



# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## Self-Guided Tour of the St. George Campus

Welcome to the University of Toronto, St. George Campus. Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is Canada's largest university, recognized as a global leader in research and teaching. U of T's distinguished faculty, institutional record of groundbreaking scholarship, and wealth of innovative academic opportunities continually attract outstanding students faculty from around the world.

Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world, and that diversity is reflected in the U of T community. All three campuses have a commitment to environmental sustainability, and house a dispersion of LEED certified buildings, National Historic Sites, and modern innovations in architectural design. Please feel free to explore the public spaces of our campus but keep in mind that many buildings may be closed during weekends and holidays, and some spaces may not be accessible during school hours.

Enjoy your tour!

### 1. University College (UC)

University College is our founding college established in 1853 as a nonsectarian post-secondary institution. Today, the building is considered a National Historic Site. The southwest end of UC is home to the *Croft Chapter House*, Canada's first chemistry laboratory. Located in the heart of King's College Circle, University College is an epicenter of vibrant student life. The UC Follies put on student-run theatrical productions, and the UC Literary and Athletic society is Canada's oldest democratically elected student society. Every year, UC hosts *Fireball*, a university-wide event commemorating the Great Fire of 1890, which destroyed the interior of the college until its renewal in 1892. *Fireball* allows students to engage with yearly themes such as *The Magic of Fiction*, *Game On*, and *A Cliché to Remember*. University College has 3 co-ed residence buildings located along the east side of St. George Street near the University College Building. For more information about University College please visit: <http://www.uc.utoronto.ca>

## **2. Hart House (HH)**

Hart House welcomes students and visitors to explore cultural, intellectual, and recreational activities. Open 365 days a year, Hart House's facilities include rooms for studying, dining, recreation, an athletics and aquatics facility, a historic and professional theatre, and the Great Hall: a multi-purpose space and architectural gem that occupies the east end of the building.

Hart House was gifted to the University of Toronto by the Massey Foundation. Vincent Massey, later a Canadian Governor General, named the building after his grandfather, Hart. Henry Sproatt, one of the last North American masters of the Gothic form, along with engineer Ernest Rolph designed the building. Construction began in 1911 and the building was officially opened on Remembrance Day (November 11), 1919.

Hart House hosts countless events for businesses, groups and institutions neighboring the St. George Campus, serves as a meeting place for both university students and citizens of Toronto alike.

To learn more about Hart House please visit: <http://harthouse.ca/about-us/history/>

## **3. St. Michael's College (CR/ BR)**

St. Michael's College was founded in 1852 by the Catholic Basilian Fathers and federated into the University in 1887. Although rooted in Catholic tradition, today the college welcomes members of all cultures and faiths. SMCSU, the St. Michael's College Student Union, enriches student life through monthly club nights, Hockey Night in Brennan Hall, and the annual fall musical. The largest college on campus in terms of geographical area, the college houses classrooms, offices, residences, and student spaces. The Collegiate Gothic complex of buildings at the western side of the college nearest to Queen's Park was built in 1935 and designed by architect Arthur William Holmes in the Gothic revival style. Brennan Hall in the north-central section of campus contains a dining hall, faculty dining room, common rooms, and guestrooms.

SMC has five residence buildings: Sorbara Hall, Elmsley Hall, Queen's Park, Brennan Hall, and the Historic Houses. Female students can also reside in neighbouring Loretto College, a private college that is affiliated with St. Michael's.

<http://stmikes.utoronto.ca>

#### 4. Victoria College (VC)

Victoria College was established in 1836 and federated into the University of Toronto in 1890. The main building, Old Vic, was built in the Richardsonian Romanesque style by W. G. Storm, who died shortly after completion. The campus surrounds the main quadrangle of Victoria, outlined by the upper and lower houses of Burwash Hall – a residence and dining hall.

Vic presents a wide array of groups and events to foster a tightly-knit community, focusing mostly on arts and culture. Students can act in or write for *The Bob*, Canada's longest-running comedy revue, or volunteer during the Toronto International Film Festival which hosts some of its films in Victoria's Isabel Bader Theater. If you enjoy writing, consider participating in the college's newspaper *The Strand* or its undergraduate journals *The Acta Victoriana* and *The Goose*. Famous Victoria College alumni include Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and author Margaret Atwood, among countless others.

There are four residence buildings at Victoria College, offering a mix of dormitory style, apartment style, gender-neutral, and single-gender options.

<http://www.vicu.utoronto.ca>

#### 5. Trinity College (TC)

Trinity College was established in 1851 and federated into the University in 1904. As the smallest college at U of T, Trin is characterized by the close personal connections among its alumni, professors, staff, and students; Trinity students have the chance become part of a long history of social and academic tradition. In addition to the typical residence advisors who facilitate the social aspects of campus life, Trinity has Academic Dons—graduate students who provide academic support to the undergrads in residence. Students can explore their creative sides through the *Trinity College Drama Society* or the student magazine, *The Salterrae*. The Trinity College Quad is another perfect hangout spot with friends to enjoy lunch or a book in the sunshine.

One of the architecturally stunning features of Trinity College is the chapel, a gift of the late Gerald Larkin (1885-1961), who headed the Salada Tea Company from 1922 to 1957. Sir Giles Gilbert Scott designed the Trinity Chapel, as well as the great Gothic cathedral of Liverpool and the iconic red Post Office telephone kiosks seen throughout England.

Trinity College has two residence buildings, both divide students among the floors according to their gender.

<http://www.trinity.utoronto.ca>

## **6. Varsity Centre and Varsity Arena (VF)**

In 2007, the Varsity Centre replaced the outdated Varsity Stadium, originally erected in 1911. The centre is home to the Toronto Varsity Blues, and continues to hold the athletic events that have been a part of campus culture since 1898. Varsity Centre boasts one of the best artificial turf fields in North America, a world-class 400m eight-lane track, a 5,000-seat stadium, and the historic Varsity Arena. During the winter months, the field is covered by a dome and transformed into a driving range. All Varsity games are free for current UofT students. The University offers three levels of sport: Varsity, Tri-Campus, and Intramural, where students can represent their college or faculty in anything from inner tube water polo to glow in the dark dodgeball. Whether you are a seasoned player or just looking to have some fun, UofT has a team for you. We all bleed blue!

## **7. Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport**

Located across the street from Varsity Stadium, Goldring Centre is the fourth and final phase of a \$98 million Varsity Centre complex renewal. Completed in October 2014, Goldring is a unique crossroads of kinesiology research and teaching, sport medicine, athlete training, coaching, and world-class competition. The complex houses research and teaching labs, a strength and conditioning centre, a state-of-the-art sport medicine clinic and a 2000 seat field house which is home to the Varsity Blues Basketball and Volleyball teams.

## **8. Woodsworth College**

Woodsworth, our youngest college, was established in 1974. It was founded on principles of making its campus accessible and equitable for its diverse student population. The college was named after J.S. Woodsworth, Member of Parliament and founder of the Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), the forerunner of the NDP.

In the fall of 2009, the beautifully renovated Kruger Hall Commons (formerly Drill Hall) opened. Kruger Hall is a great place for Woodsworth students to study, meet, or just hang out. The space serves as a hub of student life and involvement at Woodsworth. The College offers numerous student clubs in a variety of interest areas, strong academic support and mentoring programs and a community outreach program which allows students to get involved with the community in a way that is complementary to their academic degree.

Woodsworth has a unique apartment-style residence building: a contemporary glass high-rise right on the bustling Bloor street, still with all the convenience of being on campus. William Blair, Toronto's former Chief of Police, and William Waters, an entrepreneur and philanthropist, are two notable Woodsworth alumni.

<http://www.wdw.utoronto.ca/>

## 9. Innis College (IS)

Innis College was established in 1964 as the second non-federated college. It was named after Harold Innis, a U of T Professor of Political Economy. Once located in the Macdonald-Mowatt house further south on St. George Street, Innis College moved in to a bright modern facility, which was built to incorporate a beautiful Victorian home, at the corner of Sussex and St. George. Innis offers a young and innovative environment for its students. The Innis College Student Society is founded on a system of parity between students, faculty members and staff. Innis houses the Cinema Studies program and the Innis Town Hall auditorium, where students can enjoy free films on Fridays! The family-run Innis Café is one of the best places to find cheap and delicious eats on campus, and their newly renovated rooftop patio is a fun spot to study or catch up with friends. The Innis Residence, located across St. George Street opened in 1994 and offers suite style accommodations.

<http://innis.utoronto.ca/>

## 10. John P. Robarts Research Library (RL)

The University of Toronto offers the largest academic library system in Canada, and is ranked third among peer institutions in North America, Harvard and Yale. Our system consists of 44 libraries located across the three UofT campuses. Opened in 1973, Robarts Library is the namesake of John P. Robarts, the 17<sup>th</sup> Premier of Ontario. It is the main home to our humanities and social sciences collection and newly renovated individual and group study rooms throughout the library. It is currently being expanded to hold 25% more study space in the brand new Robarts Common, a five-story pavilion which will open up the west side of the building to the street, bringing a flood of natural light to the lower floors. Robarts also houses the *Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library*, a unique and picturesque space that holds 600, 000 written volumes, historical artifacts, and primary research resources. When approaching the library, note its brutalist architecture and its resemblance to a peacock – the bird of wisdom. Robarts is an epicenter for research and academic support, housing many of our experienced reference librarians who happy to help students navigate through the library system.

<https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/library-info/ROBARTS>

## 11. Warren Stevens and Benson Buildings [The Athletic Centre] (WS)

The Athletic and Physical Education Centre provides a wide range of instructional and recreational opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Membership to the AC is included in ancillary fees for all UofT students. The AC offers more than 100 classes, three pools (one being Olympic-sized), a 200-meter indoor track, seven gymnasias, a dance studio, a fencing salle, squash courts, and steam rooms. The Benson building is also home to the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, concentrating on the study of human movement, physical activity, and health. Students and members are welcome to take part in a wide range of free drop-in classes from Bollywood Dancing to Mindful Meditation.

## 12. New College (NC)

New College was established in 1962 as one of the larger undergraduate colleges, and is known for its interdisciplinary programs that emphasize social justice. New College neighbours the Athletic Centre, Willcocks Streetcar stop, the life science laboratories, and engineering buildings. The college houses students from faculties including Engineering, Kinesiology, and Arts and Science. New is also home to the International Foundation Program, and this combination of students from all fields and backgrounds makes for a very diverse environment. New College has a very active student government, and there are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved the college newspaper, *The Window* or other campus organizations. Famous New College alumni include Joseph Mapa, the President and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital and Bonnie Stern, a cookbook author.

New College has three residences: Wilson Hall, Wetmore Hall. New is perfect for students afraid of inclement weather: it is possible to travel from residence rooms to the library and reading room, to computer labs, staff offices, lecture theatres, dining hall and recreation lounges—all without ever going outside! The New Building also houses the William Doo Auditorium and a mini-gym. The residences are traditional dorm style with a mix of single gender and co-ed floors.

<http://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/>

## 13. Koffler Student Services Centre (KS)

The Koffler Student Service Centre houses most of the eleven different units that make up student life programs and services. Students can have their essays edited at the Academic Success Centre, receive resume counseling at the Career Centre, or get a check-up at the Health and Wellness Centre. Other services include the Family Care Office, Student Housing Service, and the Office of Student Life. Koffler is also home to the UofT Bookstore if you want to get decked out in Varsity Blues swag!

We hope that you enjoyed your tour! If you have any questions about the buildings that you have seen, any of our facilities or about admissions into the University please contact the Visitors Centre and Office of Student Recruitment at (416) 978-5000 or by email at [campus.tours@utoronto.ca](mailto:campus.tours@utoronto.ca).



