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WELCOME!

Thanks for visiting. Please enjoy our beautiful campus as you walk where generations of “Wheaties” have walked. This guide isn’t exhaustive, but it will take you to some of the most important sites on campus. Along the way, feel free to enter any building of your interest during normal school hours.

WHEATON HISTORY

Starting from the **MELVIN E. BANKS WELCOME CENTER**, follow the sidewalk around to the large lawn in front of **BLANCHARD HALL** that was once the entirety of the college itself. Wheaton was founded in 1860 by Jonathan Blanchard, our first president, who was widely known as an abolitionist and crusader for social reform. Wheaton has a long tradition of valuing higher education for all.

Today, Blanchard is home to the humanities and social sciences departments, like History, Sociology, Anthropology, English, Education, and Philosophy, as well as the President’s office.

Looking south, down the hill, you will see **BILLY GRAHAM HALL** in honor of Graham, a ’43 alum. There is a museum on the first floor which displays the history of evangelism in America, highlights of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and gives a presentation of the Gospel. We hope you will visit the museum sometime during your stay. (Hours are 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday – Saturday). Admission is free.

In Billy Graham Hall (or BGH), you can find the departments of Bible & Theology, Christian Formation & Ministry, Communication, and Psychology, as well as the Graduate School. The third floor houses our college archives and resources on the history of world missions and evangelism. In the east wing, Barrows Auditorium is used for conferences, lectures, and other events for Wheaton students, faculty, and the surrounding community.

WHEATON WITHIN CHICAGOLAND

While looking at Billy Graham Hall, you may have seen the Metra commuter train fly past. The College Avenue station is only two blocks east of campus. Wheaton is nestled in the suburbs, but a 5 min. walk to the train station and a 45 min. train ride to downtown **CHICAGO** opens up the 3rd biggest city in the nation where students can sample the city’s cultural, athletic, and artistic offerings. A Wheaton ID gives students a free pass to the world-class Art Institute of Chicago. Also, having Chicago nearby is a great asset to students looking for professional and academic internships.

To the left of the Billy Graham Hall, across the parking lot is **MCCULLY FIELD**, where many students cheer on our football team. Just beyond is **JOE BEAN STADIUM**, our soccer field, where men’s and women’s Wheaton teams have won NCAA Division III national soccer championships. Also, along College Avenue stand several college-owned apartments. These are available to upperclassmen.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Now head into the central door at the front of **BLANCHARD HALL**. Walk up the historic staircase to the second floor and be greeted by portraits of our first two presidents, Jonathan and Charles Blanchard. Turn to go down the hall to the right and view our Missions Wall, which honors those alumni who have gone into full time, cross-cultural ministry abroad for 3 or more years. Wheaton seeks to make an impact *for Christ and His Kingdom*, and this is just one way that alumni have done so. Two names you might recognize are Jim and Elizabeth Elliot. Many names are yet to be added to this growing wall. You’ll find a staircase around the corner at the end of the hall that will take you out a back door of Blanchard Hall.

LIBERAL ARTS

As you head slightly left outside of Blanchard, across **FOUNDERS’ PLAZA**, you’ll see **ADAMS HALL**. “Gymnasium” is etched into the top of Adams, telling the story of when it was the most modern gymnasium in Illinois with an indoor running track—33 laps to a mile!—in 1898. After a complete renovation in 2009, Adams is complete with galleries and workshops for the Art Department which offers two art majors: Art History and Studio Art (with 9 different concentrations). Standing at Founders’ Plaza, to the right of Adams Hall you can view the **MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER** where students and professors of the Business/Economics, Political Science, and International Relations departments meet. Next to Blanchard on the far left of Adams Hall is **MCALISTER HALL**, the new home of our Modern and Classical Languages department. The four buildings and various departments surrounding Founders’ Plaza represent the richness of a Christian liberal arts curriculum for the education of the whole student in preparation for life itself.

GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH WORSHIP

If you walk around the left side of Adams Hall, you’ll view **McALISTER HALL** and **PIERCE CHAPEL**, the place where our old Conservatory of Music used to be; today Pierce Chapel is used for smaller concerts and worship nights. As you keep walking, you’ll see **EDMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL**, the large brick building with white columns. It seats 2,400 people, our whole undergraduate student body, and is the site of campus chapels, concerts, and commencement. There is chapel three days a week, and it is a time when the entire student body gathers together to worship God and learn more about Him. Prayer and Scripture reading are consistent in each chapel service, while diverse music traditions and speakers, from within the Wheaton community and outside, lead students and faculty in worship.

If interested, look down the street left of and behind Edman Chapel for an English cottage. The **MARION E. WADE CENTER** holds the works of seven British authors (including C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and G.K. Chesterton), as well as the desk where Tolkien wrote the Hobbit and a wardrobe from the home of C.S. Lewis.

Many scholars come from around the world to study the texts of these authors and visitors are welcome! (Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free Admission)

HITTING THE BOOKS

Looking at the front of Edman, turn to your right and follow the brick walkway back towards the center of campus. The next building on your left is the **WHEATON COLLEGE LIBRARY**. The library is not only a great place to study with expansive research materials, quiet spaces, and reservable study rooms but also an active resource. Wheaton employs 7 faculty librarians with specialized departments and they give personal research help to students in their field of study. Another resource here is the Writing Center, which is a free resource for students to have their papers read over and receive help with grammar and content.

MAKING MUSIC FOR THE KINGDOM

Continue past the library on the same brick walkway, and past the next building, Schell Hall, then take a left towards the Centennial Fountain and a grassy area known as **THE QUAD**. Across the grass on your right is McManis-Evans, an upperclassmen residence hall, and straight ahead past the fountain is **ARMERDING HALL**. Armerding was reconstructed to become our new Conservatory of Music and Performing Arts space, completed in Fall 2020. Walk through the large glass entrance and through the entrance and into the lobby, where you can see the concert hall on the left, and a vast array of artwork, including the two-story brass sculpture “Trumpet in the Universe” (see the wall plaque for more details).

Every surface in Armerding was designed with great acoustics as the first priority. The **CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC** works out the College’s mission in the world of music, providing high levels of professional training in music performance, education, and composition. Even if you are not in the Conservatory, you can still take advantage of private lessons, classes, practice rooms, and ensembles.

BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN ATHLETICS

Exit Armerding through the far doors of the lobby, then take a right. Across the street, you’ll find the **CHROUSER SPORTS COMPLEX**. Go on in, tell them you’re a visitor and have a look around. Chrouser has three recreational gyms, a climbing wall, an indoor track (9 laps to a mile), a ¾ Olympic sized swimming pool, a great weight and exercise room, a dance studio, and King Arena (to watch our volleyball and basketball teams play)—all of these facilities are free to students. Wheaton is home to 20+ varsity Thunder teams, 9 club teams, and many popular intramurals—you may even see our President, Dr. Ryken, playing on his Rykenators basketball team! The mission of Wheaton athletics is to foster the development of Christian faith, character, and leadership through competitive sports programs.

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Facing the entrance to King Arena, which is down the hall between the weight room on the left and pool on the right, you’ll see several sets of doors to your left to exit the Complex. Once outside, if you turn right and follow the sidewalk, you’ll arrive at **FISCHER HALL**, which is one of two underclassmen dorms on campus. The other is **SMITH/TRABER HALL**. The main difference is that Fischer includes a suite style bathroom where 2 rooms of 2 students share a bathroom between the rooms, whereas Smith/Traber features a hall bathroom. Residence life is very important at Wheaton, it is one of the principal ways that we grow as Christians—in community.

Resident Assistants (RAs), who are of junior or senior standing, invest in underclassmen as they plan floor dinners, brother/sister floor events, movie nights, and more.

HEALTHY LIVING

As you head back down the same sidewalk you took to get to Fischer, look across the street to see **NORTH HARRISON HALL**, where our Student Health Services office is located, along with our wrestling gym and the counseling center. Wheaton values physical, spiritual, and mental care for students and the counseling center is free of charge to all students.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & LEADERSHIP

If you walk back past Chrouser Sports Complex and then across University Place Street, you’ll see the entrance to the Todd M. Beamer Center, but first, walk to the left towards the **MEYER SCIENCE CENTER**. Walk inside the doors, go straight and then take a left where you’ll see “Perry” the mastodon, discovered in the 1960s in nearby Glen Ellyn and excavated by Wheaton students and faculty (go close to read the full story)! Meyer Science Center is designed to give students the best hands-on science education available and develop leaders in the sciences. Almost every professor has their own laboratory and their students are working with them on cutting edge research. Meyer is built from the rocks to the stars, with Earth and Environmental Science on the ground floor, working up through our Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics departments to our Observatory on the top floor.

TO REGISTER FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT WITH OUR OFFICE, VISIT: [WHEATON.EDU/VISIT](https://wheaton.edu/visit)

Welcome Center Hours:

Academic Year (*mid-August through early May*):
Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:00PM
Summer: Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 4:30PM

STUDENT LIFE

Exit the door near Perry and follow the sidewalk to the lower level entrance of the **BEAMER CENTER**. Dedicated in 2004, the Todd M. Beamer Center is named for one of the heroes of United Flight 93, and in memory of Todd and two other Wheaton alumni who died in the terrorist attacks on 9/11. As you walk in, you will see the college Post Office, study spaces, Sam’s coffee shop, and the Stupe Grill—a grab-and-go food option for students. Down the hall near the café, there are various student life offices, including our Chaplain’s Office, the Offices for Student Involvement, Multicultural Development, International Student Programs, Ministry and Evangelism, Intercultural Arts and Media, as well as Gold Star Chapel, a quiet space where students come to pray and read Scripture.

Climb the staircase next to Sam’s to arrive at **ANDERSON COMMONS**. Café Bon Appetit is our food service provider and they are consistently ranked among the best in the nation, offering delicious food from their scratch kitchen with locally sourced ingredients.

CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDY ABROAD

After taking a look at our dining hall, exit the doors and you’ll see a building straight across. Inside is our Campus Bookstore along with the **CENTER FOR VOCATION AND CAREER (CVC)**. The CVC offers career coaching, self-awareness activities, internship connections, and career exploration and preparation opportunities.

On the second floor is the office for **GLOBAL PROGRAMS AND STUDIES (GPS)**. Wheaton values experiential learning for students to develop knowledge, skills, and values from outside of the traditional academic setting and there are 50+ semester and summer programs available for Wheaton students to go abroad.

Walk down the diagonal first floor hallway between the CVC and the Bookstore and out the back doors.

BACK TO THE WELCOME CENTER

Turn left and you’ll see the **MELVIN E. BANKS WELCOME CENTER** again. Feel free to stop by if you’re here during normal business hours to pick up some more information about Wheaton or to meet with an Admissions Counselor. We hope this self-guided walking tour was helpful and gave you a picture of what it would be like to study at Wheaton.



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