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We're glad you're here!

Welcome to Duquesne University. We hope you enjoy your visit!

To help you find your way around, we’ve created self-guided walking tours that will give you an inside look at our beautiful campus. Take your pick of several short walks, each focused on a different aspect of campus life: our heritage, our award-winning academic programs, our state-of-the-art athletics facilities, the university’s residence halls, and our efforts to be more sustainable.

A Safe and Welcoming Campus

Pittsburgh is one of the nation’s safest cities and Duquesne’s Department of Public Safety is one of the university police forces in the state to be accredited by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. With more than 50 well-trained officers and security staff, we are fully committed to maintaining a safe campus for students, faculty, and staff.

As you’re taking in the sights, don’t be afraid to ask for help or directions. Our students, faculty and staff are proud of Duquesne and are eager to help visitors.

Heritage Tour

“Old Main”

Duquesne was founded in 1878 in rented rooms above a bakery in Pittsburgh’s North Hill District, a predominantly Irish immigrant neighborhood, which lies just north and east of campus. In 1885, Spiritan priests and brothers constructed the current Administration Building, known now as “Old Main,” of wooden beams and handmade bricks. It is the first structure to be built on campus and at one time housed all of the school’s classrooms and offices as well as living quarters for students and Spiritans.

Today, Old Main houses the Admissions Office as well as the University’s executive and business offices and the Learning Skills Center, which provides tutoring services to students making the transition from high school to college.

Duquesne Chapel

Built in 1896, the Duquesne Chapel, which lies adjacent to Old Main and where Masses are said daily, offers an atmosphere for spiritual reflection to people of all religious traditions. The hand-painted stained glass windows, crafted in Munich, Germany, depict the mysteries of the Rosary.

Trinity Hall

West of the Administration Building sits Trinity Hall, the residence of the Spiritan priests who serve the University as administrators and teachers.

Laval House

Laval House serves as the Spiritan Vocation Office and provides housing for visiting Spiritans and undergraduate students preparing for the priesthood. In the past, the building served as the University President’s Office and, prior to that, as a convent.

Academic Walk

Academic Walk, or “A-Walk,” the long pedestrian mall extending through the heart of campus, was once known as Vickrey Street. As late as the 1950s, it was lined with row houses where successive waves of immigrants made their homes. As Duquesne grew, one by one these buildings became part of the University. They served as student housing, office space and classrooms. Laval House is the last of these Vickrey Street structures.

Academic Tour

Gumbert Library

Near the crest of Locust Street is the Gumbert Library, a five-story facility with holdings that include print, microform, and electronic resources as well as an extensive collection of sound recordings and the School of Education’s Curriculum Center, as well as invaluable archival materials.

Libermann Hall

Duquesne’s newest academic building is a thoroughly renovated eight-story structure housing the Biomedical Engineering program and adult and veterans student enrollment services, as well as a variety of multiple learning environments and University offices.

Rockwell Hall

Rockwell Hall houses the Palumbo-Donahue School of Business. This spacious 10-story building also houses the Business School’s state-of-the-art Investment Center and a Technology Center for all students, as well as the office of Career Services, the Psychological Services Clinic, the Duquesne University Press and the Peter M. Wilt Theater, among other offices and facilities.

Ranges Hall

This building houses the classrooms and offices of the John G. Ranges, St. John’s Health Sciences, including the school’s learning labs for the Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant Studies programs. The fourth floor has the Anatomy Research and Teaching Laboratory and the School’s multimedia room. The building, an award-winning design for reuse, is Duquesne’s former field house.

Bayer Learning Center

Bayer Learning Center, one of the most technologically advanced classrooms in the region, has 18 multimedia classrooms that provide state-of-the-art capabilities, electronic whiteboards, projection screens and interactive student response pads. The building also houses the offices of the Mylan School of Pharmacy.

Canevin Hall

Canevin Hall, which houses the School of Education, sits opposite the Bayer Learning Center. Renovated in 2008, it is the second oldest academic building on Duquesne’s campus.

Mellon Hall

Next to Bayer Learning Center is the Richard Mellon K Mellon Hall of Science. This four-story structure, designed by acclaimed architect Mies van der Rohe, houses the departments of Biological Sciences and Chemistry as well as the laboratories for the Mylan School of Pharmacy. Instructional facilities include two large amphitheater-style lecture halls, each with a 250-person seating capacity, as well as well-equipped laboratories and a science computer facility.

College Hall

College Hall, a six-story limestone-clad building, is the home of the McNulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts and houses its departments and facilities. Special instructional facilities include public computer laboratories, the University Writing Center, the Multicultural Center, radio studios, and several large lecture halls.

Music School

Home to the Mary Pappert School of Music, this building has more than classrooms, offices and practice spaces. Inside are electronic music studios, a world-class School of Music Technology program, as well as the Pappert Center for Performance and Innovation, a technologically sophisticated and acoustically poised venue for performing, recording and rehearsing. The Pappert Center combines visionary design with the latest digital technology. The Music School has 68 Steinway pianos and six organs along with a full array of orchestral and band instruments that are available for student use, and its newly remodeled PNC Recital Hall is used for a variety of student and faculty performances.

School of Law

The School of Law is housed in Edward J. Hanley Hall and the John E. Murray Pavilion. The facility features research and study rooms, two large amphitheater lecture halls, interview rooms, seminar and classroom areas, and three courthouses. The fully computerized law library is the most accessible of its kind in the city of Pittsburgh.

Fisher Hall

Fisher Hall can be reached by a skywalk spanning Forbes Avenue. This building houses the School of Law on the fifth and sixth floors. It has 38 functional labs and offices and classrooms for the Health Management Systems and Speech-Language Pathology programs, as well as the Speech-Language Hearing Clinic, Exercise Physiology Lab, Occupational Performance Lab, Counseling and Wellness Center, and the departments of Theology, Modern Languages and Literatures, and Physics.

Recreation and Athletics Tour

Duquesne Union

The Duquesne Union, a notable example of the Brutalist (from the French phrase béton brut, or “raw concrete”) architectural style of the 1960s, houses a large study lounge on its second floor that has been awarded LEED Gold Certification for green remediation. Along with retail facilities, including a Starbucks coffee shop and PNC Bank ATM, the building houses recreational amenities, restaurants, a ballroom, conference facilities and the offices of Student Activities, Greek Life, Multicultural Affairs, Judicial Affairs, Commuter Affairs, and Student Development and Special Student Services.

Duquesne Towers

Duquesne Towers is a 17-story residence facility for 1,200 men and women. In addition to the resident rooms, the facility features the newly renovated and expanded Sean Hogan Dining Center, a convenience store, the Student Mail Center, a full-size indoor swimming pool and the Spiritan Campus Ministry office.

Power Center

The Power Center earned LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in 2013. The 136,000 sq. ft. multipurpose building, which includes a bookstore, restaurants, recreational facilities and a basketball court, was designed and built within a framework of high concern for the environment.

Des Places Hall


Cogeneration Plant

For over a decade, Duquesne has produced its electricity using a clean-burning natural gas turbine with an efficiency rate of 60 percent, all the building tucked into a wooded hillside in the heart of campus. This unique cogeneration plant produces more than 75 percent of the University’s electricity at no cost to University facilities. All of the remaining electricity that the University uses is purchased from green energy producers.

Want an inside look at a residence hall? Tours of the inside of our residence halls, including a look at a room, are available through the Office of Admissions. Visit www.duq.edu/visit to make an appointment.

Brotherly Hall

At the corner of Locust Street and McInulty Drive is Brotherly Hall, a building with a spectacular view of Pittsburgh, which houses approximately 150 upperclassmen, and some graduate students, in studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. It is 20 stories high and equipped with a full kitchen including refrigerator, electric stove and microwave, and a private bath, which includes a combination bathtub and shower.

Residence Hall Tour

Vickrey Hall

Vickrey Hall is a 322-bed, air-conditioned facility with double and triple rooms and bathrooms shared by four or five people. Vickrey Hall is reserved for upperclassmen.

Des Places Hall

Des Places Hall completed in 2012 and named for Claude Poullart des Places, the founder of the Spiritans, is Duquesne’s newest residence hall. The 12-story, double-height building designed to promote numerous environmentally friendly features while offering the highest levels of comfort and safety, houses approximately 430 upperclassmen in single rooms and two- or three-bedroom suites.

Sustainability Tour

Duquesne Union, Second Floor Renovation

A major renovation in the Duquesne Union has earned Gold Certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system. The project created a healthier human environment with increased fresh airflow, enhanced air filtration, low-volatile organic compound finishes and an extensive green cleaning program. It also features paneling, cabinets and doors constructed of wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

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