpture Garden

SOUTH CAMPUS: Science, technology, engineering
Explore and enjoy: Court of Sciences Student Center, Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden

THE HILL: Undergraduate residential community
1. Bruin Walk West 2. Straus and Drake Stadiums
5. Bruin Cafe 6. Covel Commons and Sunset Village
Explore and enjoy: View from top of Drake Stadium, Sunset Village Plaza and Bruin Cafe

Building hours vary, especially when classes are not in session. Pauley Pavilion and Royce Hall Auditorium are typically reserved for ticketholders.

As a land grant institution, UCLA acknowledges the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, Southern Channel Islands).

Please note that UCLA is a tobacco-free campus. No smoking allowed, inside or outside buildings.
WELCOME TO CAMPUS!

Our campus overflows with the energy and activity of student life. If you’re here on a weekend or holiday, you may see UCLA in a calmer state. Still, walking around will give you a firsthand idea of how it might feel to be a student at UCLA. Enjoy your visit.

CENTRAL CAMPUS

All visitors should see UCLA’s historic core and Bruin Plaza, center of student life.

1. Luskin Conference Center provides event space and guest rooms in a landmark campus location.
2. At the north end of Pauley Pavilion is the statue of legendary basketball coach John Wooden. Basketball, volleyball and gymnastics teams compete here.
3. Bruin Plaza is the home of The Bruin statue, our mascot. Here you can see some of the key student services locations: Wooden Center for recreation, Ashe Center for health and wellness, Student Activities Center for the LGBTQ Campus Resource Center and other resources.
4. Bruin Walk is the major east-west pedestrian route, bustling with student groups. The 42 Statues honors alumnus Jackie Robinson. On your right is Ackerman Union and the UCLA Store. Kerckhoff Hall, the hub of student activities, is home to student government, the Black Bruin Resource Center, the Transfer Student Center and the Daily Bruin.
5. Powell Library houses the primary undergraduate library — College Library — with study space, computer labs and multimedia classrooms. On the second floor, you’ll see the beautiful main reading room and the rotunda.
6. Janss Steps and Shapiro Fountain provide a great view of the intramural fields and the Hill, where undergraduate students live.
7. Royce Hall is home to many language and literature departments. But often, “Royce” is shorthand for the main auditorium. You might attend a concert, dance or theater event.

NORTH CAMPUS

For students who plan to major in the humanities, social sciences or the arts

1. Kaplan Hall is the home of the English department and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. Arabic, Armenian and Hebrew are three of the 40+ languages taught at UCLA.
2. The Herb Alpert School of Music has a library, theater, rehearsal rooms and recording studios in Schoenberg Music Building and Otis Music Center.
3. Bunche Hall, home of social sciences, was named for alumnus Ralph Bunche ’27, a United Nations diplomat and the first person of color to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
4. The Research Commons in Charles E. Young Research Library feature high-tech, flexible spaces for studying, conducting research and collaborating.
5. Broad Art Center, home to the School of the Arts and Architecture, includes classrooms, galleries, studio space and auditoriums.
6. The Sculpture Garden is an outdoor museum and a favorite spot for study and relaxation. At the north edge is the School of Theater, Film and Television.

SOUTH CAMPUS

For students who plan to major in the sciences

1. If you major in physics, astrophysics or biophysics, you’ll spend your time in the Physics and Astronomy Building and in neighboring Knudsen Hall.
2. The Math Sciences Building has a planetarium on its roof. Just east is Franz Hall, home of psychology.
3. The plaza to the south is the Court of Sciences. Its open layout makes collaborating easy for those in engineering, physical and life sciences, and health sciences.
4. Boelter Hall is the original part of the Samueli School of Engineering. Pedestrian bridges connect the newer buildings, Engineering IV, V and VI.
5. CNSI, the multidisciplinary California NanoSystems Institute, is next to La Kretz Hall — home of the environmental science major.
6. The Court of Sciences Student Center has a sustainable rooftop garden.

Note: The health sciences campus, including the School of Nursing, is just south of the Court of Sciences.

THE HILL — RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The undergraduate residential community

1. Head uphill on Bruin Walk West, passing the intramural fields on your right.
2. Straus (Tennis) Stadium is on the left; Drake (Track) Stadium with Marshall Field (soccer) is on the right.
3. Nearly 100% of freshmen and many transfers choose to live on the Hill, creating a true residential community.
4. Olympic and Centennial residence halls opened, in 2021, include a state-of-the-art makerspace, a computer lab, study areas and an eatery called The Drey.
5. Bruin Café is one of the quick-service restaurants. Stop in for a snack, or just make yourself comfortable at an outdoor table. Look up to see the Rieber and Hedrick complexes higher on the Hill, and the umbrellas marked “McCORMICK at Café 1919,” named for UCLA’s founding year.
6. Covel Commons is the anchor for Sunset Village — the north end of the Hill. Beyond it is the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, with pools, sand volleyball, picnic tables and community garden spaces.

Campus Shuttle and Accessibility

On school days, there are free Bruinshuttle serving the campus. Find the latest shuttle routes and more at transportation.ucla.edu.

There are Disabled Person access parking spots across the campus, and ramps paralleling Bruin Walk and other pedestrian routes. Look for blue placards that identify accessible entrances and elevators.

UCLA Milestones and Fun Facts

Olympics and Presidential Debate

During the summer of 1984, the residence halls became the athletes village. For the 2028 Olympics, UCLA residence halls will once again serve as the athletes’ village.

Civil Rights Giants

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the base of Janss Steps in April 1965; a plaque commemorates his speech. In October 1972, César E. Chávez addressed students; UCLA’s Department of Chicana/o Studies bears his name.

EXPLORE AND ENJOY

Popular destinations for visitors:

• Luskin Conference Center – Platea restaurant, lounge
• Ackerman Union – Shop the UCLA Store or get a meal
• Athletics Hall of Fame – Sports history and NCAA trophies (J.D. Morgan Center near Bruin Plaza)
• Powell Library – See where Ray Bradbury wrote the classic Fahrenheit 451
• North Campus Student Center – Snacks and meals (just southwest of Young Research Library)
• Murphy Sculpture Garden – Outdoor museum
• Court of Sciences Student Center – Snacks and meals
• Botanical Garden – A 7.5-acre garden with a stream and shady interior (southwest of Court of Sciences)
• Top of Drake Stadium – Beautiful view of campus
• Janss Steps – Scenic campus vista from the top
• Fowler Museum – Global arts and cultures, museum shop (west and downhill from Royce Hall)
• Hammer Museum – Visual arts with a focus on emerging artists; restaurant and museum shop (in Westwood, corner of Wilshire and Westwood)

UCLA ETHNIC STUDIES CENTERS

Advancing social justice research for over 50 years

• Chicano Studies Research Center (193 Haines Hall)
• American Indian Studies Center (3220 Campbell Hall)
• Asian American Studies Center (3230 Campbell Hall)
• Chicano Studies Research Center (193 Haines Hall)

HOLLYWOOD AT UCLA

A sample of the movies and TV shows shot at UCLA:

• Legally Blonde with Reese Witherspoon (2001)
• Angels & Demons with Tom Hanks (2009)
• The Social Network with Jesse Eisenberg (2010)
• Jobs with Ashton Kutcher (2013)
• How I Met Your Mother series (2005–2014)
• Little Fires Everywhere, Kerry Washington (2020)

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