Self-Guided Tour

Humboldt State has plenty of hills and stairs, so be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. Enjoy your tour!

1. Student & Business Services Often the first stop for visitors, it houses offices like Admissions, the Registrar, Campus Safety and the University Police Department. The Financial Aid Office is also here, with counselors available to help with all types of questions. The Humboldt Orientation Program is also located here.

2. College Creek Center Deciding where to live during college is a big deal. Thankfully Humboldt has plenty of options. Returning students can choose to live in the College Creek Apartments, which come complete with kitchens and furnished living areas, all located next to College Creek Marketplace, a community center and the campus soccer field. Be sure to visit the Jolly Giant Commons and Residence Halls to explore all of our on-campus options.

3. Harry Griffith Hall Named for an education professor, it is home to the Education programs and Child Development Department (hosting its own lab and preschool). It is also home of Environmental Resources Engineering, one of the largest programs of its kind in the country.

4. Natural Resources Here you’ll find a host of natural resource programs, including Environmental Science and Environmental Management & Protection. Students who have majored in these majors get involved with the Natural Resources club, which spends every Saturday restoring local woodlands, marshes, etc. Students tackling a marine-focused major get first-hand experiences aboard our research vessel, the Coral Sea.

5. Forests If you want to study forestry, there’s no better place than Humboldt State. Students learn about sustainable forestry in the nearby Arcata Community Forest and have the opportunity to study with the world’s foremost authority on redwood forests. Students are even studying the science of forest fires in one of the true fire labs in the United States.

6. Schatz Energy Research Center The Schatz Lab works to establish clean energy technologies in our society, specializing in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and hydrogen energy systems. The lab employs a mixture of professionals and students involved in the Environmental Resources Engineering program.

While you are in Eureka visit the First Street Gallery located at #22 First Street.

Downtown Arcata

Be sure to check out the The Coral Sea docked at Hodley Island Marina in Eureka.

7. Canoe Center for Advanced Technology For 35 years, this live-in-ex demonstrate home has educated visitors about sustainability. Started by students, CAT is a big part of Humboldt State’s long commitment to environmental sustainability. Students are encouraged to take part in Volunteer Fridays at the center or attend one of the many classes led by CAT students.

8. Behavioral & Social Sciences The BSS building hosts the Anthropology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Native American Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Social Work, Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies and World Languages & Cultures departments. Students and faculty can also grab a quick snack at the Hilltop Marketplace and enjoy views of Humboldt Bay.

9. Wildlife & Fisheries HSU has both a fish hatchery and game farm on campus, and we support an Environmental Wildlife Care Center that responds to oil spills on the California coast. It also houses a wildlife collection with more than 15,000 specimens from nearly 60 countries.

10. Science Complex This house the largest Vascular Plant Herbarium in the CSU system and an organic greenhouse, with more than 1,000 plant species from all over the world. It also hosts a biotechnology lab, a nuclear magnetic resonance lab, and state-of-the-art plant growth chambers. Biology is one of our largest majors, and we have the largest undergraduate botany program in the nation. The Chemistry and Physics departments are also housed here.

11. Recreation & Wellness Center Here you’ll find resources and facilities for students looking to maintain healthy bodies and minds. If you’re looking to join a team, HSU’s Club Sports & Intramurals Office should be your first stop. Also here is Center Activities, which organizes outdoor adventures for all ages and abilities. The center even rents outdoor equipment, like surfboards, kayaks, wetsuits and more.

12. Kinology & Athletics Building This is a busy facility. At any one time, you might find dance classes underway, students conducting research in the biomechanics and human performance lab, and HSU fans cheering for their teams in Lumberjacks Arena. It houses the Kinology & Recreation Administration Department and the offices of Intercollegiate Athletics.

13. Student Recreation Center This popular center features a challenging climbing and bouldering wall, weight machines, 36 aerobic machines and an indoor practice field. The center recently expanded to include the SRC West, a nearby gym that houses new weight and cardio equipment, plus an additional bouldering wall.

14. Redwood Bowl Redwood Bowl hosts athletic events and graduation. Humboldt State is pretty keen on eco-friendly materials, which led the campus to install an artificial turf football field and track made from recycled tires.

15. Founders Hall When it was first built in 1922, Founders Hall was the entire campus. It now houses many academic programs, including English (publishing the award-winning Tinory magazine), History, Politics, Geography and Geology. Seen in the school’s official seal, Founders Hall is HSU’s most iconic building.

16. University Center Grab a burrito at The Depot or pick up new gear at the Bookstore. Located in the heart of campus, the University Center is a hub of activity and includes student government, CenterArts (presenting internationally known performers) and Clubs & Activities. Just outside you’ll find the UC Quad, host to numerous fairs, performances, barbecues and more. It’s also a favorite place just to hang out and catch up with friends between classes.

17. Siemens Hall This is home of the School of Business, which offers concentrations in accounting, finance, international business, management and marketing, and a newly developed one-year MBA program focusing on sustainability and entrepreneurship. The building also hosts Graduate Studies, and the offices of the President and Provost, as well as the Economics Department, where students and professors produce the monthly Humboldt Economic Index.

18. Music Complex These buildings house the Music program and feature a 200-seat recital hall, recording equipment and one of the most extensive chamber music libraries on the West Coast. Students take part in the popular Humboldt State Calypso Band, the jazz and symphonic bands, orchestra and choirs. The roof of the Old Music Building is also home to a student-designed 10 kw photovoltaic solar power system.

19. Art Buildings With more artists per capita than any other area of the state, Humboldt County is a great place to study art. Our program offers concentrations in art education, art history and studio art. A certificate in museum and gallery practices is also available.

20. John Van Duazer Theatre The Van Duazer is the largest theater in the state. More than 1,000 seats, it has recently hosted performances from Dusth Cab for Cutie, B.B. King, Michael Pollan, Steve Martin & The Steep Canyon Rangers, Ice Glass and more. The building also houses the Theatre, Film, & Dance Department and KHSU, the university-licensed public radio station.

21. Gust Hall Named after the university’s third president, Arthur S. Gist, this building houses the student-run Lumberjack newspaper and KHRN 610 AM (student-run radio). The building also houses performance theaters and a dance studio. It is also home to the Career Center, where students can find part-time work and get help starting a career.

22. Ceramics and Sculpture Labs With over 150 students every semester, ceramics is one of the biggest programs in the Department of Art. In fact, the ceramics lab is its central hub. It has special rooms for kilns and glazing, throwing and hand-building areas and an outdoor kiln for raku firing.

23. Warm House This is the home of the Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (WRARP), which educates students about waste reduction. WRARP composts four tons of food and green waste annually and helps groups host zero-waste events.

24. MultiCultural Center The MultiCultural Center in the Baberson House, is home to cultural and organizational clubs, whose mission is to nurture and sustain an inclusive “multicultural” community. The Center also hosts events where students learn about the broader community that highlight and foster diversity in the community.

In addition to the MCC, Humboldt State has a number of programs and clubs to support students from all backgrounds. Among these are the Indian Natural Resource, Science & Engineering Program (INRSEP), Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP), Black Student Union, Asian Pacific American Student Alliance and the Student Union.

25. Library The facility includes nearly 1 million books, government documents, magazines, journals and the Library Café. The library also houses the Learning Commons which encompasses the Learning Center, the Computer Help Desk, the Testing Center, the Veterans Enrollment & Transition Services Office, the Student Disability Resource Center and more.

26. Library Circle This is the major campus transportation hub where students can catch a bus ride for free, thanks to the JackPass program, or reserve one of the campus Zipcars—gas and insurance included.

27. Youth Educational Services Students who volunteer through the Y.E.S. House spend time in the community building friendships and working together to meet community needs. The group houses 15 different student-lead volunteer programs, from Environmental Education to the Youth Mentoring Program. Next door in the Fireweaver House is the Center for International Programs.

28. Student Health Center Students have access to free or low-cost health services at this accredited outpatient medical facility. The Health Center has physicians, short-term counseling and a pharmacy.

There is also a hospital one mile from campus and two health clinics in Arcata.

29. Nelson Hall In Nelson Hall are the offices for Humboldt Alumni, which help HSU’s nearly 60,000 alumni stay connected to campus.

30. Jolly Giant Commons and President’s Hall Many of the 2,000 students who live on campus study and socialize in the Jolly Giant Commons. Housing ranges from traditional halls to apartments, and all rooms have internet access. On the 3rd floor is our cafeteria, the “J” if you have time, sample some local and organic offerings.

Thanks for visiting!