Welcome to your self-guided campus tour

This information sheet will guide you around our campus in 45-60 minutes

1. FROM SENATE HOUSE

Your tour starts at Senate House, which houses the main administrative departments of the University. With Senate House behind you, walk down the road with the green landscaped area and lake on your left.

As you go down the slope, walk past the Robert Boyle (AZ), Dorothy Hodgkin (AY), Edward Jenner (AX) and Joseph Lister (AW) buildings. This is where the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences is hosted.

2. PASS THE DUKE OF KENT

Towards the bottom of the road, walk along the side of the Duke of Kent Building.

This building opened in 1999 and houses Nursing, Midwifery, and other health-related teaching and research facilities.

If you look across the road, you will see the train-shaped Millennium House, one of many student housing options on campus. Directly across from it is the Centre for Wellbeing, home to a dedicated team of nurses and counsellors who support and advise students on health and wellbeing.

The University of Surrey guarantees accommodation to all first-year students, and supports their housing search if they chose to move. All accommodation is self-catered, with a wide range of choices including at Hazel Farm, Bellerby Court and our Manor Park student village.

If you were to follow this road, it would lead you to the edge of campus and towards the train station and town centre. If you have time, it is well worth a trip into Guildford town centre, a short bus journey from the Piazza or a 15-minute walk away. However, to carry on with your tour go up the slope/steps on the other side of the Duke of Kent building.

3. TOWARDS STUDENTS' UNION

Keeping the Duke of Kent Building to your right, make your way towards the Students’ Union building. The small passage to the right will lead you to the centre of campus, and a little further along the way you will find the entrance, up the steps on your left. (For access without steps, please go to the left of the building and through the little tunnel on the right.)

The road sign from S.W. London on the outer wall is a reminder of the origins of the University as Battersea College of Technology, which was founded over 120 years ago. The College moved to Stag Hill in Guildford in 1966, when it became a university.

Please do go inside to have a look around. Here are the Students’ Union offices, bars and food outlets, and areas for entertainment. The Union building is one of the largest student union venues in the country. Over 100 clubs and societies are run from the Students’ Union, including sports clubs. The Union has its own newspaper, called ‘The Stag’, which is produced by and for students.
4. CENTRE OF CAMPUS

Continue towards the centre of campus. On your left is Oak House, which includes Hillside Restaurant and Starbucks Coffee Shop. Just a few of the many places to eat on campus!

5. AROUND THE CORNER

Straight ahead at the end of the courtyard you will find the Student Services Centre, which provides a range of accessible and professional services giving information, advice and support. Follow the path around the Centre until you reach the Amphitheatre, where the entrance to the Student Services Centre can be found.

At this point, if you look up to the top of the hill on your left, you will see the Cathedral. It was built in the 1950s, before the arrival of the University, and is where our graduation ceremonies are held.

The Philip Marchant Building on your right is where the Careers Office, Accommodation Office and the International Study Centre are located.

At Surrey we are proud of our graduates’ record of employment. The Careers Office helps students to get their careers off to a flying start by advising on application, assessment and interview techniques, and there is a large library of employers’ information. Most of our students take a Professional Training year as part of their degree, which gives them valuable and relevant work experience and makes them attractive to potential employers.

6. TO THE LECTURE THEATRE

Walk to the far side of the Amphitheatre and up the stairs or slope to the Lecture Theatre Building.

There are several lecture theatres and teaching rooms inside this newly refurbished building, and students from most degree programmes will spend some time in here. Feel free to take a look inside.

7. LEFT AND UP THE STAIRS

Take the steps to the left of the Lecture Theatre Building.

On the left you will see Battersea Court student accommodation. Continue straight on, and the next building on your right is our Library and Learning Centre, which opened in September 2011. Feel free to pop in and have a look around.

Here you will find:
- Over 1,200 student study spaces with additional PCs and labs
- Wireless internet throughout, with printing and photocopying services
- Audio-visual collections adjacent to viewing and listening facilities
- Specialist language-learning facilities, including PCs for languages study
- An informal learning zone for meeting up and quick access to email
- A Surf Centre for drop-in internet access
- A vast collection of books and journals and access to the electronic collection across campus

The Library and Learning Centre is linked to a lively student concourse which includes a shop, bookshop, and a learning café. The Library is open daily, staying open 24 hours a day from Sunday to Friday, with slightly reduced hours on Saturday.

8. PASS THE LIBRARY

Continue past the library and stop at the roundabout. Across the road diagonally to your left, you will see Cathedral Court student accommodation. Straight ahead is the Teaching Block.

9. PASS THE PERFORMING ARTS TECHNOLOGY STUDIOS

Follow the road down to the right, cross at the Performing Arts Technology Studios (PATS) building and follow the path down to PATS field.
The £36 million Sports Park’s facilities includes:

» a 50-metre swimming pool
» 8 rugby/football pitches
» A 13m climbing wall and bouldering centre
» A 350-seat café and bar social area
» A 120-station health and fitness centre
» A spinning studio
» An outdoor fitness trail
» A sprint track
» Multiple badminton, basketball, squash tennis and volleyball courts.

Surrey Sports Park offers a wide array of classes and courses ranging from Water Workouts to Zumba. It is also home to the Surrey Storm netball and Surrey United basketball teams.

Surrey Sports Park, based on the University’s Manor Park site, is approximately 20 minutes walk from here, but if you would like to visit it today we encourage you to get the bus from the Piazza.

10. 5G INNOVATION CENTRE YOUR RIGHT

Continue to walk down the road. To avoid repetition we will tell you about each of the buildings as you come across them on both sides of the road.

You will first walk past the future site of our Engineering for Health building on your left, due to open late 2016. The building behind it is home to BBC Surrey.

On your right is the 5G Innovation Centre, the world’s first research centre dedicated to the next generation of mobile communication technology. Lamp-posts in and around the University campus are currently being replaced with newer versions that will serve as 5G masts for testing, turning the local area into the world’s first 5G hotspot. 5G will be a flexible infrastructure capable of handling our ever-increasing demand for mobile data and providing connectivity for future technologies.

The next building on the left is the mirror-fronted International House student accommodation, and on the right is the Advanced Technology Institute, dedicated to building the University’s science and engineering infrastructure, training scientists, engineers and cross-disciplinary research.

Further along on the left, just past International House is the Ivy Arts Centre. It contains a theatre, studios, workshops, dressing rooms, a large wardrobe and a costume-making room and box office.

Opposite the Ivy Arts Centre is the Nodus Building, our creative digital media hub.

At the end of this road, is the Guildford School of Acting (GSA), one of the world’s most successful centres for musical-theatre training.

11. OVER AT MANOR PARK

Surrey Sports Park, based on the University’s Manor Park site, is approximately 20 minutes walk from here, but if you would like to visit it today we encourage you to get the bus from the Piazza.

12. BACK TO THE CENTRE

Make your way past the PATS building, turn right at the mini-roundabout and then left through the small passage between the back of the Library on your right and the Elizabeth Fry Building (AD) (housing the Arts & Human Sciences departments) on your left.
13. HEADING STRAIGHT ON

The Lewis Elton Art Gallery on your right hosts exhibitions from a variety of established artists. Further on you will see Santander Bank, the Studio and Unitemps.

Studio is a student retail incubator and is the first permanent space of its kind in the United Kingdom. It allows students to test out their business ideas in a real retail environment with minimal exposure to risk. There is space for up to 6 businesses at any one time, and the businesses that are tenants of Studio form part of a business co-operative that enables them to share resources and grow together.

Next to Studio is Unitemps, our in-house employment agency where students can find information about temporary employment opportunities on campus.

Opposite is the Lewis Carroll Building (AC), home to several departments in the Arts and next to it is the Frank Whittle Building (AB), housing Engineering Departments.

14. UNDER THE TUNNEL

Take the steps or slope opposite down to the courtyard and go through the tunnel between two buildings. Cross the road and continue forwards, with the James Joule Building (BC) on your right (housing Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering) and the AQA Building on your left.

15. TO THE PIAZZA

The last building on your right is the Austin Pearce Building. Continue along the path and turn right along the front of the building to the main entrance.

Austin Pearce houses most of our computer labs (with 24-hour access) and our School of Law, as well as several lecture theatres.

Flanking the Piazza is the Rik Medlik Building. This purpose-built building houses much of our Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, as well as shared teaching facilities and our largest lecture theatre. On the ground floor of the building are the Lakeside Restaurant and Lakeside Coffee Shop which are teaching restaurants managed and operated by our students.

16. THE SURREY SPACE CENTRE

Take the path at the corner between the Austin Pearce Building and the Rik Medlik Building.

On the left is the Surrey Space Centre, a world-leading Centre of Excellence in Space Engineering, researching low-cost space missions. There is a mission-control room on-site, and you may see the satellite dish on the roof rotating into position.

On your right is the Alan Turing Building (BB) (Electronic Engineering).

17. JUST AHEAD

Walk towards the Thomas Telford Building (AA) in front of you.

This is where Mathematics, Computing Sciences and Civil Engineering are based.

18. NEARLY THERE

Turn left at the small T-junction towards the Senate Car Park.

BACK TO THE START

Senate House, where you started your tour, is to your right and in front of you is the lake and landscaped grounds with the iconic ‘golf ball’ geodesic dome and other sculptural pieces, among which students study and relax in the open air. There is also a small stage by the lake where plays and other events are held. Please feel free to have a walk around as it is truly beautiful at this time of year. The path down to the lake starts opposite the entrance to Senate House.

We hope you enjoyed your visit.

Thank you for visiting the University of Surrey.