BOSTON COLLEGE

A VISITOR’S GUIDE TO THE CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS
WELCOME TO BOSTON COLLEGE

This self-guided tour of the Chestnut Hill Campus highlights our facilities, from state-of-the-art academic buildings to our iconic athletic stadium and other Boston College treasures.

Enjoy your time, and thank you for visiting!

We invite you to try our Campus Audio Tour app. Download the “Boston College Welcome” app in your mobile phone’s app store to get started.
Please note that the maroon indicators simulate the route of our standard campus tour.

A DEVLIN HALL
Nestled among the buildings of Middle Campus, Devlin Hall is the location of the Office of Undergraduate Admission, which hosts thousands of visitors for Eagle Eye Campus Visits throughout the year. It is also home to the art, art history, film, and earth and environmental sciences departments. The University's largest academic lecture hall, which seats 303 students, is in Devlin Hall.

B HIGGINS HALL
Higgins Hall is home to the biology and physics departments. On the plaza outside stands sculptor Pablo Eduardo's bronze statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556), founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit) order. Boston College's intellectual and spiritual traditions are rooted in St. Ignatius's life and teachings.

C INTEGRATED SCIENCE BUILDING
The Integrated Science Building at 245 Beacon is home to several programs, including the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, which is part of the largest single investment in the sciences in University history. Grounded in BC's Jesuit tradition of liberal arts and service, the Schiller Institute's multidisciplinary approach to educating tomorrow's STEM leaders fuses the sciences, arts, and humanities to work on solutions to today's most pressing problems in energy, health, and the environment. The Integrated Science Building features offices and laboratories for researchers and engineering faculty, including teaching labs for robotics and data visualization, as well as maker spaces and a dedicated clean room where students can collaborate and experience hands-on prototype research. The facility is also home to the engineering department, the computer science department, the Program for Global Public Health and the Common Good, the Global Observatory on Pollution for Health, and the Edmund H. Shea Jr. Center for Entrepreneurship.

D FULTON HALL
Named after Father Robert J. Fulton, the only University president ever to serve two terms, Fulton Hall houses the Carroll School of Management, which consistently ranks among the country's top business schools.

E LYONS HALL
Built after World War II, as the G.I. Bill brought unprecedented numbers of students to the Heights, Lyons Hall houses the Office of Student Services, the Welch Dining Room, and the foreign language and music departments. Throughout the day, Lyons is alive with the sounds of musicians, singers, and other students enjoying a meal and a conversation.

F McELROY COMMONS
McElroy Commons is a hub of student activity. It houses the Boston College Bookstore and the offices of many organizations, including Campus Ministry, student-run newspaper The Heights, and the University radio station. It also contains two of BC's main dining facilities: the Eagle's Nest, located on the second level, and the newly renovated Carney's, on the third.

G STOKES HALL
Stokes Hall is home to the classical studies, English, history, philosophy, and theology departments as well as the Academic Advising Center and the ground-floor Chocolate Bar coffee shop. Upon its opening in 2013, the Collegiate Gothic building received an award from the Institute of Classical Architecture.
GASSON QUAD
Located at the epicenter of Middle Campus, Gasson Quad is a popular common green where students participate in everything from political activism to relaxing with friends.

GASSON HALL
Built in 1913 in the English Collegiate Gothic style, this iconic building is named for Thomas I. Gasson, S.J., 13th president of Boston College, under whose leadership the University moved from Boston’s South End to its current location. Today, the offices of the dean of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences and the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences graduate programs are in Gasson Hall. The building’s north side is guarded by a gilded bronze statue of the Boston College Eagle, and its first-floor rotunda contains a statue of St. Michael the Archangel overcoming Lucifer. The rotunda adjoins the large, wood-paneled Irish Room, once the University’s assembly hall, which now hosts social functions, concerts, lectures, and other programs. Inside the Gothic bell tower are four bells, each named for a prominent Jesuit.

BAPST LIBRARY
Regarded as one of the country’s most beautiful campus libraries, Bapst Library is named after Boston College’s second president. It was the University’s main library for nearly 60 years. Today, it is used as a study space and supports teaching and research for art, architecture, museum studies, and photography. The main reading room, Gargan Hall, has 14 alcoves of gorgeous stained glass windows that display scenes from a variety of stories from Christian and Celtic history to William Shakespeare. The building also holds the University’s special collections, rare books, and archives in the John J. Burns Library.

MEMORIAL LABYRINTH
Dedicated on September 11, 2003, the Memorial Labyrinth on the Burns Library lawn honors the lives of the 22 Boston College alumni lost on 9/11. Modeled after the 13th-century stone labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France, the labyrinth serves as a perfect spot for reflection.

ST. MARY’S HALL
St. Mary’s Hall is the primary residence of Boston College’s Jesuit community, the largest in the world. The north wing of St. Mary’s Hall contains the beautiful St. Mary’s Chapel. The south wing is home to the Woods College of Advancing Studies and the communication department.

O’NEILL LIBRARY
O’Neill is Boston College’s main research library, named for Thomas P. (“Tip”) O’Neill ’36, the former Speaker of the House of Representatives. The library is open 24 hours on weekdays during the school year and contains 2.3 million volumes on its five floors. It also houses the Connors Family Learning Center, which provides services for all students, including those with learning differences, as well as instructional support for faculty and graduate students.
This completes the general tour of our Chestnut Hill Campus. If time allows, you may want to visit these additional stops:

**Alumni Stadium, Yawkey Athletics Center, and Conte Forum**

Alumni Stadium is the home of BC football. On game days, a sea of fans cheer on our beloved Eagles from the stadium’s 44,500 seats. The stadium also hosts commencement exercises and intramural sports. Next door is the Yawkey Athletics Center, which showcases the 1984 Heisman Trophy, won by legendary football star Doug Flutie ’85. Nearby Conte Forum is home to the Boston College basketball and hockey teams as well as the BC Bands program. It hosts many large-scale campus events, including the annual Pops on the Heights concert, featuring the Boston Pops Orchestra.

**Merkert Chemistry Center**

The Merkert Chemistry Center is a nationally noted facility for research and teaching. It is the only building on campus dedicated to a single department.

**Campion Hall**

Originally built to house Boston College’s female undergraduates, Campion Hall is now home to the Peter S. and Carolyn A. Lynch School of Education and Human Development. The building also houses the Campus School, a special education day school for students aged 3–21.

**McGuinn Hall**

McGuinn Hall is home to the Boston College School of Social Work, one of the nation’s top graduate social work programs, as well as the University’s political science, psychology, and sociology departments. It contains a 260-seat auditorium that serves as both a lecture hall and venue for social events.

**Carney Hall**

Carney Hall houses the Office of Student Involvement, which encompasses most student organizations, including the Undergraduate Government of Boston College.