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DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

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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 recreational and athletic facilities, our 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 few 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, staff and visitors.

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

12 "Old Main"

Duquesne was founded in 1878 in rented rooms above a bakery in Pittsburgh's historic Hill District 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 Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid as well as the University's executive and business offices and the Michael P. Weber Learning Skills Center, which provides tutoring services for students making the transition from high school to college.

11 Duquesne Chapel

Built in 1894, 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. Its stained-glass windows were crafted in Munich, Germany.

4 Trinity Hall

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

26 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.

53 Academic Walk

Academic Walk, or "A-Walk," the long pedestrian mall extending through the heart of campus, was once known as Vickroy 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 Vickroy Street structures.

Academic Tour

24 Gumberg Library

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

1 Libermann Hall

Duquesne's newest academic building is a thoroughly renovated eight-story structure housing the Biomedical Engineering (BME) program and adult and veteran student enrollment services, as well as BME, Nursing and Occupational Therapy labs.

2 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 Psychology Department and Clinic, and other offices and facilities.

10 Rangos Hall

This building houses the classrooms and offices of the John G. Rangos, Sr., School of 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.

17 Bayer Learning Center

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

16 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.

27 Mellon Hall

Next to Bayer Learning Center is the Richard King 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 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.

35 College Hall

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



41 School of Music

Home to the Mary Pappert School of Music, this building has more than classrooms, offices and practices spaces. Inside are electronic music studios, a keyboard lab and a Music Technology Center as well as the Pappert Center for Performance and Innovation, a technologically sophisticated and acoustically superb venue for performing, recording and rehearsing. The Pappert Center combines visionary design with the latest digital equipment. 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.

25 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 moot courtrooms. The fully computerized law library is the most accessible of its kind in the city of Pittsburgh.

13 Fisher Hall

Fisher Hall can be reached by a skywalk spanning Forbes Avenue. This building houses the School of Nursing on the fifth floor along with computer 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 Wellbeing Center, and the departments of Theology, Modern Languages and Literatures, and Physics.

Recreation and Athletics Tour

31 Duquesne Union

Along with retail facilities, including Starbucks, Chick-fil-A Express, a computer store, a large study lounge, and PNC Bank ATMs, the Duquesne Union houses recreational amenities, restaurants, a ballroom, conference facilities and several offices including Student Activities, Greek Life, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Judicial Affairs, Commuter Affairs, and Freshman Development and Disability Services.



36 Rooney Field

Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field is named in honor of the founder of the Pittsburgh Steelers (and Duquesne alumnus). It is the home field of the University's football team, men's and women's soccer teams, and the women's lacrosse team. At the eastern end of the field is the field house, with locker rooms, an athletic training room and coaches' offices.

45 McCloskey Field

On the corner of Seitz Street sits McCloskey Field, which is used for outdoor intramural sports and a wide variety of other recreational activities. The field is surrounded by a four-lane, all-weather track used by the campus community as well as the University's track and field teams.

44 Palumbo Center

Located at the corner of Forbes Avenue and Magee Street, adjacent to McCloskey Field, is the A.J. Palumbo Center. The Palumbo Center serves as the home arena for the Duquesne University men's and women's Dukes basketball teams and has seating for up to 4,400 fans. The building also houses three regulation size basketball courts, weight-room facilities for athletes, locker rooms and coaches' offices. Throughout the year, the Palumbo Center also serves as a venue for concerts and other public events.

32 Power Center

This 136,000 sq. ft. multipurpose facility was named for the Rev. William Patrick Power, C.S.Sp., one of the Spiritan priests who founded Duquesne.

The Power Recreation Center, an 80,000 sq. ft. area on the second, third and fourth floors of the Power Center, is open seven days a week for Duquesne students and employees. It features secure access to aerobics space; 30 Nautilus cardio-fitness machines with personal viewing screens; basketball, volleyball and racquetball courts; an indoor track; free-weight rooms; separate student and staff locker facilities; offices, classrooms and Internet-accessible lounges.

On the street level, the building has the University's Barnes & Noble Bookstore, signature Red Ring restaurant and Freshens, a snack bar offering salads, crepes and other foods for healthy, informal dining.

40 Genesis Theater

Opened in 2015, the Genesis Theater is a 10,500 square-foot, two-story multipurpose structure that holds approximately 130 seats. The theater's major features include a main entrance and lobby, rehearsal hall, dressing rooms, building shops, costume storage and a green room.

Residence Hall Tour

9 Brottier Hall

At the corner of Locust Street and McNulty Drive is Brottier Hall, a building with a spectacular view of Pittsburgh, which houses approximately 750 upperclassmen, and some graduate students, in studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. It is 20 stories high, with 314 rental units. Each unit is equipped with a full kitchen including refrigerator, electric stove and microwave, and a private bath, which includes a combination bathtub and shower.

46 Vickroy Hall

Vickroy Hall is a 322-bed facility with double and triple rooms and bathrooms shared by four or five people. Vickroy Hall is reserved for upperclassmen and some graduate students. Residents have access to a kitchen with ovens, pots and pans, refrigerators and more.



42 Duquesne Towers

Duquesne Towers is a 17-floor residence 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.

47 St. Martin Hall

St. Martin Hall, a 13-floor coed residence hall, houses approximately 540 freshman students, with men and women on separate floors. The facility includes study lounges, a recreational lounge and a computer lab.

52 Assumption Hall

Assumption Hall is an L-shaped, four-story structure that houses approximately 250 graduate students and students in the Honors College. It offers both single and double occupancy rooms and is the location of the Office of Residence Life.

50 St. Ann Hall

St. Ann Hall, a seven-floor coed residence, houses approximately 525 freshman students with men and women in separate wings of the building.

49 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 structure, designed to have 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

31 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.

32 Power Center

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

49 Des Places Hall

Named in honor of the founder of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Claude Poullart des Places, this 12-story residence hall incorporates a full range of the latest sustainable technologies in its design and construction as well as in its daily operations. Des Places Hall earned LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in 2013.



54 Energy Center

For over a decade, Duquesne has produced its electricity using a clean-burning natural gas turbine located in this building tucked into a wooded hillside in the heart of campus. This unique cogeneration plant produces more than 75 percent of the electrical power, heating and cooling for University facilities. All of the remaining electricity that the University uses is purchased from green energy producers. In 2016, the University installed new boilers inside the plant as part of a campus-wide steam expansion project.