Case Western Reserve University Walking Tour
Welcome to CWRU! We're glad you've chosen to visit! The following self-guided tour provides you with a skeleton of our facilities and can be used in conjunction with your visitor's map.

There are eight distinct areas on the CWRU campus. Feel free to visit one or all of them!

Athletic Complex  Health Sciences Complex
Case Quad  North Residential Village
Heart of the Campus  South Residential Village
Mather Quad  University Circle

Case Quad

Tomlinson Hall houses the Office of Undergraduate Admission as well as the faculty dining hall and the Marketplace Food Court. The Viking on the building's facade supposedly overlooked a fence separating Case Institute of Technology and Western Reserve University.

Crawford Hall houses the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and several administrative services.

Yost Hall (1950) was once a dormitory and is now home to the Mathematics and Statistics departments and the Office of Housing and Residence Life/Greek Life, the Registrar, and the Office of Financial Aid.

The Michelson-Morley Fountain commemorates the work of physics professor Albert Michelson, the first American to win a Nobel Prize in science (Physics, 1907) and chemistry professor Edward Morley. Their 1887 experiment with the speed of light paved the way for Einstein’s Theory of Relativity.

Wickenden Building is home to a variety of disciplines including the departments of Art History, Art Education, and Studio Art and the art studios as well as the Economics and Biomedical Engineering Departments.

Sears Library houses the Weatherhead School of Management (WSOM) and the Career Center.

Enterprise Hall is the center of WSOM. Its rotunda contains what are reputed to be the most comfortable chairs at the University as well as a coffee shop, a silent study room, several meeting rooms, and a computer lab.

Olin Lab and White Building house the departments of Computer Engineering and Computer Science.

Glennan Building houses the Mechanical, Electrical, and Aerospace Engineering Departments, offices of the Dean of the School of Engineering, and the electrical engineering labs. The Computer Aided Engineering Lab (CAEL) boasts a Hewlett Packard Plotter that will draft pictures as wide as five feet.

Bingham Engineering Building houses Civil Engineering and features a dust-free lab used for processing micro-chips. Also located here is the Soils Lab and the Concrete Lab with facilities for testing scale models of structures, a concrete slab for stability testing, and strength testing machines. Bingham also houses an electronics design center, a machine shop, and a basement laser laboratory in the basement.

The Kent Hale Smith Science and Engineering Building was constructed in 1993 and houses the department of Macromolecular Science. It includes diffraction, fluorescence, and spectroscopic equipment, electron microscopes, and facilities for characterization of certain aspects of structure, size, and shape of biological materials.

A. W. Smith Building is home to the Chemical Engineering, Geology, and Astronomy Departments. It features a roof that opens in the event of an explosion, the largest computer lab on campus, and an observatory.

Strosacker Auditorium is used by the CWRU Film Society for movies Friday and Saturday nights and is also used for lectures and classes.
Rockefeller Physics Building named after John D. Rockefeller, was constructed in 1906 and is the oldest Case Institute of Technology building. Renovated in 1995, the building houses the Physics department and has dedicated labs for undergraduates.

Millis Science Center contains the Biology and Chemistry Departments and Schmitt Lecture Hall, the largest classroom on campus seating approximately 350 students.

Biology Building includes the Neurobiology and Environmental Biology Departments as well as several labs and faculty offices.

Morley Chemistry Lab was built in 1910 and is home to the Chemistry labs and a lecture hall.

Eldred Theater was built originally to be a YMCA in 1897 and was renovated in 1939 and 1995. Now home to the department of Theater Arts, it has a small prosenium stage and seating for 150 people.

Adelbert Hall was the oldest building on campus, constructed in 1881, until its destruction by fire on June 23, 1991. It houses the President’s office, Student Affairs, and several other administrative offices. It was rebuilt and was rededicated in 1993.

Amasa Stone Chapel was built in 1882 and is one of two chapels on campus. The three angels represent Cleveland, Mather, and Adelbert Colleges. The gargoyle is sticking its tongue out at the former Case Institute of Technology.

Baker Building houses the Office of Undergraduate Studies, the University Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Instructional Television Network, and Hatch Auditorium.

Athletic Complex

The Veale Convocation, Recreation, and Athletic Center opened in Fall, 1997. Within its 60,000 square feet, the Center houses 4 athletic courts suitable for basketball, volleyball, and tennis, a 200-meter, 6-lane running track, 2 multi-purpose rooms, and our Athletic Hall of Fame.

Emerson Physical Education Center was recently remodeled, houses 2 swimming pools, the weight rooms, squash courts, a fencing room, wrestling room, cardiovascular equipment, and a gymnasium. CWRU competes in the NCAA Division III, as part of the University Athletic Association, and fields teams in 15 varsity sports, 9 club sports, and 22 intramural sports.

Adelbert Gymnasium was originally built in 1919 as a World War I armory and is now primarily used for intramural athletics and special events.

Finnegan Fields are located by the North Side Residence Halls on E. 115 St. It is the home field for all CWRU Varsity Football games, Varsity Soccer games, and Varsity Track meets. The baseball and softball fields are also located in this complex.

Freiberger Field was the original site of Freiberger Library. It is now an intramural field.

Van Horn Field is located in front of the main entrance to the Veale Center and is used for intramural sporting events.

Health Sciences Complex

Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing are within close proximity to each other. The professional schools of CWRU are located on the same campus as undergraduate programs and University Hospitals, the teaching hospital for CWRU.

The Health Sciences Library and the Allen Memorial Medical Library, contain a Historical Medicine Museum and holds clinical journals, a rare books collection, a renovated reading room, Ford Auditorium, and the Center on Aging and Health.
University Hospitals is bordered by Euclid Ave., Adelbert Rd. and Cornell Rd. A recognized leader in medical care, research and education for 130 years, University Hospitals of Cleveland provides an array of comprehensive services.

Biomedical Research Building is the largest biomedical research center in the state of Ohio. The building also houses a cafeteria.

Heart of the Campus

Kelvin Smith Library, "the library of the future," is the main undergraduate library at CWRU and opened in 1996. With 150,000 square feet, moveable shelves holding 1.2 million volumes, and state-of-the-art technology including a wireless network, the building provides ample study space and access to resources. Every study carrel is networked for lap-tops users. The Educational Student Support office is located on the first floor and provides tutoring and academic support for all students.

Thwing Center was renovated in 1980, and is CWRU's student center. Thwing houses the campus bookstore, Sweet Sensations, Charlie's Place for lunch, Mather Gallery, the CWRU Post Office, study lounges, The Observer, the commuter lounge, the Student Activities office, the Office of Student Community Service, the University Programming Board, and the Undergraduate Student Government which currently sponsors over 125 student clubs.

Turning Point was dedicated in Fall 1996. It is the first sculpture by renowned architect Philip Johnson, leads students into the Mather Quad and is the 20th work acquired by the John and Mildred Putnam sculpture endowment.

Mather Quad

Mather House contains offices for the History, Religion, Political Science, and Art History departments.

Mather Dance Center houses the Modern Dance department, a division of the Theater Arts Department.

Guilford House is now home to the English, Modern Languages and Literature, Classics, American Studies, Women’s Studies, and Philosophy departments and a language lab. It was originally built in 1892 as a residence hall for the Flora Stone Mather School for Women.

Haydn Hall holds the Music department, Kulas Music Library, rehearsal rooms, and Music Computer Lab.

Clark Hall is the original home of the Flora Stone Mather College for Women and was built in 1892. It is now used as classroom space and is home to the Baker-Nord Center for Humanities, one of 7 interdisciplinary centers on campus.

Harkness Chapel is the second chapel on campus and is often used by the Music Department for recitals, instruction, and concerts because of its superior acoustical properties.

Mather Memorial houses offices, classrooms, and labs for the Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and Asian Studies Departments as well as WRUW, Cleveland 91.1 FM, the University radio station.

Interfaith Plaza provides a place for the University Christian Movement, Hallinan (Newman) Center, and Hillel Foundation to conduct religious services. Schtiks kosher vegetarian restaurant is on the ground floor.

CWRU's School of Law & Gund Hall houses our law library, classrooms, offices, and a moot courtroom. The Gund Hall addition opened in 1995.

The Peter B. Lewis Building, designed by Frank O. Gehry, is the new campus of the Weatherhead School of Management. The 143,000-square-foot, five-story building is scheduled to open in the summer of 2002 and is designed to reflect the innovation in the curriculum at the Weatherhead school. It is also the first site to host CWRU’s new switched gig computer network.
The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS) occupies this building. MSASS offers graduate work in the area of social work and is consistently ranked as one of the top ten schools of social work in the country.

The George S. Dively Building is an extension of the Weatherhead School of Management and hosts the executive education program.

North Residential Village

Residence Halls located on the North Side of campus are traditional doubles in halls of about 100 students. All the residence halls are co-ed and housing is guaranteed for four years. Students congregate in Leutner Commons for meals, and Wade Commons for informal study sessions. The Spot, located below Leutner, is a campus hangout and sponsors poetry nights, bands, comedians, and other entertainment. Residence halls are kept locked and require key-card access to each floor. Tennis courts, a sand volleyball court, and basketball hoops provide recreation opportunities, and Greek houses are interspersed throughout the North Village.

South Residential Village

Residence Halls located on the South Side, provide housing for students in suites. The suites consist of six single rooms and one common room and bathroom. Fribley Commons provides gathering space and meals for these students. The South Village also has tennis courts and a basketball court as well as Greek Houses and the College Scholars House.

University Circle

At the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Adelbert Road is Severance Hall, home of the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. Students can attend orchestra concerts with tickets purchased with newly endowed funds. A bit further down Euclid Avenue is the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, an independent, non-profit clinic, affiliated with CWRU and housing the department of Communication Sciences.

Nearby is The Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Institutes of Art and of Music (CIA and CIM). Every art history class at CWRU is taught in the art museum, and joint partnerships with CIA and CIM allow students to cross register.

Adjacent to the Art Museum is the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the state-of-the-art Shafran Planetarium, which opened in the winter of 2002. The Perkins Wildlife Center will open in the fall of 2002. CWRU’s archaeology courses are taught at this museum.

Across Wade Oval from the museums you’ll find the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, which are currently undergoing a major renovation. The gardens will reopen in 2003 with exciting new ecosystems represented.

Opposite the Botanical Gardens on East Boulevard are the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum and the Crawford Auto and Aviation Museum. History students often do research with this museum.

We hope that you enjoyed your walk around CWRU. Thank you for visiting our campus. If you are able to return, we would welcome you in a group information session, interview, or overnight visit. If you would like to arrange an alumni interview in your local area, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at (216) 368-4450.