Walking Tour

Follow our suggested path on this map to take a self-guided tour of the campus.
Walking Tour  The must-see stops while you’re on campus

1 Admissions Center The Bonomi Family Admissions Center is your starting point for information sessions, campus tours, or any questions you may have about NYU.

2 Bobst Library Bobst, with 2,500 seats, is the largest and most comprehensive facility in NYU’s 10-library, 5.9 million-volume system. Located in the center of the campus, Bobst receives 10,000 visits per day when school is in session and is home to over 4 million print volumes, 163,000 audio and video recordings, and more than 1 million electronic books, journals, and databases. These resources—along with 35 subject specialists—make Bobst the go-to spot for serious study.

3 Kimmel Center for University Life/Skirball Center for the Performing Arts Kimmel is the center of campus activity for all students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Headquarters for clubs and activities—as well as study lounges, outdoor terraces for alfresco dining, computer stations, and more—are located here. The Market Place, a popular place for students to eat, is on the third floor. With 860 seats, Skirball is the premier large-scale cultural and performing arts venue for both NYU and lower Manhattan (it’s one of the largest performance spaces below 14th Street). It presents a range of events, from film premieres to comedy showcases and opera performances. NYU Ticket Central, where students get discounts to Broadway shows, movies, sporting events, and other activities, is also located here.

4 Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life This building is the religious and spiritual hub for the entire University. It houses resources for students of all faiths, including the offices of more than 40 university chaplains across a variety of denominations.

5 Vanderbilt Hall This NYU architectural gem serves as the main building for the School of Law. Completed in 1951 by Eggers and Higgins, the same architects who oversaw the construction of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC, Vanderbilt Hall was built in the neo-Georgian style in the shape of an “H.” Its tree-lined courtyard is a beautiful place for members of the NYU community to reconnect with nature.

6 Lipton Hall Lipton is one of seven residence halls for first-year students. Like our other halls, Lipton features many amenities, including a music practice room, a game room, a lounge for commuter students, and a dining hall known for its healthy and sustainable food. Lipton is home to two faculty fellows-in-residence who plan community-building events for residents.

7 Washington Square Park This landmark, which NYU students fondly consider their “quad,” serves as the heart of Greenwich Village and attracts performers and gatherers of all kinds. Rich in history, it was used as the Washington Military Parade Ground in 1826, and it was the setting for the first public demonstration of the telegraph by NYU professor Samuel Morse. The world-famous Arch (see No. 8) and fountain are here too!

8 Washington Square Arch The Arch is a Greenwich Village landmark that has become synonymous with NYU as well. Completed in 1892, it was modeled after Paris’s famous Arc de Triomphe. The current marble arch stands in place of an original wooden version, which was built in 1889 to commemorate the centennial of George Washington’s inauguration.

9 Row Houses on Washington Square North These Greek Revival row houses were home to New York City’s elite in the mid-1800s. Most of them now house NYU offices, including the information and academic center for NYU Abu Dhabi at 19 Washington Square North. The houses were the backdrop for Henry James’s famous 1880 novel Washington Square. Renowned artist Edward Hopper also lived and painted in 3 Washington Square North from 1913 until his death in 1967.

10 Washington Mews The houses on this quaint cobblestone block served as horse stables in the 19th century and then became artists’ studios in the 20th century. Several of them are now homes for faculty and the location of the Asian/Pacific/American Institute, Africa House, China House, Deutsches Haus, the Development Research Institute, Glucksman Ireland House, the Institute of French Studies/La Maison Française, the Institute of African American Affairs, and the Taub Center for Israel Studies.

11 Weinstein Residence Hall Named for Joe Weinstein, founder of Mays department store and a benefactor of the University, this residence hall accommodates nearly 600 first-year students. NYU dining halls—Weinstein Food Court (Upstein), Weinstein Dining Hall (Downstein), Sidestein Market, and Kosher Eatery—are all located within the building.

12 Silver Center Block Home to the University’s College of Arts and Science, this block is comprised of three main buildings: the Silver Center for Arts and Science, the Waverly Building, and the Brown Building. Most liberal arts and science classes take place here.

13 Academic Resource Center/Leslie eLab/NYU Production Lab The Academic Resource Center is open to students for academic advisement and support as well as group and one-on-one skill development sessions. It also includes spaces for individual and group study. Just across the street is the Leslie eLab, a creative space where student entrepreneurs can meet, develop ideas, attend workshops and pitch sessions, and get support to turn their ideas into concrete business ventures. The NYU Production Lab is a film incubator for the entire NYU community, where students are connected to their peers as well as the entertainment industry.

14 Gould Plaza Situated between the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences and the Stern School of Business, this plaza serves as a gathering place for university events, such as Welcome Week (a week of events for new and returning students each fall) and Grad Alley (a pregraduation celebration for seniors each spring).

A NYU Bookstore and Computer Store This is where students purchase textbooks and discounted hardware and software for their courses. That’s not all, though—it also contains an array of NYU clothing and gifts as well as a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction titles.