

# IU Bloomington Driving Tour

Indiana University is very much a walking campus but exploring it from your car is a great way to cover a lot of space in a short time. You'll discover iconic landmarks, unique architecture, and hidden gems across the 1,953 acres of campus.

Whether you've already taken an [in-person tour of campus](#) or you're just starting to explore, 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.

As you explore, note that driving directions are capitalized and noted in red, followed by descriptions of what you will find in that area.

Please see the most recent updates for construction in [Bloomington](#) and [Indiana](#) to see any potential obstacles or detours in getting to or around campus.

## **ENTER CAMPUS FROM STATE ROAD 45/46 AND TENTH STREET:**

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 the IU Regional Academic Health Center, home to the [IU Health Bloomington Hospital](#) and the [Health Sciences Building](#).

Another notable building on the corner of St. Rd. 45/46 and 10th Street is the [Cyberinfrastructure Building](#), home to University Information Technology Services (UITS).

## **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 Street is also home to the [Central Neighborhood](#), one of four residential neighborhoods.

On your left is Eigenmann Hall, the tallest building on campus. Eigenmann has many amenities: a computer lab, a Hoosier C-Store, its own library, and, of course, a variety of residential room types.

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

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.

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.

Continuing on, you'll find the final residence hall on 10th Street, 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 [Student 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 EAGLESON AVENUE**

On the corner of Eagleson Avenue and Tenth Street, 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 [IU Dining options](#) (the Campus Café and the Bookmark[et] 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 offers multiple services, including [Writing Tutorial Services](#), [Research Help](#), [IU Peer Coaching](#), the [CrimsonCard](#) office, and [Tech Support, IT Training, and Printing and Computer Help](#). The Learning Commons is the size of six NCAA basketball courts!

Just beyond the Wells Library, you'll see the [Global and International Studies Building \(GISB\)](#), home to the [Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies](#), a leader in the study of international affairs. HLS provides interdisciplinary programs in languages, cultures, policies, and leadership.

The Global and International Studies Building (GISB) contains 165,000 square feet of space, including a 134-seat lecture hall, more than 30 classrooms and collaborative spaces, a television studio, and a beautiful atrium where students can study or hang out.

The next building on your right is the Mies Building for the Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design. The 60-foot-wide, 140-foot-long rectangular structure of thin, white-painted steel and expansive glass realizes architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's 1952 design for the IU Bloomington campus.

On your left is the Ferguson International Center, which serves as the hub of international engagement on campus. The Ferguson International Center is also home to study abroad programs and international student programs and services, including international student admissions.

As you continue down Eagleson Avenue you will see the [Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center](#), the [IU Cinema](#), and the [Neal Marshall Black Culture Center](#) on your right.

The Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center provides two vital performance spaces and state-of-the-art technology and contains workshop areas and spacious directing and acting studios.

The IU Cinema is one of the nation's most prestigious arthouse cinemas. With programming focused on the world's most entertaining, fascinating, and thought-provoking films, the IU Cinema hosts over 300+ annual events including popular films, rarely shown titles, student film screenings, and discussions with prominent filmmakers and scholars.

The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center is a one-of-a-kind, dedicated "living history" space for students to explore racial identity and express the values of a diverse and engaged learning community. The NMBCC houses the African American Cultural Center Library, the African American Arts Institute, and the Office of Diversity Education and hosts individuals and groups for programming and specialized tours—visit the [Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center website](#) to learn more. The NMBCC is one of [seven cultural centers and institutes](#) on the IU Bloomington campus dedicated to programming, events, outreach, and advocacy for IU's richly diverse community.

Past the NMBCC 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 Eagleson Avenue 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 just beyond that. 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 residence hall and apartment living, with suite-style rooms and private bath options for added privacy and independence, but with residence hall amenities always within reach.

As you continue towards Third Street, 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 is 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 or take part in the [1,100+ performances](#) the school produces each year, ranging from solo recitals to fully staged [operas and ballets](#).

### **TURN RIGHT (WEST) ON THIRD 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 Third Street, 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 Irsay Institute, and classrooms for courses in religious studies, criminal justice, and more.

Following Third Street leads you to the Biology Building, which houses many classrooms and departments within the [College of Arts and Sciences](#), including the Medical Sciences Program. The north side of the Biology Building 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 [Biology Building 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 Third Street, you will see Myers Hall, Rawles Hall, Swain East and Swain West on your right. 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.

To your left on Third Street, you will find more houses affiliated with Greek life, as well as the [Atwater Eye Care Center](#) (part of the [School of Optometry](#)), and the [Jewish Culture Center](#) which is located within the [Helene G. Simon Hillel Center](#). The Jewish Culture Center is dedicated to ensuring Jewish college students have opportunities to recognize and develop their leadership potential and connect with Judaism in many traditional and creative ways.

The last building that you will see on the corner of Third Street and Indiana Avenue 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 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 Whitten as well as several vice presidents on campus. This includes the [Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(OVPDEI\)](#), which 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.

The iconic Sample Gates is a can't-miss destination and the most photographed spot 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 Avenue](#), populated with shops, eateries, and entertainment venues.

Just beyond 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 Frances Morgan Swain Student Building, Maxwell Hall, Owen Hall, and the Rose Well House, which make up the Old Crescent section of campus with some of the first buildings erected on the current campus site.

On the corner of Indiana Avenue and Seventh Street you will find Dunn Meadow, one of several open green spaces on campus. The Campus 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. The natural environment is an important part of campus; IU Bloomington has been referred to as the Woodland Campus because of the abundant and beautiful trees and forests throughout.

## TURN RIGHT (EAST) ON SEVENTH STREET

On the left you will see several student services buildings. These buildings include two of IU's culture centers, the [LGBTQ+ Culture Center](#) and [La Casa/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 Latine students, while assisting in their academic, leadership, professional, and social development.

On the right you will see the [Indiana Memorial Union \(IMU\)](#), constructed in the early 1930s. With over 500,000 square feet, the IMU is one of the largest student unions in the world. The IMU has numerous resources for students, including a bowling alley, a billiards room, the Biddle Hotel, the IU Bookstore, and the Whittenberger Auditorium. The Union Board—the largest student programming organization on campus—screens popular films throughout the year in the Whittenberger Auditorium, free to IU students. The IMU also features many dining options and lounge areas for students to enjoy right in the heart of campus.

One of the main features of the IMU is the Student Activities Tower, which houses offices for some of our 750+ student organizations. IU is home to numerous academic, philanthropic, religious, social, and professional student organizations. See all of IU Bloomington's student organizations at [beinvolved.indiana.edu](http://beinvolved.indiana.edu).

As you continue down Seventh Street, you will see Ernie Pyle Hall on your right. Ernie Pyle Hall is home to the Office of Admissions Welcome Center, 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 thirteen specialized career centers on campus.

## TURN LEFT (NORTH) AT THE GUARD STATION

***The area of Seventh Street past the guard station is closed to non-permit vehicle traffic. Continue reading for information about the buildings you can see beyond the guard station on Seventh Street.***

Seventh Street is home to Woodburn Hall and the Fine Arts Plaza. Woodburn hall is a multi-disciplinary building housing a variety of classes. It is home to the departments of Art History and Political Science and was a past home of the Kelley School of Business.

The Fine Arts Plaza is the heart of IU's art scene, with the Showalter Fountain and *Birth of Venus* sculpture at its center. It is home to events like CultureFest, a Welcome Week tradition celebrating diversity at IU, First Thursdays arts and humanities events, and more. It is a common place for students to gather on nice days, dip their feet in the fountain, and take graduation photos. Surrounding Fine Arts Plaza are the Lilly Library, IU Auditorium, the Fine Arts Building, and the Eskenazi Museum.

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 Lilly Library's most famous items include the first printed edition of *The Canterbury Tales*, Thomas Jefferson's personal copy of the first printing of the Bill of Rights, an original Gutenberg Bible, and the world's largest comic book collection donated by Michael Uslan, a three-time IU alumnus and producer of the Batman films.

The [IU Auditorium](#) first opened its doors in 1941 and has since served as a community gathering place. The opulent 3,200-seat theatre hosts Broadway tours, national and international artists, and more. Notable past performers and speakers include Bernie Sanders, the Dalai Lama, Meryl Streep, and Kevin Hart. The IU Auditorium offers a student discount on tickets, making it a perfect night out for students.

The Fine Arts Building is one of several 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 unbounded. The Fine Arts Building is also home to the Grunwald Gallery, an exhibition space that features contemporary works of art by professional and student artists.

Inside the [Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art](#), designed by architect I. M. Pei, 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'll see students laying on the ground outside with their feet on the side of the museum, watching as the light totem changes color.

### **CONTINUE LEFT (WEST) ONTO EIGHTH STREET**

As you travel through the lane from Seventh Street to Eighth 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 [Bill 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 ("Bill") Garrett, one of IU's greatest basketball players and a pioneer of racial justice in athletics.



## **TURN RIGHT (NORTH) ON WOODLAWN AVENUE**

On the northwest corner of Woodlawn Avenue and Seventh Street, 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 Avenue you will see some of the outdoor spaces managed by Recreational Sports. This includes 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 TENTH STREET**

On the northeast corner of Woodlawn Avenue and Tenth Street, 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 Tenth Street 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 Psychological 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 Jesse H. and Beulah Chanley Cox Arboretum, an 11-acre oasis home to a collection of unique trees and plants from around the world. 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.



One of the main highlights of the Arboretum is the Arthur R. Metz Bicentennial Grand Carillon Bell Tower. The tower stands more than 127 feet tall and features 65 bells. It is one of less than 30 grand carillons in the world. It even contains a micro classroom where students can learn to play the 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 and learn to lead for the greater good.

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 Tenth Street and Eagleson Avenue.

### **Other areas of interest:**

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

**A note about the bus system:** Students have access to two different bus systems—the Campus Bus Service, which runs from academic buildings to residence halls and libraries, and Bloomington Transit buses, which travel across town including to the mall, grocery store, and off-campus apartments. Campus buses are free to all and city buses are free to students with a student ID. Students can track the Campus Bus Service in the IU Mobile app, available for Apple or Android smartphones.

[Northwest Neighborhood](#): From the end of the driving tour, turn left (north) on Eagleson Avenue, then left on Law Lane, and then right on Fee Lane. Foster will be the first complex on your right, home to the Gresham Food Court. McNutt will be the first complex on your left. McNutt is home to the Kelley School of Business' [Jellison Living Learning Center \(JLLC\)](#). Behind McNutt you will also find the newest addition to on-campus housing, [Walnut Grove Center](#). 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 Eagleson Avenue and then left on Seventeenth Street. Feel free to drive around to see the many [IU Athletics facilities](#) including: Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall, Gladstein Fieldhouse, Cook Hall, Wilkenson Hall, Memorial Stadium, Mellencamp Pavilion, and the Tennis Center.

# Indiana University Driving Tour Map

1. Enter campus on 10th St., driving west
2. Turn LEFT on N. Eagleson Avenue
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.

