North Terrace campus

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The University of Adelaide

The University of Adelaide is a world-class education and research institution consistently ranked in the top 1% of universities globally. Over 27,000 students and more than 3000 staff from around the world are drawn to the University for its reputation for academic excellence. The University has produced over 100 Rhodes Scholars including Australia’s first Indigenous recipient, Rebecca Richards. There are five Nobel Laureates among its alumni community.

The North Terrace campus is the primary location for undergraduate teaching and also a diverse range of research activities.

This tour is of the North Terrace campus.
The tour begins where the University of Adelaide began. Commence your self-guided tour by finding the Mitchell building on the map. This numbering system will be used for each major stop throughout the tour.

You will be close to North Terrace, facing three distinctive buildings. These buildings formed the original University and continue to be used in its current life. The Mitchell building was the University's first building and was once the centre of all its activities. Currently, it houses the offices of the University's vice-chancellor and senior management. The statue in front of the Mitchell building is made in the likeness of Sir Walter Watson Hughes, the University's founding benefactor.

On the walk to Elder Hall take the diagonal path. On the right as you walk toward Bonython Hall you will walk past the Reconciliation Touchstone. The University of Adelaide reconciliation sculpture is a public outcome of its commitment to the reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The sculpture was unveiled on 1 June 2007 and includes a time capsule that is to be opened in 2017. On the inside space of the sculpture are 64 shapes that capture the handshakes that were taken as part of the ceremony.

Further along the path on the left hand side is a sculpture of a piano titled, Standing Work. This work started as a cardboard approximation of a piano that was then taken to a foundry and cast into cast-iron. Elder Hall was named after pastoralist Sir Thomas Elder. The hall was built to house the Elder Conservatorium of Music, one of Australia’s oldest and most distinguished tertiary music schools. Elder Hall is used today for teaching, staging performances and concerts.

> The Elder Conservatorium of Music offers a unique range of music programs from undergraduate degrees through to postgraduate qualifications. Students can specialise in Music Performance in Jazz and Classical, Music Composition, Sonic Arts, Popular Music and Creative Technologies, Musicology, and Music Education and Pedagogy.

Looking around from your current location, you will notice a statue on the lawns in front of Elder Hall. This statue is of Sir Thomas Elder, whose bequest to the University in 1897 enabled the establishment of Elder Hall and the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

Walk to the front of Bonython Hall and look right across North Terrace where you will see 10 Pulteney Street (Nexus 10).

Bonython Hall was once referred to as the Great Hall. Today, it is used for formal ceremonies and other large University public events. When students commence their studies, they are welcomed in Bonython Hall. On completion of their degrees, students return to the hall for their graduation ceremonies.

Nexus 10 at 10 Pulteney Street is home to the office for the Faculty of the Professions. Receiving a multimillion dollar refurbishment in 2010, Nexus 10 houses the Adelaide Business School, the Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation and Innovation (ECIC), ThincLab, Adelaide Enterprise and School of Economics. The School of Education is also within this building and is part of the Faculty of Arts. The remaining two schools are the prestigious Adelaide Law School and the School of Architecture and Built Environment. The location of these will be identified later in the tour.

> The Adelaide Business School (level 9, 10, 12 and 13) has a reputation for delivering first-class management education. The school specialises in accounting, finance, international business, management and marketing.

> ThincLab Adelaide: A hub of innovation services - to incubate new ventures, support entrepreneurs, and enable industry-academic engagement.

> Adelaide Enterprise accelerates innovation and commercialisation of university research.

> The School of Economics (levels 3 and 4) is one of the oldest economics schools in Australia celebrating over 80 years of teaching. Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are offered with studies focusing on theoretical and applied economics, economic principles and econometrics.

> The Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation and Innovation Centre (ECIC) (level 5) offers a range of services and programs designed to assist individuals in achieving personal growth and professional goals.

> The School of Education (level 8) offers the undergraduate teaching degree and a range of postgraduate programs that focus on developing advanced skills for professional educators such as teachers, trainers, academics and education consultants.

Walk along to the eastern side of Bonython Hall. Across the plaza you will see the Ligertwood building. This building was named in honour of Sir George Ligertwood who was the University’s chancellor from 1961–66. The building is primarily the home of the Adelaide Law School.

The Adelaide Law School is the second-oldest law school in Australia and has a proud history of academic achievement. The school prepares undergraduate and postgraduate students for the legal profession and offers a range of courses that allow both law and non-law graduates to extend their professional development.
Walk across Colombo Plan Alumni court at the rear of Bonython Hall ⑤ you can take the steps or walk back around Bonython Hall ② to the ramp on the western side down to the Napier building ⑥.

The Napier building was named after Sir Mellis Napier, law graduate, Chief Justice of South Australia and the University’s chancellor from 1948–61. Two of the four schools that make up the Faculty of Arts are located in this building and the faculty office is on the ground floor. The School of Education and the Elder Conservatorium of Music, covered earlier in the tour are the other two schools that are part of the Faculty of Arts.

> The School of Social Sciences (ground floor) includes the departments of Anthropology and Development Studies; Asian Studies; Geography, Environment and Population; and Gender Studies and Social Analysis; Politics and International Studies.

> The School of Humanities (level 7) comprises a diverse range of departments including Art History; Classics, Archaeology and Ancient History; English and Creative Writing; French, German and Spanish studies; History; Linguistics; Media; and Philosophy.

For the next stage of the tour, there is a choice of two paths. Path 1 is the continuation of the self-guided route whilst path 2 provides you with an access route to continue with the campus tour, both will allow you to view Walter Young Gardens ⑦ and proceed to the lower level of the campus.

1. On the western side of Napier building descend the steps down towards Lower Napier ⑧ or
2. Proceed on the east side of Elder Hall, looking down into the Walter Young Gardens ⑨. To continue your tour to the lower level of campus take the lift ⑩ at the end of the walkway and travel to level 2. Take the ramp down to the ground level.

In the gardens both left and right you will see two large outdoor sculptures that form part of the University’s built environment. The sculptures are Reclining Connected Forms, by English sculptor Henry Moore, and Dual, by Greg Johns.

Continue north past Lower Napier ⑧ to Engineering South ⑩. This houses part of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

The Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences delivers a wide range of innovative, advanced and accredited degrees that are highly regarded and internationally recognised. There are seven schools in the faculty.

> The Australian School of Petroleum is one of the largest petroleum-focused university schools in the Southern Hemisphere. It is also the only institution world-wide that offers fully integrated research and teaching programs in petroleum geoscience, engineering and management.

> The School of Chemical Engineering offers interdisciplinary teaching and research degrees that educate chemical engineers to play leading roles in the chemical, biochemical, environmental, food technology, energy and combustion and materials industries.

> The School of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees that equip graduates with the skills to work in materials, coastal, construction, architectural, structural, geotechnical, water resources, earthquake and blast engineering.

> The School of Computer Science delivers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in computer science and software engineering, and is prominent in the research areas of computer vision, distributed systems, Internet computing, web technologies, optimisation and logistics, algorithms, software engineering, and computer science education research.

> The School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering offers degrees in electrical and electronic engineering providing students with the opportunity to specialise in fields such as defence, image processing, robotics and automation, radar and remote sensing, micro-machines, biomedical engineering and information security.

> The School of Mathematical Sciences targets the global need for individuals skilled in high level mathematics and is recognised for excellence in research and teaching across pure mathematics, applied mathematics and statistics.

> The School of Mechanical Engineering delivers degrees in mechanical, aerospace, mechatronic, sports, and sustainable energy engineering, and has developed many new and innovative technologies that have made an impact throughout the world.

Proceed down the steps to the lower part of campus.

To the right there is Engineering North ⑩ and Ingkarni Wardli ⑩ home of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences. The $100-million Ingkarni Wardli building opened in 2010 and was awarded Australia’s first 6-star Green Star rating for an education building. It offers student amenities that include a café, computer labs, exhibition area, teaching spaces and 24/7 access to resources. The nine-level contemporary building provides teaching and research facilities that are among the best in the world. The facility takes a Kaurna name, meaning, ‘place of learning or enquiry’. The name recognises the special relationship that the University shares with the Kaurna people, the original custodians of the land on which the University is situated.

Look left to Horace Lamb building ⑩ which houses the University Health and Counselling, Disability and Elite Athlete. The building can be accessed through Hub Central and the outside entrance, which takes you straight to the Horace Lamb lecture theatre. With card access, the building is open 24 hours.

Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences Office ⑩ and the Dental Simulation Clinic ⑩ are located in Barr Smith South. The Dental Simulation Clinic is a $6million high tech facility that provides students with access to the best training facilities in Australia.

Proceed straight ahead and look left ⑩ Barr Smith Library – Old Entrance

The Reading Room is one of the University’s hidden treasures. The original University Library was in the Mitchell Building and named in 1899 after Robert Barr Smith, a member of the University Council for 19 years and a major donor of books and resources for the Library.
Something to Bragg about – University alumni

The Braggs are the only father and son team to be jointly awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize in Physics (1915). They are credited with founding a new branch of scientific method in X-ray crystallography.

The impact of the Braggs’ work has been far reaching. Today, X-ray crystallography is used across many fields and applications of science including medicine and pharmacy, physics, chemistry, mining and biological sciences. In particular, it has influenced the manufacture of medicines, informed how drugs such as aspirin work and has enabled HIV drugs to be developed. But the greatest breakthrough resulting from X-ray crystallography was use of the technique to establish the structure of DNA – the building blocks of life.

In 1927 Tom Barr Smith, Robert’s son and Council member for 17 years, gave money to the University for a new library building that is now referred to as the Barr Smith Library Reading Room. It is the best example of the classical red brick and sandstone style employed by University architect Walter H Bagot, and features an imposing front portico and a finely detailed interior with a coffered ceiling.

Looking right opposite the Barr Smith Library across to 15 Maths Lawns. Proceed across the Maths Lawns to 16 Santos Petroleum Engineering building where the Australian School of Petroleum is located.
Directly across from Santos Petroleum Engineering building is the Molecular Life Sciences building, showcasing a glass architectural feature. This is part of the Faculty of Sciences. The Faculty of Sciences offers a range of degrees and undertakes research through its four schools, two of which are located at the North Terrace campus.

The School of Physical Sciences brings together the disciplines of chemistry, earth science and physics.

The School of Biological Sciences offers cutting edge and world-class research and teaching in Ecology and Environmental Science, Genetics and Evolution; and Molecular and Cellular Biology. The remaining two schools of the Faculty of Sciences are located at the University’s other campuses Roseworthy and Waite. The Roseworthy campus is approximately 50 kilometres north of Adelaide and Waite is located seven kilometres south-east of Adelaide.

The School of Agriculture, Food and Wine provides a world-class concentration of scientific research, education and infrastructure at the University’s Waite campus. The school is the centre of expertise in the Southern Hemisphere for plant genomics, crop improvement, sustainable agriculture, dryland farming, horticulture, viticulture and oenology.

The School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences located at Roseworthy is South Australia’s only veterinary school. Aside from teaching degrees in veterinary bioscience and veterinary medicine, the school also offers an animal science degree. Research interests are in the areas of animal production and genetics, nutrition, wildlife ecology, laboratory animal science, animal welfare, musculoskeletal biology, epidemiology, physiology and anatomy.

Head back toward the Barr Smith Library, on your right is the University’s newest building, The Braggs.

Opened in 2013, the $100-million building is named after two of the University’s most distinguished alumni, Nobel Prize winners, Sir William Henry Bragg and Sir William Lawrence Bragg. The building, dedicated to the advancement of science, has more than 10,000 square meters of research and teaching facilities and is the location of the world-leading Institute for Photonics and Advanced Sensing. At the front of the building is the entry for the Braggs Lecture theatre which holds around 420 people and hosts the University Research Tuesday lecture series. Together with the Molecular Life Sciences building, and the Benham and Mawson laboratories, this area forms a robust sciences precinct on the North Terrace campus.

Leaving the Braggs Lecture theatre, walk across the Barr Smith Lawns until Union House is visible. Union House is a centre for student activities and services. The Little Theatre, Student Representative Council, the Theatre Guild, the University of Adelaide Club (Staff Club), Students’ Association, On Dit (student magazine) cafes and function rooms are all located in Union House. Education and welfare officers (who provide students with advice and support), the Employment Service, the Fitness Hub, the Unibar and the Adelaide University Union are also found in Union House. Students can join the Adelaide University Union (level 4) to access a range of benefits, including student representation and advocacy services.

With Union House in front of you turn left to go to Barr Smith Library. There are two alternative ways to reach the next stop on the tour, which is the Barr Smith Library. The University libraries comprise the Barr Smith, Law, Music, Roseworthy and Waite libraries. Collectively, these libraries constitute the largest research library in South Australia.
Alternatively, you can use the lift located near the entrance to the Cafe in Union House. The Cloisters courtyard is located adjacent the Cafe. If you take the lift, go to level 4 where you alight and move straight ahead towards the veranda.

> The Cloisters is one of the older parts of the campus and was built as a memorial to more than 500 members of the university community who served in the great war. Over 70 gave their lives for their country. The building was designed to be a place of thought and quiet reflection for future generations to remember.

To access the Barr Smith Library, walk up the steps ahead towards North Terrace. Before you continue up the steps take a look to your left and you will see a sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi.

> The sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi – one of the world’s inspirational figures and a champion of the causes of civil rights and freedom - was a gift to the University of Adelaide from the Government and people of India. Standing at 1.95metres, the bronze sculpture was created by sculptor Gautam Pal. On the sculpture’s plinth is inscribed with a quote from Gandhi: ‘Be the change you wish to see’. The garden surrounding the sculpture is known as the Garden of Contemplation.

Once you have taken one flight of stairs from the top, turn left and you will see the library’s main entrance. Turn right and head west along the road. As you walk along the road Union House will be on the right and the Darling building is on the left. The Darling building is the Faculty Office for the Faculty of Sciences.

Continuing along the road you will see on your left the Observatory.

> The Observatory was a gift from F.W. Wheeldon, general manager of the Adelaide Electric Supply Company, who was an amateur astronomer. The building is clearly identifiable as an observatory by its domed roof and outside spiral staircase. The telescope, housed in the dome, is still in use for teaching purposes. The main part of the building has been converted into the Adelaide Campus Children’s centre.

At the intersection of the two roadways you will see Scott Theatre in front of you.

> Scott Theatre seats up to 635 people and is often used for Theatre Guild performances and during the Adelaide Fringe. The Theatre Guild is a not-for-profit community theatre company established in 1938. The guild normally presents three to four major productions per year along with shorter seasons of experimental work, play readings, workshops and social events. As membership of the Theatre Guild is not just restricted to University alumni, it provides an important connection between the University and the general community. For more information visit adelaid.edu.au/theatreguild

Continuing straight ahead toward Kintore avenue you have Badger building on your right. Further down the road you will get a glimpse on the right of the Johnson building on the lower campus.

> The Johnson building is the university’s Aboriginal education unit. Extending the campus at Gate 13 take the footpath along Kintore Avenue you will go past Hartley building on your left. Continue until you reach Gate 15 where you will re-enter the University campus. Located in the Hartley building is Wirltu Yarlu the University’s Aboriginal education unit.

> Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education focuses on recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to the University and provides support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff. In the language of the Kaurna people, Wirltu Yarlu means ‘sea eagle’. For more information visit, adelaid.edu.au/wirltu-yarlu

> Hartley building was built in 1925 in a style now known as Spanish Mission. It was refurbished in the 1970s and a lower level was added to the rear of the building. This was the first permanent home for the Adelaide Teacher Training College, in South Australia.

As you walk down the roadway located on your left is the Schulz building where you will find the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music, and the Electronic Music Unit.

> The Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) is a specialist Australian Indigenous music centre located on level 6. The centre also uses studio space in Alumni House, known as ‘The Cottage’.

> The Electronic Music Unit is the hub of music technology, sound production, sonic arts and electronic music at the Elder Conservatorium of Music. The unit offers programs that develop skills essential for careers in music technology and the music industry.
At the end of the roadway you will have the entrance to Scott Theatre 27 on your left, the Oliphant building 23 on your right and the Physics building 24 straight ahead. Take the road in front of Scott Theatre and continue east with the Physics building 24 on your right. Looking left you will see the Darling West building 23 continue until you reach Hub Central 37.

Hub Central 37 is a dynamic interactive space for students, staff and the general public providing a central location for University services. The hub offers learning facilities, information kiosks, exhibits and displays, a student kitchen, food and retail outlets, and formal and informal entertaining areas. Ask Adelaide staff, are on hand to provide information to students and answer any questions.

Accommodation Services are situated in Hub Central and provides accommodation options to students. If you are standing in the entrance you can take the stairs with the green hand rail which will lead you to the Hub Mezzanine 35 where you can go through to the School of Architecture and Built Environment, which delivers professionally accredited degrees enabling students to become architects, landscape architects and urban designers. The school is part of the Faculty of the Professions.

If you are at the entrance of Hub Central 37 and turn right toward North Terrace you should continue through to the Hughes building 33.

Located within the Hughes building is the School of Psychology, part of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

> The School of Psychology offers a range of accredited pathways for studying psychology at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Its research strengths are in the areas of brain and cognition; social and organisational psychology; and health, disability and lifespan development.

In addition, Careers Services, Children’s University and Confucius Institute are all part of the Hughes building.

> Careers Services helps students to achieve their career goals at the end of their studies.

> Children’s University Adelaide is the first Children’s University to be established in Australia.

> Confucius Institute 20, the University’s centre for Chinese language and culture.

Taking the sliding doors on the left side of the lift will take you to Wills Court 28 (for wheelchair access, please refer to the map) with the Kenneth Wills building 11 on your left. Kenneth Wills building is home to Security Office, University Collections, Future Student Engagement and International Student Support.

> The Kenneth Wills building was named in honour of Kenneth Wills, former University deputy chancellor (1961–65) and chancellor (1966–68).

> International Student Support provides a range of support services for international students including social programs and practical problem solving and study strategies.

> Located within the Kenneth Wills building is the University Security Services office 24, which is staffed 24 hours a day. The role of University Security Services is to protect persons and property on campus. The team provides a range of services to assist staff and students including: guidance on staying safe on campus, building access, after hours escort service, emergency management, emergency phones on campus, incident reporting, lost property, residential college patrols, self-defence courses and an after-hours shuttle bus. For more information visit adelaide.edu.au/security

To exit the campus either take the stairs near the security office that lead you to the drive way between the Art Museum and the Mitchell building and head back to North Terrace.

Or take the path around the duck pond that leads to the stairs with Elder Hall on your left and the Old Classics Wing 14 on your right. If wheelchair access is required, take the path around the duck pond and continue behind Elder Hall, before continuing back toward Bonython Hall.

Across the duck pond the Old Classics Wing 25 Global Learning is located.

> Global Learning assists students through exchange programs to study overseas at a partner university while remaining enrolled at, and supported by, the University of Adelaide.

Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building. 24

In 2017, many students in the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences started studying in the new $246 million Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences (AHMS) building. Situated at the western end of North Terrace, in the heart of the South Australian Health and Biomedical Precinct, the AHMS building is located alongside the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI). Home to the Adelaide Medical School, Adelaide Nursing School, Adelaide Dental School, Adelaide Dental Hospital, Adelaide Health Simulation and School of Public Health, the AHMS building brings together more than 1600 students and 600 health researchers in a vibrant and innovative environment where learning and discovery work hand-in-hand. The AHMS building is a 15-20 minute walk up North Terrace, however please note that only Levels 1-3 of the building are open to the general public.
Other campuses

This self guided tour relates to the University of Adelaide’s North Terrace campus. The University has two other campuses located at:

> Waite campus, Waite Road, Urrbrae, South Australia
> Roseworthy campus, Mudla Wirra Road, Roseworthy, South Australia

For information about tours of the University’s other South Australian based campuses, or the National Wine Centre, visit adeelaide.edu.au/tours

For further, general information about the University:

Phone: +61 8 8313 5208
Free-call (interstate/country): 1800 061 459

Enquire online:
adelaide.edu.au/contact/enquiries

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University Collections

University Collections is entrusted with promoting the University’s art and cultural heritage and preserving and managing the University’s established collection of visual art, heritage furniture, scientific instruments, classical archaeology and geological and historical artefacts.

Hosting over 35 events per year, the team provides the community with the chance to view and interact with the collections and specially commissioned exhibitions. They also conduct tours of the University’s campuses providing history and heritage information along the way. Bookings are required.

For more information on University Collections and available tours please visit: adeelaide.edu.au/uni-collections
Email: unicollections@adelaide.edu.au or call +61 8 8313 3086.

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This microscope and other Bragg memorabilia is on display in front of the University Collections office in the Kenneth Wills building.

A microscope made by C Collins of London and purchased by Professor William Henry Bragg while there on study leave in 1898. The microscope was purchased from Bragg’s family in Cambridge and donated to the University of Adelaide by physics graduate Dr John Jenkin in May 1997.

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