IU Bloomington Driving Tour

Indiana University is very much a walking campus. However, with the concerns caused by COVID-19, we understand you may be more comfortable exploring the campus by car. This driving tour will take you along the borders of the academic core so that you can view many, but not all, of the buildings you may use when on campus. Please see the most recent updates for construction in Bloomington and Indiana.

You can also view updated information on how Indiana and Indiana University are handling the coronavirus. One way the IU community can stop the spread of the virus is by wearing masks. All students, faculty, staff, and visitors must wear masks when on campus. Please make sure to wear a mask if you decide to walk on campus for part of your tour.

Driving directions are noted in red, followed by descriptions of what you will find in that area.

ENTER CAMPUS FROM STATE ROAD 45/46 AND 10TH ST:

As you are entering Bloomington and the IU campus along St. Rd. 45/46, you will drive past the edge of the Athletic Complex. You will be able to see Memorial Stadium, home of IU Football; Bart Kaufman Field, home to IU Baseball; and Andy Mohr Field, home to IU Softball. IU is home to 24 men’s and women’s varsity athletic programs.

As you continue down St. Rd. 45/46, you will see construction on the new IU Health Bloomington Regional Academic Health Center.

Another notable building on the corner of St. Rd. 45/46 and 10th St. is the Cyberinfrastructure Building.

TURN RIGHT (WEST) ONTO 10TH STREET (prepare for a sharp curve as you enter campus)

10th Street is the northern border of the academic core of campus. This section of 10th St. is also home to the Central Neighborhood, one of four residential neighborhoods.

On your left is Eigenmann Hall, home to the Jellison Living Learning Center. Eigenmann has many amenities: a computer lab, a Hoosier C-Store, a variety of room types, its own library, and more.

Next you will see Union Street Center. At Union Street, you’ll find apartment living right in the heart of campus.

On your right you will notice construction. Indiana University is consistently renovating and expanding opportunities for students. This location is the future home of IU offices mixed with local eateries and shopping.

As you approach the stoplight at Sunrise and 10th Streets, you will see Ashton and Teter residence halls on your left. With single rooms and an intimate, residential arrangement, Ashton Center offers privacy as well as campus accessibility. Teter residents love being close to classes, food, the Student Recreation Sports Center, and the IU bus route. Academic amenities like a library and study areas keep helpful resources close by. Teter students build a strong community where they feel a sense of belonging even before they step in the door.
To the right, beyond the parking lot, is the Student Recreational Sports Center (SRSC). The SRSC is one of two Recreational Sports fitness and sports centers. Students have access to both facilities, outdoor fields, group exercise classes, multiple pools, and intramural and club sports while at IU. Most opportunities are paid by a student activity fee so all you need is your student ID. Personal training, some intramural sports, and all club sports will have an extra fee.

On the left is the final residence hall on 10th St., Wright Quad. With a storied legacy and popular food court, Wright Quad may be one of our oldest residence halls, but it’s still a favorite with students.

On your right you will see the Health Center. The Health Center offers medical, wellness, and mental health services, a lab, pharmacy, eye clinic, X-rays, and more. All IU students who have paid the student health fee receive two free Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) counseling visits each semester.

**TURN LEFT (SOUTH) ON JORDAN AVENUE**

On the corner of Jordan Ave. and 10th St. you will find the Herman B Wells Library, the largest of the 24 libraries on campus and 13th largest university library in the country. The Wells Library holds more than 4.6 million volumes, plus the Bookmarket Eatery, group and individual study spaces, and the Learning Commons. The Learning Commons (LC) is a 24/7 technology-focused learning center located on the first floor of the West Tower of Wells Library. It is the size of six NCAA basketball courts! The LC offers multiple services including Writing Tutorial Services, Research Help, IU Peer Coaching, and Tech Support, IT Training, and Printing and Computer Help.

The next building on your right is the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies. The school provides interdisciplinary programs in languages, cultures, policies, and leadership in a new state-of-the-art facility.

On your left is the site of the future Ferguson International Center.

As you continue down Jordan Ave. you will see the Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center and the Neal Marshall Black Culture Center on your right. The Theatre and Drama center provides workshops, directing and acting studios, and two performance spaces. The Marcellus Neal and Frances Marshall Black Culture Center promotes the Black experience on campus and houses the African American Cultural Center Library, the African American Arts Institute, and the Office of Diversity Education.

The Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs (OVPDEMA) is on your left. In 1999, Indiana University established this office to cultivate a diverse, inclusive environment that supports equal access, participation, and representation on all IU campuses. The OVPDEMA serves as an advocate to replace obstacles with opportunities, so that minority and underrepresented students, faculty, and staff find a sense of belonging at IU.

On your right is the first of several Greek houses that you will pass while driving around campus. Approximately 20% of students join a fraternity or sorority on campus. You will see more houses along your driving tour; some are clustered in neighborhoods, while others are sprinkled across campus, like this one.
The Wendell W. Wright Center for Excellence in Education can be found behind the Jordan Ave. parking garage on your left, accessible from 7th Street. The Indiana University School of Education is known for preparing reflective, caring, and skilled educators who make a difference in the lives of their students in Indiana, throughout the United States, and around the world.

You are now approaching the Southeast Neighborhood. Read Hall can be seen on your left, and Willkie, Spruce, and Forest Quad are to the east. Read has a reputation for being quiet even though it’s located right in the middle of the action on campus. Forest has one of the most popular dining locations on campus and is a bustling center of student activity. Willkie provides a balance of dorm and apartment living, with suite-style rooms and private bath options for added privacy and independence, but with residence hall amenities always within reach.

The Musical Arts Center, and the Simon Music Library and Recital Center can be seen on your right and the Music East Studio Building is on your left; all are part of the Jacobs School of Music. The Jacobs School of Music has been known for excellence in performance, artistry, and collaboration. The Jacobs School features hundreds of practice and rehearsal rooms, studios, and offices, as well as performance halls where you can enjoy the many performances the school produces each year.

**TURN RIGHT (WEST) ON 3RD STREET (one-way street)**

Third Street is the southern border of the academic core and is a one-way street through campus. On the left side of 3rd St., you will find several more Greek houses along with some restaurants and businesses.

On the right you will find a variety of academic buildings starting with Merrill Hall, another Jacobs School facility.

The next building you see is Memorial Hall which is part of Wells Quadrangle. This was the first women’s residence hall on campus, then it became an academic building, and, in 2017, it once again became student housing. Morrison Hall, Sycamore Hall, and Goodbody Hall make up Wells Quad. Morrison and Sycamore Halls remain academic buildings, hosting a variety of offices, like the Kinsey Institute, and classrooms for courses in English, criminal justice, and more.

Following 3rd St. leads you to Jordan Hall, which houses many classrooms and departments within the College of Arts and Sciences, including the Medical Sciences Program. The north side of Jordan Hall is not visible from the road, but when you walk on campus, it will stand out for its modern crimson and glass architecture. However, you can see the Jordan Greenhouse from the street. The greenhouse contains nearly 800 different species of plants from around the world, including spectacular rainforest, desert, and insectivorous plants.

As you travel down 3rd Street you will see Myers Hall, Rawles Hall, Swain East and Swain West. These academic buildings host a variety of classrooms and departments such as mathematics, physics, astronomy, and bioinformatics. Behind these buildings is Dunn Woods, as well as more academic buildings including Ballantine Hall, Lindley Hall, Kirkwood Hall, Simon Hall, and the Chemistry Building.

The last building that you will see on the corner of 3rd St. and Indiana Ave. is the Maurer School of Law. If you are interested in pursuing an advanced degree in law or the health professions after your undergraduate career, we suggest exploring the Health Professions and Pre-Law Center.
TURN RIGHT (NORTH) ON INDIANA AVENUE (one-way street)

Indiana Avenue is the western border of the academic core and is the main thoroughfare that connects IU’s campus to the city of Bloomington. On your right you will find campus and your left is the beginning of downtown Bloomington.

The first building after the Maurer School of Law is the Kirkwood Observatory. This working observatory is tucked back a bit from the road and can be identified by its white, spherical roof. On clear Wednesday evenings, the observatory and main telescope are open to the public. Our astronomy department and astronomy club put the observatory to use throughout the year.

Next, you will see Bryan Hall, which is an administrative building with offices for President McRobbie as well as several vice presidents on campus.

The iconic Sample Gates is a can’t-miss destination on campus. This gateway to campus welcomes guests from around the world and displays the open relationship between the university and Bloomington. To your left, you will see the bustling Kirkwood Ave.

Just pass the Sample Gates you will see Franklin Hall, home to the Media School. When walking along the brick path from the gates, you will find the Student Building, Maxwell Hall, Owen Hall, and the Rose Well House. The Rose Well House is built out of materials from the old college building and it is a campus tradition to kiss your sweetheart at the stroke of midnight in this location.

On the corner of Indiana Ave. and Seventh St. you will find Dunn Meadow, one of several open green spaces on campus. The Jordan River runs through Dunn Meadow and through the heart of campus. Students use this space for a variety of events, such as the Student Involvement Fair, as well as a space to relax and study.

TURN RIGHT (EAST) ON SEVENTH STREET

On the left you will see several student services buildings. These buildings include Student Legal Services, the LGBTQ+ Culture Center, and La Casa the Latino Culture Center. Indiana University is a leader among U.S. colleges and universities for its LGBTQ+ policies, programs, and practices. Through the LGBTQ+ Culture Center, students will find a safe and welcoming learning environment that provides resources and support to help students successfully reach their educational goals.

La Casa/Latino Cultural Center serves as an important link and advocate between the university and the Latino community. La Casa/Latino Cultural Center provides programming, support, and opportunities to foster a sense of belonging and pride for Latino students, while assisting in their academic, leadership, professional, and social development.

On the right you will see the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU). The IMU is one of the largest student unions in the world and houses a hotel, conference center, bowling and billiards area, bookstore, several dining options, and so much more. This hub of student life in the middle of campus also contains the Student Activities Tower which provides space for numerous student organizations and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center.
As you continue down 7th St., you will see Ernie Pyle Hall on your right. Ernie Pyle Hall is home to the Office of Admissions, as well as the Walter Center for Career Achievement. The Walter Center provides career services for students in the College of Arts and Sciences and is one of 12 career centers on campus.

*Typically, the area of 7th St. past the guard station is closed to non-permit vehicle traffic. However, during the campus closure, it is open and you are welcome to drive through this area. As you enter the Fine Arts Plaza, please stay to the right to drive around Showalter Fountain and circle back to head west on 7th St. Buildings will be listed as you look to your right.*

On the right you will see Woodburn Hall which houses small classrooms and large auditoriums for courses in many departments.

The world-renowned Lilly Library contains about 460,000 books, more than 120,000 pieces of sheet music, and more than 8.5 million manuscripts. A couple of the Library’s most famous items include the first printed edition of *The Canterbury Tales* and Thomas Jefferson’s personal copy of the first printing of the Bill of Rights. This building is currently under construction as part of the IU Bicentennial Campaign and will reopen in June 2021, after the $12.4 million project is complete.

The IU Auditorium is the primary host of community ceremonies, public lectures, and a wide range of performing arts and world-class touring entertainment. Important figures in government, science, and the arts speak at the Auditorium, and many great artists, entertainers, and musicians are presented in its opulent 3,200-seat theatre. Students are able to see many of these guest lectures for free, and pay a discounted rate for shows and performances.

The Fine Arts Building is one of seven facilities that house the Eskenazi School of Art Architecture + Design. The Eskenazi School includes fourteen different areas in art, architecture, design, and merchandising. Each area has ample studios, classrooms, workshops, and gallery spaces. Equipped with the highest quality tools and materials, our students confidently explore their crafts unbound.

The Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art, designed by famous architect I. M. Pei, recently reopened after a $30 million renovation. Inside, you can discover treasures from antiquity and sub-Saharan Africa; paintings by Monet, Picasso, and Pollock; works from contemporary artists; and so much more. During the day you can find students grabbing coffee and studying at the Luzetta and Del Newkirk Café, and at night you will find students laying on the ground with their feet on the side of the museum, watching as the light totem changes color.

As you make your way back down Seventh Street you will see the William Leon Garrett Fieldhouse and School of Public Health on your right. One of the largest schools of public health in the United States, the school offers top-ranked programs in a wide range of health-related fields that take a comprehensive and holistic approach to disease prevention, wellness, and teaching. The William Leon Garrett Fieldhouse is the second of two Recreational Sports fitness and sports centers on campus and includes the fieldhouse that used to house the IU Men’s Basketball team. The Fieldhouse was renamed in June 2020 in honor of William Leon Garrett, one of IU’s greatest basketball players and a pioneer of racial justice in athletics.
**TURN RIGHT ON N WOODLAWN AVENUE**

On the northwest corner of Woodlawn Ave. and 7th St., you will find the Hutton Honors College (HHC). The HHC strives to ensure an enriched academic and social experience for students and creates an environment that fosters active, innovative learning. Through the HHC, students experience both the intimacy of a small college and the breadth of a large, pluralistic, and distinguished research institution. Students are automatically considered for the Honors College with their application to IU.

As you continue down Woodlawn Ave., you will see some of the outdoor spaces managed by Recreational Sports on the left. This includes some of the tennis courts and Woodlawn Fields. The fields are accessible March through November for open recreation, as well as intramural and club sports. More outdoor space can be found at the Recreational Sports Field Complex located on Fee Lane.

On the left, you will find two more Greek houses, then Collins Living-Learning Center, the oldest residence hall on campus that is still in use. The Collins Living-Learning Center is student-led, with an emphasis on self-governance, the arts, and sustainability.

**TURN RIGHT (EAST) ON 10TH STREET**

On the northeast corner of Woodlawn Ave. and 10th St. you will find Myles Brand Hall, and you can see Luddy Hall just to the north. These state-of-the-art Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering facilities are designed to enhance research and learning, encourage collaboration, and facilitate innovation and entrepreneurship. These spaces include five fabrication and prototype labs, nine instructional labs, 21 research labs, 11 interview rooms, and the Shoemaker Innovation Center.

As you continue down 10th St., you will see the Geological Sciences building on your left. This building holds the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, the IU Paleontology Collection, and the Indiana Geological and Water Survey.

Next door you will find the Psychology Building. The Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences maintains strong interdisciplinary connections to the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and medical sciences offering undergraduate degrees in psychology and neuroscience. Students develop marketable skills inside and outside of the classroom by participating in research, service-learning, practicums, and teaching assistantships.

To the right you will see the Arboretum. The arboretum housed the first Memorial Stadium and was home to both IU football games and the Little 500. You will now find students strolling from class to class or enjoying the sun while they study. It is also the new home of the Metz Grand Carillon.

On the left you will find the Godfrey Graduate and Executive Education Center, Hodge Hall, and the Conrad Prebys Career Services Center, all part of the Kelley School of Business. The Kelley School offers a first-of-its-kind approach to teaching business, and it’s recognized nationally as one of the best, attracting more than 700 companies—located in the U.S. and around the world—to recruit from Kelley annually.

Next door you will find the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. At the O’Neill School, you can examine big ideas while gaining concrete skills that will allow you to work toward solving some of
the world’s most pressing problems. The SPEA building contains classroom and meeting spaces that have the latest technology yet encourage face-to-face collaboration.

Tucked into the trees next to O’Neil you will find several small buildings including the Wells House. Herman B Wells is a beloved past president of Indiana University who shaped IU into the diverse and vibrant university it is today.

As you end your driving tour around the academic hub of campus, please feel free to drive around and explore more areas of campus as well as Bloomington. You can find directions and information about several other areas of interest below. Directions are from the ending location of 10th St. and Jordan Ave.

**Other areas of interest:**

Greek Life: From the end of the driving tour, turn left (north) onto Jordan Ave. to see more sorority and fraternity houses. To continue to the Jordan extension, please turn right on 17th St. and make a quick left on North Jordan Ave. Students who live along Jordan Ave. have the opportunity to either walk, bike, or take a [campus bus](#) to get to the academic core. You also saw several houses along 3rd St., one on the first leg of the tour on Jordan Ave., and two on Woodlawn Ave.

**Northwest Neighborhood:** From the end of the driving tour, turn left (north) on Jordan Ave., then left on Law Lane, and then right on Fee Lane. Foster will be the first complex on your right; it underwent renovations recently and is home to the Gresham Food Court. McNutt will be the first complex on your left; this will be the first year that McNutt is opening after receiving some infrastructure updates. Behind McNutt you will also find construction of the new [North Housing Addition](#). Briscoe will be the final quad on your left; it is a popular option for its premium location near IU athletics. Students enjoy Briscoe’s top-notch facilities including great room set-ups and some of the most popular bathroom options on campus.

**Athletic Complex:** From the end of the driving tour, turn left (north) on Jordan Ave. and then left on 17th St. Feel free to drive around to see the many athletics facilities including: Assembly Hall, Gladstein Fieldhouse, Cook Hall, Wilkenson Hall, Memorial Stadium, Mellencamp Pavilion, and the Tennis Center.
1. Enter campus on 10th St., driving west
2. Turn LEFT on N. Jordan Ave.
3. Turn RIGHT on 3rd St.
4. Turn RIGHT on Indiana Ave.
5. Turn RIGHT on 7th St.
6. Continue down 7th St. and drive around Showalter Fountain
7. Turn RIGHT on Woodlawn Ave.
8. Turn RIGHT on 10th St.