SELF-GUIDED TOUR 2020

The University of Arizona
Established in 1885, as part of the land-grant university system, we are Arizona’s first university. Forty acres of land owned by two professional gamblers and a saloon owner became the site of the University of Arizona in 1886. The original 40 acres went east to west from Mountain Avenue to Park Avenue and north to south from 2nd Street to 4th Street. We’ve now expanded to almost 400 acres.

Old Main was opened for classes in 1891 with six students and six professors. For some time, this building WAS the University of Arizona, students attended classes, ate their meals, and slept in this building. We currently have over 45,000 students, with over 16,000 staff and faculty members, so on any given day, there are over 60,000 people on campus. Old Main is now home to our Admissions Offices and the Executive Offices of University President Dr. Robbins.

**Princeton Review** lists us as one of the **Best 384 Colleges**.

**U.S. News & World Report** places us in a tie for **46th** among public national universities in **America’s Best Colleges 2018**.

**Eller College of Management** in a tie for **11th place among undergraduate business programs at public universities**.

**Eller’s Management Information Systems** program ranked **1st among public universities and 3rd overall**.

**The College of Engineering** tied for **26th among public universities**.

**The University Medical Center** was named **one of the 100 best hospitals in America for 2018** by **Becker’s Hospital Review**.

Ranks in the top 10 of NASA grant recipients and is No. 1 in space science research. Of universities funded by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the UA receives more grants than the next nine combined.

**The National Science Foundation** has ranked us as one of the top research universities in the United States, placing the university **38th among universities nationwide** and **23rd among public universities**.

**CURRENT STATISTICS**

- **45,918** student population
- **6.2%** undergraduate international students
- **18 colleges**
- **300+ academic programs**
- **10,000+ degrees awarded**
- **23 dorms**
- **16,217 faculty and staff**
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OLD MAIN
The first major structure erected on the campus, Old Main is the achievement of early Boards of Regents who overcame many difficulties in order to establish a building worthy of being the home of the University of Arizona. Old Main remained the only classroom facility until Science Hall was built in 1909. But it was not properly maintained, and in 1938 the building was condemned by the City of Tucson. Fortunately, the U.S. Navy chose the University as one of its Officer Indoctrination Program sites during World War II, and in 1942 paid for Old Main’s restoration so that it could be used for classes. There is a “Historic Site” marker on the building to the right of the stairway landing.

CAMPUS ARBORETUM
The campus is a national arboretum. It is a living lab where trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes a collection of hundreds of different plant and tree species.

ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM
- The building was completed in 1925 and was originally the Library.
- Established in 1893.
- Largest anthropological research museum in Arizona.

CENTENNIAL HALL
- Completed in 1936.
- Hosts a variety of events from science lecture series to Broadway shows.

BOOKSTORE
The bookstore has been in operation on the campus since 1898. This is the hub of student life on campus. It holds our bookstore, where you can buy your UA gear, general school supplies, and best-selling books. The lower level is where students buy their text books for classes. There is also an Apple Campus store.

One of the biggest changes in college is that you need to buy your books.
- The average cost for books per semester is $800. This is why scholarships are so important, because they can help pay for things, like your books.
- The University of Arizona has “Scholarship Universe” which was developed to help students connect to as many scholarship opportunities as possible, from within and outside of the university.
- This is helpful because you can get a scholarship for almost anything like being tall or having freckles. Plus, scholarships can be stacked, so you can use more than one to help pay for things.

U.S.S. ARIZONA BELL
- The battleship U.S.S. Arizona was destroyed in the December 7, 1941 raid on Pearl Harbor. Of the ship’s compliment only 334 survived; 1,177 perished. One of the USS Arizona’s two bells is enshrined in the tower, in memory of those who were in the front lines of their country’s service on that day. Our bell was discovered in 1942 at the Puget Sound Navy Yard salvage dump by Army Captain Bill Bowers, Class of 1927. He acted to prevent the bell’s destruction, and secured its presentation to the University by the Navy Department in 1946.
- The bell was installed in this clock tower on August 16, 2002. Bill Bowers, at the age of 99, was given the honor of ringing the bell for the first time in its new belfry on Sept. 11, 2002. This bell is to be rung seven times on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:07 p.m. to honor the achievements of the University of Arizona and it community.
- The Arizona’s other bell is at the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

STUDENT UNION MEMORIAL CENTER
- Completed in 2002 and replaced the Student Memorial Union built in 1951. Strives to provide a “home away from home” to balance the diverse educational, recreational, cultural and social needs of today’s student. Amenities include: The Bookstore, Starbucks, Food court, Theater, Business Cente, Bank, Post office, Game room, Meeting rooms and Roof-top garden
- The student-run, hydroponic garden provided produce for 30 students per month when it was started five years ago. Now the garden provides fresh produce for 2,200 student per month.

HENRY KOFFLER BUILDING
- Re-dedicated to Dr. Henry Koffler in 200, this building houses classrooms and labs for biology, chemistry, and more. The art installation called, “25 Scientists”, represents the scientific work that happens inside.

THE MALL
The large grassy area extending from Old Main to Campbell Avenue is called The Mall. The mall is a popular place for students to hang out, study, play games, and to hold events like farmer’s markets and festivals.

Optional – Now we’re going to spread out about an arm-length away from each other and everyone jump on the count of 3…. 1, 2, 3. What did you just do? You jumped up and down on the roof of a building, the Integrated Learning Center. This was Tucson’s first ‘green roof.’ A green roof is a roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation, so there is actually 24 inches of dirt and grass between us and the building below.
BEAR DOWN GYMNASIUM
Built in 1926, this gym replaced Herring Hall and was the main sports arena for basketball until 1970. Seating capacity was 3,600. According to legend, in October 1926, John “Button” Salmon, one of the most popular players on the football team and student body president, was critically injured in a car accident. A few days before a crucial football game - the Athletic Director J.F. “Pop” McKale asked him if he had a message for the team. John’s message was “Tell them...tell the team to bear down.” His inspirational words were then painted on the roof of the gym where they remain to this day. It will be part of the new Student Success District.

MAIN LIBRARY
Built in 1976, construction just began to transform this library, the Science-Engineering Library and Bear Down Gym into an interconnected district called the Student Success District, which will provide maker-spaces, and digital technology spaces for everything from collaboration to meditation. Full completion scheduled for 2022.
- The library doesn’t just lend books they also lend technology; anything from laptops to calculators to cameras. Three days is the average borrow time.
- UA has 18 Colleges and offers 372 academic programs. You can study just about anything, except Dentistry, Culinary Arts or Flying.
- Classes are offered M W F or T Th, some just one day a week.

FLANDRAU SCIENCE CENTER
- Completed in 1975.
- Commemorates Grace H. Flandrau, whose bequest of a million dollars from her estate made the Planetarium possible.
- Exhibits line the interior perimeter of the main floor, and the domed planetarium theater takes up the center.
- The University of Arizona Mineral Museum is on the lower level.
- This is the original site occupied by the College of Medicine in 1961.
- The meteorite sculpture is by Don Haskins.

Current Information: Flandrau explores the universe from earth to space and everything in-between, bringing science alive for young and life-long learners alike.

MEINEL OPTICAL SCIENCES
The College of Optical Sciences, formerly known as the Optical Sciences Center, was established in Tucson, Arizona, in 1964 to fulfill a national need for more highly trained engineers and physicists in the optical sciences. Throughout its history, OSC has stood on the forefront of the field; today, it educates students in optics than any institution in the U.S.
- The building holds more than 125 lab spaces in its 180,000+ square feet. The central wing was finished in 1969; the east wing was dedicated in 1989; and the award-winning west wing was completed in 2006.
- “Blind Space” - Light sensitive research functions are organized along the southern, windowless side of the building.
- “Seeing Spaces” - Office and support space open to natural light and views to the campus mall and mountain views to the north. The northern glass wall is folded as a response to the existing Optical Sciences building textural façade, an interpretation of a Fresnel lens.

LUNAR AND PLANETARY LABORATORY (LPL)
LPL built Phoenix Mars Lander, a craft that launched in 2007 that for the first time analyzed Martian arctic soils for clues to the planet’s geologic history and potential for life.
In addition to all that we have shown you, the University of Arizona led the OSIRIS-REx mission; the first NASA mission to visit a near-Earth asteroid, survey the surface, collect a sample, and deliver it safely back to Earth.

MCKALE MEMORIAL CENTER
The McKale Memorial Center opened in 1973 and is home to Wildcats Basketball and Volleyball. The arena is named in honor of J.F. ‘Pops’ McKale, former director of athletics.

JIM CLICK HALL OF CHAMPIONS
At nearly 10,000 square feet, creating a proud display area for more than 100 years of Arizona Athletics heritage and traditions, and the Sports Hall of Fame. Features include rotating exhibits of Olympians, Pro Players, Spirit, Women’s Athletics, and great moments in Arizona Athletics history. This museum is open to the public and you are welcome to stop by for a visit!
**STEVIE ELLER DANCE THEATRE**
The teaching and performance space boasts a 300-seat theatre with orchestra pit; full fly tower and control suite; indoor/outdoor lobby and catwalks; an outdoor stage; a scene shop; and a costume shop. Another of the innovative design features is the studio on the second floor, which is a glass box that functions as a display window to the Mall. The glass is protected from the elements by a scrim of woven wire rusted fabric. It offers the best of both worlds – a nationally reputed dance program with a conservatory environment, housed within an institution nationally lauded for scientific discoveries and research.

**ARIZONA STADIUM**
Built in 1928 with 7K seats now holds 56K. The latest upgrade, completed in 2013, transformed the north end of Arizona Stadium, providing club seating, restrooms, concessions and the beautiful Sands Club.

**RICHARD F. CARIS MIRROR LAB**
Established in this location in 1985, the Mirror Laboratory specializes in making giant, lightweight mirrors. It is located in a sprawling complex underneath the east wing of the University’s football stadium. It was dedicated to Caris in 2015 following his $20 million gift. Currently working on the Giant Magellan Telescope project. This 24.5 meter telescope will consist of seven separate 8.4 meter segments. Each mirror takes a little more than a year to create the mold and cast. casting, the fabrication of each segment requires three plus years of surface generating and meticulous polishing. Segment 5 primary off-axis mirror has recently been completed.

**CAMPUS RECREATION**
Expanded to double its original size in 2010, the Campus Recreation Center has a large weight room with cardio and various weight lifting equipment, an outdoor sand volleyball facility, a bouldering and climbing wall, racquetball and squash courts, two gyms, indoor track, and an Olympic size swimming pool. Services also include FUEL Modern Eatery, Wildcat Threads Pro Shop, and various activities such as Zumba, Turbo Kick, and Outdoor Adventures.

**LABORATORY OF TREE-RING RESEARCH**
Completed in 2013. Dendrochronology was formalized here in 1937, by A.E. Douglass, who, by that time, had been working with wood for over 30 years.

**ENR2**
- Completed in 2015.
- Part of the UA commitment to environmental sustainability and interdisciplinary research and studies that focus on earth science, environmental programs, and natural resources.

**ARIZONA ARTS**
Fine Arts has been an important part of the University of Arizona from the very beginning. According to unofficial records, Fine Arts was duly constituted as a College in 1934. The university recently created a new division, Arizona Arts, which includes the four schools within the College of Fine Arts and five arts presenting and engagement units. This unique combination of the academic and presenting units provides cross-disciplinary learning and collaboration opportunities for our students and faculty.

**SCHOOL OF ART**
- Devoted to promoting the power of art in all aspects of life.

**FRED FOX SCHOOL OF MUSIC**
- Areas of study include performance, music education, and composition, musicology and theory

**SCHOOL OF THEATRE, FILM & TELEVISION**
- Ranked number 20 among US Film schools by the Wrap

**CENTER FOR CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Established in 1975.
- Founded with Ansel Adams and includes his entire archive.
- Recently acquired David Hume Kennerly’s collected works.