SELF-GUIDED Campus Tour

LSU
WHAT TO EXPECT

The LSU campus is pedestrian friendly with many sidewalks and even easy streets! The walking tour route takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour to complete and is approximately 1.4 miles in length. While there is never a chance of rain in Tiger Stadium, the forecast for Baton Rouge is typically sunny and hot with the occasional rain shower, so be sure to wear sunscreen, stay hydrated, and bring an umbrella.

If you’re here during business hours, feel free to stop in the buildings along the route to access various drinking fountains and restrooms. If you’re not visiting during business hours, you can find water fountains and restrooms at these campus locations, which are open on the weekends: The LSU Sports Shop (located next to Mike the Tiger’s Habitat), the Student Union, and the LSU Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Thanks FOR VISITING!

We’re sorry we couldn’t show you around personally. But, you certainly don’t need us to tell you how wonderful and beautiful and awesome and amazing LSU is! Just look around, then ask the students you encounter what they love about LSU. You’ll be amazed at their answers.
American law schools, the LSU Law Center was established in 1906 and accredited by the American Bar Association since 1924. Because Louisiana is a civil law state, unlike its 49 common law sister states, the Law Center curriculum includes both civil law and common law courses. In the fall of 2002, the LSU Law Center became the sole United States law school, and only one of two law schools in the Western Hemisphere, offering a course of study leading to the simultaneous conferring of a J.D. (Juris Doctor), which is the normal first degree in American law schools, and a G.D.C.L. (Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law), which recognizes the training its students receive in both common and civil law.

**LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER...** On the front of the law school building, above the frieze, are three sculpted life-sized figures: a lawyer in the center, a soldier representing those who have fought to safeguard rule by law, and a laborer symbolizing the role of the masses in support of the law.

**MEMORIAL TOWER**
Cross Tower Drive and walk toward the Memorial Tower.
LSU’s Memorial Tower stands at 175 feet tall. In April 1926, Memorial Tower, financed and constructed through the efforts of American Legion posts throughout Louisiana, was donated to LSU as a memorial to those service men and women who died in World War I. Thanks to friends and alumni of the university, the tower will soon undergo renovations.

In addition to an iconic landmark, Memorial Tower is also a great timekeeper. The tower chimes every 15 minutes and plays the alma mater at noon, every day of the year.

**TIGER TRADITION:** LSU has a unique Valentine’s Day tradition where couples surround the tower for a midnight kiss that promises good fortune for the coming year.

**FOSTER HALL**
Walk past the right side of the Memorial Tower and in between Thomas Boyd Hall and Middleton Library.
Foster Hall is home to the LSU Museum of Natural History and Foster Gallery with more than 2.5 million specimens inside, including the first Mike the Tiger and the LSU Foster Gallery where College of Art & Design students can display their best work in a professional setting. If you’re looking for a quick lunch or snack, a Subway restaurant is located in the basement.
GREEK AMPHITHEATER
Walk past the north side of Foster Hall.
Seating approximately 3,500, the Greek Amphitheater was built in 1925 for group gatherings, rallies, pageants, and commencement exercises. Today, the amphitheater is used for outdoor concerts, religious ceremonies, and other functions, as well as a quiet place to study, daydream, have lunch, or hang out with friends.

ENCHANTED FOREST
Look past the Greek Amphitheater.
The area behind the Greek Amphitheater is called “The Enchanted Forest.” This area was cleared out in the early 1930s for the Greek Theater Gardens and reflecting pools. Due to maintenance costs, the university later transformed the area into green space to give us what we see today. It is not uncommon to see students walking dogs, skateboarding, or literally hanging out in hammocks. Look just beyond the Enchanted Forest for a peek at Cypress Hall, LSU’s newest, LEED-certified residential college.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE ONE
Continue walking down Dalrymple Drive to the intersection of Fieldhouse Drive.
Residential College One is home to four different residential colleges: Business, Engineering, Mass Communication, and Global Connections. Residential College One is one of the newer complexes on campus with all ensuite baths and modern living accommodations.

INDIAN MOUNDS
Look to your left.
The LSU Indian Mounds are thought to be more than 5,000 years old, which means that they predate the Egyptian Pyramids. Since 1999, the mounds have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Originally, the Indian Mounds were thought to be used for burial purposes; however, no evidence has been found that supports this. Experts now suspect that Native Americans would use the mounds to look out at the Mississippi River, which is located just across Nicholson Drive.

VICTORY HILL
Continue walking down Fieldhouse Drive past the Indian Mounds.
Victory Hill is located between the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes and the Journalism Building. On game day, the football team is dropped off at the very top of the hill, and they walk down into Tiger Stadium. The players and coaches are followed by the cheerleaders who lead the Tiger fans in our iconic “Geaux Tigers” chant along with the ever-popular Golden Band from Tiger Land. The band will play some of the classic sounds of LSU before proudly marching into Tiger Stadium.

JOURNALISM BUILDING
View the Journalism Building located at the top of Victory Hill on the right.
The Journalism Building is the oldest building on the LSU campus. The building was built in downtown Baton Rouge in 1904 and named Alumni Hall. It was moved brick by brick to its current location atop Victory Hill in 1934. It is the only building on campus that faces away from the center of campus, because it was expected that campus would grow in the opposite direction, toward the river. Today, the Journalism Building houses the Manship School of Mass Communication.

THE QUAD
Cross Fieldhouse Drive and walk along the sidewalk to the left of Lockett Hall. Continue straight between Allen Hall and Prescott Hall.
The majority of the 11 buildings that make up the Quad were built between 1925 and 1930. Originally, the Quad was built in the shape of a cruciform to represent our roots as a centenary college. Today, the Quad is the main academic area on campus. Students who are in their first few semesters of college will have the majority of their classes here. Students often spend time in the grassy areas of the Quad during the fall and spring to meet up with classmates and enjoy college life.

MIDDLETON LIBRARY
Look to the left end of the Quad.
Troy H. Middleton Library is the main library for undergraduate students on campus. The library was added to the Quad in 1958 in the very center of the cruciform. The library has a plethora of resources for
students. It includes study rooms, computer labs, a print shop, presentation practice rooms, and more than 3 million books. There is also a CCs Coffee House located on the first floor along with the Shell Tutorial Center.

**ATKINSON HALL**

Walk to the right end of the quad. Directly opposite from Middleton Library.

Atkinson Hall is home to the School of Architecture. The five-year undergraduate program includes the areas of management, humanities, technology, and graphic communication.

**LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING**

Exit the Quad between Nicholson Hall and Atkinson Hall. Continue walking down the sidewalk toward Tower Drive.

From the corner of Tower Drive and South Campus Drive, you can see Howe Russell and the Life Sciences Building. Both buildings are home to LSU’s College of Science. Students can earn a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, mathematics, microbiology, and physics while engaging in hands-on research with professors both at LSU and around the world.

**MEMORIAL OAK GROVE**

Continue down South Campus Drive until you get to Highland Road.

Memorial Oak Grove is to your left, adjacent to the LSU Student Union.

Each of the 30 live oak trees in the Memorial Oak Grove was dedicated in 1926 to a fallen LSU student who gave his life in service to the United States America. These trees are also representative of the 1,300 live oak trees we have on campus and Howe Russell these opening lyrics of the LSU Alma Mater, “Where stately oaks and broad magnolias shade inspiring halls.”

**FRENCH HOUSE**

Standing at the corner of South Campus and Highland Road, look across intersection to right.

The French House was dedicated in 1935 by the French Ambassador Andre de Laboulaye. Originally built as a residence hall, students were only allowed to speak French or Portuguese within the walls. They would frequently entertain guests in the grand ballroom and hosted black tie dinners every Saturday evening during the semester. The French House is now home to the Roger Hadfield Ogden Honors College.

**BARNES & NOBLE AT LSU**

Continue walking down Highland Road to corner of Highland Road and Raphael Semmes Road.

This facility is currently the largest collegiate Barnes & Noble in the nation. Inside the bookstore you will find much more than a full-sized Barnes & Noble. It boasts a textbook section, an LSU memorabilia gift shop, a custom LSU Nike shop, a Clinique counter, a computer tech shop, and a café that serves Starbucks coffee. It is very easy for students to purchase anything and everything they will need for the semester from the bookstore itself and on the bookstore's website. Students can go online and select the courses they are taking for the upcoming semester and the bookstore will provide a list of materials and books needed. The bookstore will even package it for you for easy pick up!
special events and functions around campus.

store ice cream is occasionally served in both LSU dining halls, as well as at sciences. Inside, you can purchase ice cream, cheese, and meats. Dairy world’s future engineers, computer scientists, and construction managers.

Tiger Stadium is located on North Stadium Road.

Tiger Stadium was built in 1924 under the administration of Governor Huey P. Long. At the time, the state only had money in the budget for dormitories. Long insisted on having a stadium for the Tigers and disguised the stadium as a dormitory. The original structure is still visible from where you are standing now. Today, Tiger Stadium is the 7th largest stadium in the world and 3rd largest in the SEC. The student section is housed in the north end zone just underneath the giant scoreboard. The upper deck on the south side of the stadium was completed in 2014. Tiger Stadium proudly seats 102,321 spirited Tiger fans.

DID YOU KNOW...In 1988, during a home game, 80,000 fans reacted to the game’s final pass loudly enough to register as an earthquake by a seismograph located on LSU’s campus about 1,000 feet from the stadium.

Mike the Tiger’s home is located on North Stadium Road, across from Tiger Stadium.

In 1934, athletic trainer Mike Chambers and a few others decided to bring a real tiger to LSU. They raised $750 by collecting 25 cents from each student and used the money to purchase our first live tiger. Our tigers are all named Mike in honor of Mike Chambers. The primary care for Mike VII, LSU’s live tiger mascot, is provided by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. David Baker, professor, is his veterinarian, and he is assigned two veterinary student caretakers every two years.

Center was renamed the Pete Maravich Assembly Center shortly after the superstar’s tragic passing in 1988. The Pete Maravich Assembly Center is commonly referred to as the PMAC around campus. Today, students enjoy various events inside of the PMAC, including men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball matches in the fall, and gymnastics meets in the spring – and last, but most importantly, graduation.

The lakes are all man-made and were built as a part of the Works Progress Administration. University Lake is the largest of the five and is located directly across the street from Greek Row. You can often see LSU students, faculty, and staff running, biking, paddleboarding, or canoeing around the lakes.
WANT TO SEE MORE?

Then you should definitely take advantage of the total campus experience. Join us for a two-hour, guided tour offered daily at
10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Campus at your fingertips!

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lsu.edu/experience.