

# Campus Location and Facilities

## Campus Highlights

Taylor University is nestled in the rural gentleness of Upland, Indiana, population 3,803 (2000 census). Taylor's quiet location adds to its charm, yet Upland's central location, just four miles from Interstate 69 between Indiana's two largest cities (Indianapolis and Fort Wayne), gives students quick access to the cultural diversity of larger communities.

Taylor's borders are as wholesome as the setting itself including residential areas, the Upland Health and Diagnostic Center, the Avis Corporation, along with many natural settings such as Taylor Lake spanning eight acres, the Avis-Taylor Prairie Restoration Project and the beautifully preserved Arboretum.

The campus is spacious and scenic with many points of interest. Near its heart rests the Zondervan Library, housing the Engstrom Galleria, a bright and open walk-through frequently used for receptions and to display traveling works of art, and the University archives. The archives is home to much of Taylor's history as well as the Edwin W. Brown Collection featuring the life and works of C.S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams, and Owen Barfield.

Immediately upon leaving the north entrance of the library, the base of the Rice Bell Tower is visible. A brief stroll north from the bell tower will reveal the Samuel Morris statues. Designed by Ken Ryden and erected in October 1995, these statues symbolize the process of enlightenment Morris experienced as he journeyed from being a tribal prince to a slave, to a student in America with a burden to share the message of God's grace. Through Ryden's work, Samuel Morris continues to inspire the Taylor community.

The statues adjoin campus' most recent additions: the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts (2002) and Rupp Communication Arts Centers, housing the 320-seat Mitchell Theatre. Taylor's theatrical history includes classics as well as original productions written by Taylor alumni and students.

Most recent additions are the Kesler Student Activities Center (KSAC), Memorial Prayer Chapel, and Campbell Apartments. In addition, Wengatz Hall and Grace Olson Hall have undergone major renovations.

On the east side of campus perched atop the Nussbaum Science Center is the observatory featuring two new reflecting telescopes: a 10-inch Celestron and an 8-inch Meade. Both have motor mounts for all-night star tracking.

On the southwest corner of campus, students seeking solitude may wish to visit the prayer deck. Secluded among the greenery of Taylor Lake and overlooking the water, the prayer deck is a popular spot for meditation and Bible study. The prayer chapel, presented by the graduates of 1950 and class sponsor Milo A. Rediger, is located on the northeast side of campus in Sickler Hall and offers a spiritual respite.

Students taking a slight detour from campus will earn a very sweet reward—Ivanhoe's, offering over 100 different ice cream sundaes, shakes, and treats. This hometown eatery has been an Upland attraction since 1965.

In addition to these landmarks, the Taylor community provides a variety of living arrangements, a newly remodeled dining hall, and easily accessible academic buildings. The following facilities are part of the Taylor campus:

## Academic Facilities

The **Atterbury Building** has served multiple purposes throughout its history, currently housing Information Technology offices and technical services, which supports technology on campus. It is named for Camp Atterbury, where it was originally located before it found a permanent home on the campus of Taylor University.

The **Ayres Alumni Memorial Building**, newly remodeled in 2005, is a 19,000-square-foot facility housing the Center for Research and Innovation (CR&I), the Center for Teaching & Learning Excellence (CTLE) and the Spencer Centre for Global Engagement (SCGE). It was named for Burt W. Ayres who served Taylor as professor and administrator for nearly 50 years. The CR&I is located in the Kenyon Educational Center on the lower level, along with the University's telecommunications network and staff; the CTLE and SCGE share the main level which includes a faculty seminar room, and the offices for the directors and staff. One large state-of-the-art classroom and two smaller classrooms are also located on the main floor. Six faculty offices and a reception area are located on the third floor.

**Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center** opened in February 2003. The 38,000-square-foot center provides specialized art studio and classroom space, state-of-the-art computer graphic arts lab and audio-visual classrooms, and a secure gallery adjacent to the Mitchell Theatre. The Tyndale Galleria provides space for students to display creative work. This new building features dedicated spaces specifically designed and outfitted for instruction in painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, metals, photography, drawing, and graphics. In addition, an outdoor sculpture garden is planned to enhance the campus on the north side of the building. Along with the Zondervan Library, the entire fine arts complex occupies the center of campus, signifying Taylor University's commitment to the fine arts as a central component of a Christian liberal arts college.

**Nussbaum Science Center** is named for Dr. Elmer N. Nussbaum, professor of physics for 31 years at Taylor. The science building has been recently updated with new heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lighting, telecommunications and ceiling system. This 45,000-square-foot structure houses biology, chemistry, computer science, math, and physics classrooms; laboratories; the observatory; faculty lounges; and computer information services for the University.

**Randall Environmental Studies Center** is a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility located at the west edge of campus on the grounds of the University arboretum. It was constructed in 1992 and named for Dr. Walter Randall, a Taylor trustee and former medical professor. The 20,000-square-foot structure serves the needs of the environmental science department with specialized laboratories equipped for biotic analysis, satellite image retrieval, computer mapping, soil analysis, and plant systematics. A trail system, natural history museum and greenhouse facilities are also a part of this center. The nearby Avis-Taylor Prairie Restoration Project provides additional teaching and research opportunities.

**Reade Memorial Liberal Arts Center**, named for Thaddeus C. Reade, president of Taylor University (1891-1902), is a 35,000-square-foot facility containing the social work and sociology departments, classrooms, a computer lab, faculty offices and the Educational Technology Center.

**Rupp Communication Arts Center** was completed in 1994 and named for Taylor benefactors Ora and Herma Rupp of Archbold, Ohio. This 45,000-square-foot facility houses the communication arts department offices and classrooms, the 320-seat Mitchell Theatre, television and radio studios, journalism lab and offices for the campus newspaper and yearbook.

**Smith-Hermanson Music Center**, a 23,000-square-foot structure, is a sound-proof facility. Named for Nellie Scudder Smith, a friend of Taylor University, and for former professor of music Edward Hermanson and his wife Dr. Louella Hermanson (also a musician), the building houses teaching studios, classrooms, rehearsal rooms, practice rooms, faculty offices, conference rooms, and faculty and student lounges. The 250-seat Butz-Carruth Recital Hall boasts a Boesendorfer grand and Steinway pianos and is designed to provide the best possible acoustical qualities.

**Zondervan Library**, completed and occupied in 1986, was named for Peter J. "Pat" Zondervan and his wife Mary. Pat Zondervan was co-founder of The Zondervan Corporation, a Christian publishing company.

This 61,000-square-foot building contains seating for more than one-fourth of the student population and houses over 200,000 items with room for many more. One of the special collections in the library is the Edwin W. Brown Collection consisting of first editions, manuscripts, photographs and other materials relating to the life and works of C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams and Owen Barfield. The library also offers an excellent reference collection and over 750 current periodicals and 16 daily newspaper subscriptions. Several periodicals and two major newspapers are also available on microfilm. Public online information retrieval services provide bibliographic and full-text access to an ever-widening variety of additional resources.

Library services are available 88 hours per week, with five librarians providing reference services including basic library instruction, online retrieval assistance and research consultation. An automated circulation system and online public catalog provide bibliographic access to library holdings. Zondervan Library is a founding member of PALNI (Private Academic Library Network of Indiana), a cooperative library system allowing patrons to search the catalogs of 25 other private college and seminary libraries within Indiana. Interlibrary loan provides a service whereby materials not owned by Taylor University may be borrowed from other libraries. The Zondervan Library is a member of regional and statewide cooperative library networks and OCLC, a worldwide network that links Taylor University with more than 25,000 other libraries.

An after-hours study room is available off the beautiful walk-through Engstrom Galleria.

The **Archives** collect University records documenting the heritage of Taylor University since its inception as Fort Wayne Female College in 1846. University records include yearbooks, campus newspapers, committee minutes, faculty papers, and photographs. The archives promote the research of Taylor's history by students, faculty, alumni, and other interested persons. Furthermore, the archives encourage an awareness of Taylor's history through exhibits and publications.

The **Academic Enrichment Center** located in the southwest wing of the library has personnel and technology to provide individual instruction for improving reading comprehension, writing and math computation skills. An open computer lab is available to support a variety of academic needs. Individual music listening stations are also provided in the Academic Enrichment Center.

The **Ruth Flood Room** is equipped to provide high-technology audiovisual presentations.

Services for students with disabilities are provided by **Academic Support Services** located within the Academic Enrichment Center. Services may include assistance with note taking, alternative testing, books on tape, or other accommodations deemed reasonable and necessary by qualified professionals. To receive these services, a student must provide documentation of his or her disability. Academic Enrichment personnel also coordinate the peer-tutoring program available to the general student body.

## Student Residences

**Bergwall Hall** was named for Evan Bergwall, Sr., president of Taylor University (1951-1959). It was first occupied the fall semester of 1989. Housing 181 students – women on the third and fourth floors, men on the first and second floors – this residence hall functions as a conference center during summer months. Each floor has a lounge and study facilities, and each room has a private bath.

**English Hall**, a women's residence hall housing 232 students, was opened in 1975 and named for Mary Tower English, wife of one of Taylor's most distinguished graduates. English Hall provides private living room areas for eight women each. This residence is located on the south side of the campus near several other residences.

**Gerig Hall** is a 4-story residence hall for 96 students. Constructed in 1971, this structure consisting of living-study suites provides the intimacy of apartment-style accommodations with the dynamics of interacting with a larger group of students. The first floor has lounge and office areas; women are housed on the second and third floors and men on the fourth floor. Gerig Hall is named for Lester Gerig, a long-time trustee and Taylor University benefactor.

**Grace Olson Hall** was constructed in 1966 and is the largest residence hall housing 297 women. It underwent major renovations in 2006 and 2008. The hall is named for Grace D. Olson, distinguished history professor at Taylor.

**Haakonsen Hall** was constructed as the student health center in 1975. The building is named after Lily Haakonsen who provided medical care for the students of Taylor University. Now, 34 years later, it is an addition to English Hall housing up to 16 female students.

**Morris Hall** opened in 1998 and accommodates 280 men. This residence hall was designed and built to service the needs of students with such amenities as air conditioning, laundry facilities, study lounges, social lounges, bicycle storage, and an area for off-season storage. Morris Hall is named for Samuel Morris, a former student from Africa whose life story is told in the film "Angel in Ebony."

**Swallow Robin Hall** is a residence hall accommodating 72 students. This historic building first occupied in 1917 was remodeled and restored in the fall of 1990. Silas C. Swallow and his wife, whose maiden name was Robin, financed a major portion of the original construction cost for the building and asked that it be named in honor of their mothers.

**Wengatz Hall**, constructed in 1965 with major renovations in 2005 and 2007, houses 285 men and includes several lounges and a recreation room. It was named in honor of Dr. John Wengatz, outstanding Taylor University graduate and pioneer missionary to Africa.

**Campbell Hall**, constructed in 2008 and located on the north edge of campus, consists of fifteen apartments housing sixty students desiring off-campus housing experiences in an apartment-style setting. The apartments are named in honor of Walt and Mary Campbell.

### **Service and Non-Academic Facilities**

The campus **Bookstore** is located in the student union. It is owned and operated by Taylor University and provides textbooks and other classroom needs. Many other items are available such as clothing, greeting cards, and gifts. The bookstore is also the drop-off and pick-up point for film developing and dry-cleaning services.

The **Boyd Building and Grounds Complex**, built in 1995, is the center of operations for general and vehicle maintenance, housekeeping, building and grounds, and recycling services.

**Campus Police**, built in 1989, serves as the center for emergency communication, campus safety, campus vehicle registration, and the campus motor pool program.

**Hodson Dining Commons**, named for Arthur and Mary Hodson, Upland philanthropists, this facility serves as the main dining hall for students. Built in 1972 and expanded in 2000, the facility is located on the southwest corner of the campus overlooking Taylor Lake. With the addition of the Nelle Alspaugh Hodson Banquet Facility, the Isely, Heritage and Braden rooms provide space for special and private group dining.

**Memorial Prayer Chapel**, constructed in 2008, honors those lost in a tragic accident on April 26, 2008, as well as other students and staff who entered Eternity while attending or serving Taylor University. This 2,300-square-foot facility has room for corporate prayer for seventy individuals, as well as two ante-rooms that allow for private or small group prayer.

The campus **Post Office** is located in the building directly behind the Freimuth Administration Building. The postal service is for the convenience of the University and not part of the U.S. postal operation.

Adjoining the post office is the **University Press** serving off-set printing, desktop publishing, xerographic, and binding needs. Both publishing and outsourcing of specialized projects are provided.

**Rediger Chapel/Auditorium**, named in honor of Dr. Milo A. Rediger, former professor, dean and president of Taylor University, was completed in 1976. This 1500-seat facility, formerly Maytag Gymnasium, was remodeled through the generosity of many alumni and friends of the University. In addition to its spacious and beautiful auditorium, this building houses the Center for Student Development, which includes Campus Ministries and the Counseling Center.

**Sickler Hall**, the oldest of three remaining original buildings on the Taylor University campus, was built in 1902 with a gift from the estate of Christopher Sickler, an early Taylor trustee. Originally, the building was a residence hall that provided free housing for the children of ministers and missionaries. Later, it served as a science hall and education department center; more recently, it was the location of the communication arts department. Remodeled in 1995, Sickler Hall currently houses The William Taylor Foundation, Professional Writing Department, and alumni relations and includes conference room facilities. The campus prayer chapel is located on the main floor and is open 24 hours a day for meditation and prayer.

The **Student Union**, a dome-shaped facility, provides space for student activities, The Grille snack bar and campus bookstore. The student activities portion, a 100-foot diameter circular area, provides lounge, reading, listening and recreational space and accommodates the Offices of Career Development, Leadership Development and Student Programs, Taylor Student Organization, Student Activities and Student Services Councils, Multicultural Student Organization, Taylor World Outreach, and Lighthouse.

**Taylor Lake**, a picturesque eight acres on the Taylor campus, provides swimming opportunities in summer and ice-skating facilities in winter. Part of the lake is used for studies in ecology, and nearby is a wooded picnic area, beach volleyball court, and prayer deck.

### **Administrative Buildings**

**Ferdinand Freimuth Administration Building**, a 14,000-square-foot structure, was first remodeled during 1972. The first floor houses the Offices of the Bursar, Controller, Financial Aid, Human Resources, Registrar, and University Relations. The Deans of Schools and University Advancement are located on the second floor. The initial remodeling of this building was made possible by a gift from Ferdinand Freimuth, a Fort Wayne philanthropist.

**Helena Memorial Hall**, built in 1911, is a 10,000-square-foot structure that serves as the University welcome center. The building was remodeled in 1987 and houses the Offices of the President, Provost, and Admissions. Formerly a music building, then an art and theatre building, this structure was named for Mrs. Helena Gehman, an early benefactress of the University.

## **Athletic, Physical Education, and Recreation Facilities**

The **Baseball and Softball Fields**, with turf and brickdust infields, respectively, are centrally located in the heart of Taylor's campus (baseball) and on the west central part of campus (softball) and are maintained for intercollegiate competition.

The **Cross Country Course** is a 5.2-mile route that covers the entire campus, which begins west of the softball field and takes runners up and over hills, across paved roads and through scenic wooded areas.

The **Escape to Reality Challenge Course/Ropes Course**, nestled in a beautifully wooded portion of campus adjacent to Taylor Lake, offers ground initiatives and low ropes activities along with 12 high course elements. The goal is to provide groups with a unique outdoor experience where they will grow together through self-discovery, physical challenges and group interactions in a safe and supportive environment. Taylor students have the opportunity to experience the course for themselves; and if they so desire, may train to be course facilitators. Escape to Reality is open to all Taylor groups, as well as any outside groups who are interested in team-building experiences.

The **Field House** is a steel-paneled building providing additional opportunities for physical education and athletics. The football locker room, Pete Carlson Intercollegiate Athletic weight room, two batting cages for baseball, softball, and golf, classrooms, and football staff offices are contained in this facility.

The **George Glass Track and Field Complex**, dedicated in 1998 to George Glass, Taylor's athletic director and coach of cross country and track for 26 years, has a 440-yard, rubberized, all-weather surface and facilities for field events.

The **Kesler Student Activities Center** opened in the fall of 2004. This 87,000-square-foot facility is named in honor of Dr. Jay Kesler, president emeritus of Taylor University and his wife Janie. The KSAC boasts four college-sized basketball courts (one with a wood floor and three with multipurpose playing surfaces which can facilitate volleyball, basketball, tennis, and badminton), "The Well" fitness center, locker rooms and a 200-meter indoor competition-level track with Mondo flooring.

**Odle Gymnasium** was completed in 1975 and named for the late Don J. Odle, coach and professor of physical education, and his wife Bonnie. This 45,000-square-foot facility contains two racquetball courts, an all-purpose room, a newly constructed conference room overlooking the basketball court, classrooms, faculty/coaches offices, and a collegiate basketball and volleyball maple parquet floor court with three cross courts.

The **Game Soccer Field** includes dugouts, regulation field, bleachers and restroom facilities. **Practice Soccer Fields** are located east and west of the game field.

The **Tennis Complex** features nine lighted, hard-surface courts and bleachers.

The **Jim Wheeler Memorial Stadium**, which has a seating capacity of 4,000 and a natural grass playing surface, has been the home of the Trojans for the past 27 seasons. It was built in 1980 with funds donated by John Wheeler (Taylor '54) in memory of his son, Jim Wheeler, who died of cancer shortly after his graduation in 1979.

## **Computer and Technology Resources**

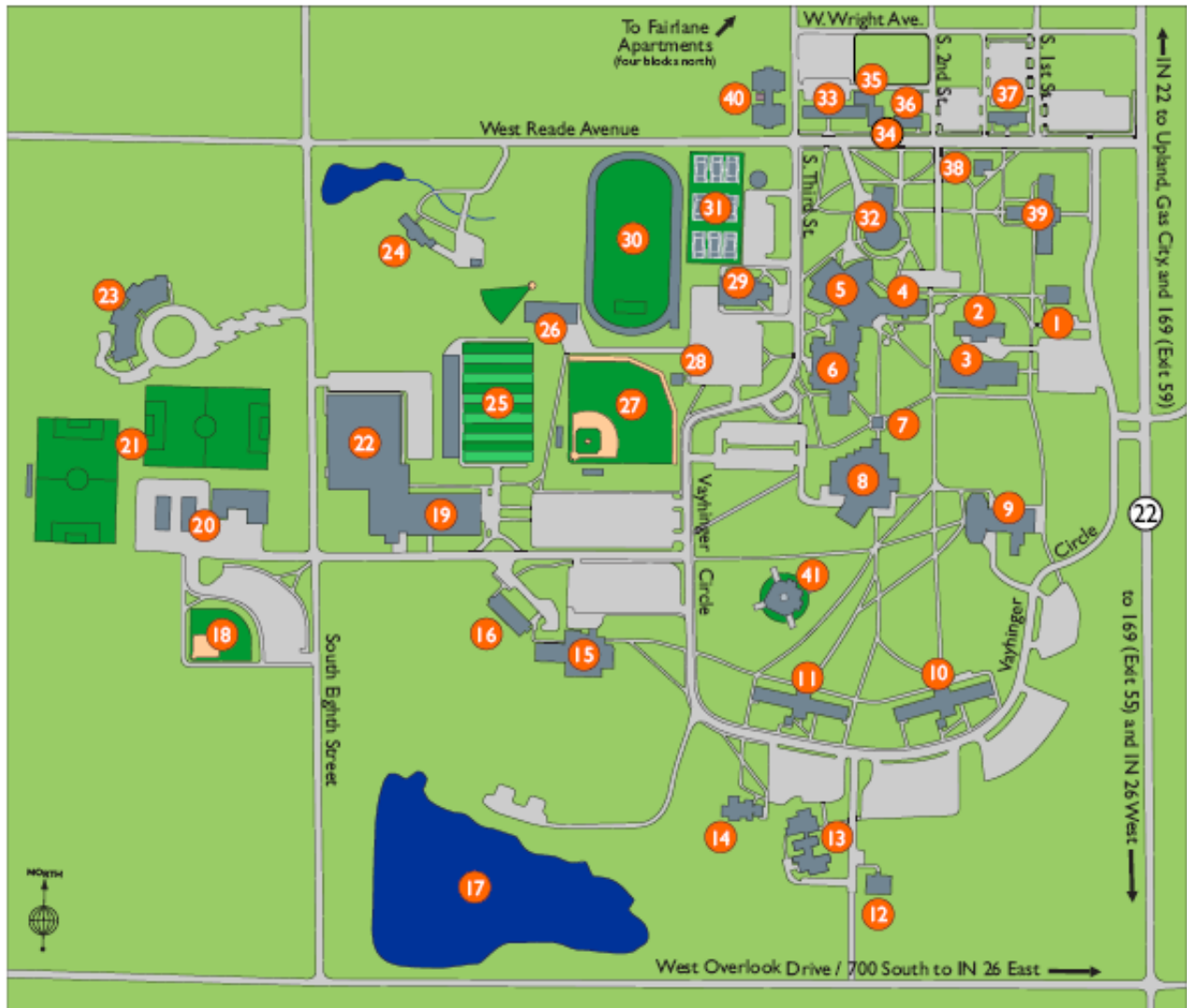
Taylor University strives to keep current in the technology it provides to students, faculty, and staff. Upon enrollment, every student is provided personal network space for file storage and website hosting, along with an electronic portfolio to be developed over four years and fine-tuned prior to graduation.

Students can login to the *myTAYLOR* portal (from on or off campus) to access their email, campus announcements, news, weather, sports, class schedules, financial aid, billing information, grades, and transcripts, as well as links to all of their courses. Nearly every professor uses the Blackboard course management system to supplement class activities and provide resources students can access online at any time.

A high priority has been placed on providing technology for teaching and learning. Every classroom is equipped with a projector and multimedia computer technology, providing ready access to presentation software and online resources. Every academic building (along with the dining commons, student activities center, student union, and residence hall lounges) has wireless internet access for students using laptops and other portables. The Zondervan Library offers the latest in online research capabilities. General-purpose computer labs are available for students from early morning to late at night. A campus cable system delivers class-related videos to students in their residence hall rooms during evening and weekend hours.

The **Educational Technology Center**, located in the heart of the campus, is the support hub for academic technology. The ETC provides students access to an amazing set of resources including matting, lamination, media duplication, computer scanning and high-quality printing, digital audio and video editing, as well as a professionally-equipped recording studio. Students can purchase supplies, as well as check out (*for free!*) digital and video cameras, projectors, and a wide range of computer and AV equipment.

Taylor University is primarily a PC-campus, although specialty areas such as art and music use Apple computers. The network runs on the Windows operating system, as do most University-owned desktops. Microsoft Office is the standard application suite.



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