On and Around Campus: Neighborhoods Worth Exploring

Case Western Reserve University’s campus sits as a centerpiece among some of the most exciting and stimulating communities in Cleveland, from University Circle and Uptown—which intertwine with the campus and boast some of the city’s most energetic and culturally robust areas—to bustling neighbors like Little Italy, Coventry Village and the Cedar-Fairmount district. Whether you are staying at Case Western Reserve or just visiting, the campus and surrounding neighborhoods offer a plethora of cultural, social, retail and dining pursuits. Find out more at case.edu/visit.

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE: THE CULTURAL HUB OF CLEVELAND

Case Western Reserve’s campus is the heart of University Circle, home to more than 50 of the world’s finest educational, cultural, medical and social-service institutions—all within one square mile.

The Cleveland Museum of Art, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Western Reserve Historical Society and the Cleveland Botanical Garden provide not only entertainment, but also academic collaborations that give Case Western Reserve students ample opportunities for hands-on training. Cleveland’s health care system is also a mainstay of University Circle, with Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center as important partners with the university’s health sciences departments. But University Circle’s offerings don’t end with museums and hospitals. You’ll find some of the city’s best dining options, from falafel and hummus at Falafel Cafe to the chic French bistro L’Albatros. Plus hip hangouts like the Barking Spider Tavern and The Coffee House at University Circle keep the fun going. The circle’s park-like setting also gives visitors a chance to enjoy green spaces at Wade Oval or the art museum’s lagoon. universitycircle.org

NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND CAMPUS

From a stone’s throw to a quick bus ride, Case Western Reserve is surrounded by eclectic, exciting and entertaining neighborhoods that keep campus residents and visitors in no short supply of things to do.

1 Uptown

University Circle and Cleveland’s newest growing hotspot is Uptown, which sits right in the heart of campus. Home to the university’s new Barnes & Noble campus bookstore and the sparkling new Museum of Modern Art (MOCA), Uptown is poised to become the city’s hottest urban residential and commercial district. uptowncleveland.com

2 Little Italy

You don’t have to have an Italian heritage to enjoy the treasures of Little Italy. And with its shared border with the university’s campus and enticing restaurant and entertainment offerings, that’s a good thing. Pick your pizza or pasta pleasure at local favorite Trattoria. Indulge in some retail therapy in Little Italy’s art galleries and boutiques. Bask in the neighborhood’s unique heritage, which thrives with family-owned businesses and retains the flavor of its original inhabitants—skilled stone cutters and craftsmen from Italy. Just don’t forget to top off your visit with a decadent dessert from Crobo’s Bakery or Presti’s. littleitalycleveland.com

3 Coventry Village

Just up the hill from campus, Coventry Village is an eclectic block that offers visitors everything from Thai food and milkshakes to vinyl records and book readings. Coventry has a unique 1960s vibe that makes visitors fall in love with its quirkiness—and keeps them coming back for more. Hunt for nostalgic toys at Big Fun. Browse CDs and classic vinyl at Record Revolution. Enjoy book clubs and author readings at Mac’s Backs, the unofficial home of the Cleveland literary community. Dine on vegetarian delights at Tommy’s. Or catch a rock show almost any night of the week at the Grog Shop. coventryvillage.org

4 Cedar-Fairmount

Antiques, food, cocktails, jazz and art, oh my! From phenomenal Greek and Indian food at Mad Greek to an impressive wine and spirits list at The Fairmount to live jazz at Nighttown, the Cedar-Fairmount district has a lot to boast. Plus independent bookstore Appletree Books, exquisite Italian gelato at La Gelateria and Pizzeria, yoga and pilates studios, spa services, groceries and more make Cedar-Fairmount an attractive historic destination. cedarfairmount.org

5 Cedar-Lee

Just 2.5 miles east of campus, the Cedar-Lee commercial district in Cleveland Heights is home to more than 150 businesses, including neighborhood anchor Cedar Lee Theatre for art, independent and mainstream cinema, and summer concert and performance venue Cain Park. cedarllee.org

6 Shaker Square

At the intersection of Shaker Boulevard and Rapid Transit rail lines sits the country’s second-oldest shopping district. Shaker Square, three miles south of campus, offers everything from custom roasts at Dewey’s Coffee Cafe to six screens at Shaker Square Cinemas to award-winning classic American fare at Fire: Food and Drink. shakersquare.net

7 Downtown

The Case Western Reserve campus is just five miles east of downtown Cleveland, where more entertainment awaits. Home to professional sports teams the Browns, Cavaliers, Indians and Monsters, downtown also maintains the legacy of Cleveland’s rock roots with The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and popular concert venues that host international and local acts. The Theater District brings more performances to life, while favorites East Fourth Street and the Warehouse District offer trendy dining options, bars and a thriving nightlife. downtownclevelandalliance.com

TRANSPORTATION

Around Campus

The Circle Link, the campus circulator and other shuttle routes make all of campus, University Circle and Little Italy accessible to students and visitors. Signs are posted at each stop, or visit case.edu/visit for route maps and travel information.

Area Neighborhoods

The Greater Cleveland RTA offers more than 10 bus routes and the red line rapid to service University Circle. Use Google Transit to plan your trip on public transportation at maps.google.com or on your mobile device at google.com/mobile/maps.

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