SELF GUIDED campus tour

Parking
Parking is available in all lots, but parking in the Stadium parkade will only cost $5. It can be accessed from 116 Street. The route we have designed begins and ends here, but you can start at any point you wish to.

Public Transit
The U of A is serviced by the University LRT Station and numerous Edmonton Transit bus routes. View the University Transit Centre schedule. Please remember that masks and physical distancing are required when using Edmonton Transit.

Safety first please!
Before you start out:

Please review the safety on campus video
If you are feeling unwell, please postpone your walk on campus until another day.
Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before you set out.
Ensure you practice social distancing during your entire walk.
Buildings on campus are closed so washrooms are not accessible except in the Students’ Union Building (SUB). A mask must be worn at all times if you enter the building. SUB hours of operation are: 7 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday. It is closed on weekends.
Watch for bicycles, scooters, pedestrians, and buses as you are travelling through campus.
The basic walk will take approximately 40 minutes, depending on how quickly you walk and what you stop to see. Times for extensions are indicated.

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1 Getting started
After paying for parking, walk east up the driveway towards the centre of campus. You will pass the General Services Building (directly north of Stadium parkade), Agriculture and Forestry with the Atrium on the left, and the Students’ Union Building (SUB) on the right. Keep going to the right between SUB and the back of Pembina Hall. As you come around Pembina, you will reach Alumni Walk.

2 Student’s Union Building
The Students’ Union Building (1967) is owned and operated by the Students’ Union. The SU is a student-centric organization that is run by students for students. Within the building are a number of services for students including the U of A Career Centre, Student Distress Centre, and University Health Centre.

3 Pembina Hall
Pembina Hall (1914) is one of the U of A’s oldest buildings. It has served as a men’s residence, a women’s residence, and a municipal hospital during the Spanish Flu pandemic and is said to be haunted by the ghost of a nurse who died during that time. The inscriptions above the side doors mean, “Each for All, and All for Each,” the motto coined by the Wauneita Society, a club to which all women students once belonged. Pembina Hall is now the proud home to the only Faculty of Native Studies in North America.

4 Tipi
The tipi was first put up in September 2013. It was donated to the Faculty of Native Studies by the mother of Cree language instructor Dorothy Thunder. Most springs the Faculty of Native Studies puts up the canvas, and most autumns they take the canvas down for the winter. They open these events to everyone to come and take part. Tea and bannock is served and stories are shared. The tipi poles are left up all year round.

DID YOU KNOW?
The U of A is home to Canada’s first Faculty of Native Studies, Faculty of Education, and School of Public Health

5 Red River Cart
The cart was donated to the Faculty of Native Studies by the Métis Nation of Alberta. The cart signifies the important relationship between the MNA, the Rupertsland Institute, and the Faculty of Native Studies. It is also an important physical symbol on campus, representing the historical and contemporary Métis presence on these lands.

6 Athabasca Hall
Athabasca Hall was finished for the start of classes in the fall of 1911 and was the first building completed on campus. It was originally home to the President’s Office. In the front yard, you will find “The Friendship Tree,” which was planted in 1994 to recognize enduring international friendships.

7 Assiniboia Hall
Assiniboia Hall was completed in 1912, after an intense building schedule to provide more space for the university. The President’s Office, residences, offices, and the university’s first student lounge were in Assiniboia.

8 Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (CCIS)
The first of its kind in Canada, CCIS represents an interdisciplinary approach to scientific discovery. Designed to promote personal interaction and collaboration with sophisticated tools and state-of-the-art facilities.

9 Main Quad
The biggest green space on campus! In warm weather, you’ll see students lounging, playing frisbee, or hurrying to their next class. In winter, enjoy the sparkling lights and blankets of snow.

10 Sweet Grass Bear
The Sweetgrass Bear was created by world renowned sculptor Stewart Steinhauer. The Sweetgrass Bear is part of the university’s efforts to work toward respectful, meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. It is part of a larger initiative to acquire Indigenous art, which seeks to diversify cultural representation on campus.

11 Presidents’ Circle
This space is dedicated to the presidents of the U of A, commemorating their time as leaders. In the centre is a sculpture entitled “The Visionaries” (Barbara Paterson, 2015, bronze) which features the founders of the U of A: Alexander Cameron Rutherford and Henry Marshall Tory.

12 Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre
The Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre (1921) is currently under restoration and will provide new teaching, academic and administrative space while preserving the building’s historic features and increasing its sustainability and energy efficiency.
east campus village and 89 avenue extension
(ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES)

1. **International House**
   International House was completed in 2004 and was one of only 15 International Houses in the world and the first built in Canada.

2. **Nîpisîy House**
   U of A’s newest residence is named after the Cree word for willow and honours Indigenous history and the university’s location on Treaty 6 territory.

3. **Peter Lougheed Hall**
   Located on the southern shore of the scenic river valley, Peter Lougheed Hall opened in Fall 2017. The building is home to residences and Peter Lougheed Leadership College’s administrative offices.

4. **Henry Marshall Tory Building**
   The Henry Marshall Tory Building (1966) is a large 14-story office tower that connects to the Business building through an atrium. It is named after H.M. Tory, first President of the University of Alberta.

5. **Geoscience Garden**
   Spanning across the north side of campus along Saskatchewan Drive is the Geoscience Garden. This unique garden represents rock types present in rural western and norther Canada.

6. **North Saskatchewan River**
   The name for the North Saskatchewan River is an anglicized version of the Cree word, kisiskâciwani-sîpiy. The Cree word describes the hydrological processes of the river.

7. **Ring House 1**
   Ring House 1 (1912) is home to the offices of Museums and Collections Services. It was originally built for the University of Alberta’s first president, Dr. Henry Marshall Tory. Subsequent presidents lived in the house until 1959.

south campus - alternate tour
(APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES)

1. **Evergreen Pond**
   Evergreen Pond is a stormwater management pond located on South Campus on 63 avenue and 118 street. The pond and the surrounding 0.6 hectares (1.5 acres) of park space are UAlberta’s legacy gift to the community for Canada’s 150th anniversary. The park surrounding Evergreen Pond is both a public park, and a gathering place for outdoor ceremonies, performances and lectures. The park includes a circular arena stage (The Circle), five stone benches (each representing one of UAlberta’s campuses), two grassy seating berms and walkways connecting the area to 63 avenue.

DID YOU KNOW?
The U of A’s colours were inspired by a walk through the green and golden river valley.
the basic walk
1 Start Here
2 Student's Union Building
3 Pembina Hall
4 Tipi
5 Red River Cart
6 Athabasca Hall
7 Assiniboia Hall
8 Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (CCIS)
9 Main Quad
10 Sweet Grass Bear
11 Presidents' Circle
12 Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre

DID YOU KNOW?
IT'S AN ACRONYM!
GUBA = Great University Bear of Alberta

OPTIONAL education extension (ADDITIONAL 10 MINUTES)
1 “West and North” mural - Education North
2 Indigenous Teaching and Learning Gardens
3 Rutherford Library
4 HUB Mall
5 Business Quad
6 Arts and Convocation Hall

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