

Campus Location and Facilities

Campus Highlights

Taylor is a lively campus community nestled in America's heartland. Located approximately halfway between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Taylor's hometown of Upland, Indiana, offers a pastoral setting for students to study and live. Taylor's beautiful campus affords students the chance to enjoy their college years in an inspiring location where lives are transformed every single day. And Taylor's creative student body and storied traditions ensure that the Taylor campus is a place of great fun, exciting school spirit, and deep friendships.

The campus is spacious and scenic with many points of interest. In addition to the Library and its collections, the Zondervan Library building, residing next to the Bell Tower, houses the Engstrom Galleria, Archives and Special Collections, and several academic support services at the center of the campus.

Upon leaving the north entrance of the library, the Rice Bell Tower is visible immediately north, symbolizing our commitment to spiritual integrity and academic quality. 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 the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts and Rupp Communication Arts Center (housing the 320-seat Mitchell theater—Taylor's theatrical history includes classics as well as original productions written by Taylor alumni and students), and the Smith-Hermanson Music building.

On the east side of Vayhinger Loop is the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, home for our great chapel program. The LaRita Boren Campus Center surrounds the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. This facility is the home for our student development program as well as a community space for our students, staff, parents, and alumni to gather; it also houses the Campus Store Express and food and beverage establishments including the Jumping Bean and Chick-fil-A.

To the north are more residence halls including Samuel Morris Hall, Swallow Robin Hall, the more recently added Wolgemuth Hall (35,970 square feet of apartment-style units for 92 students), and Campbell Hall (19,167 square feet of apartment space for 60 student beds). Also, on the northside is the Campus Store. This facility, finished in 2019, is an 8,100 square foot facility also housing our print and post office services. The Freimuth Administration building is the home of several administrative functions for students and staff alike.

On the east side of campus is the Nussbaum Center. Perched atop the Nussbaum Science Center is the Robert Wolfe observatory featuring a solar telescope and two reflecting telescopes: a 10-inch Celestron and an 8-inch Meade. Both have motor mounts for all-night star tracking. The Euler Science Complex includes 137,000 square feet and connects to the north side of the Nussbaum Center. The science program space includes a green roof, geothermal cooling, photovoltaic solar, and a heliostat.

The south side of campus is known for housing and serving our students via Breuninger Hall, Wengatz Hall, Olson Hall, English Hall, Gerig Hall, and Bergwall Hall—all student resident spaces. Attached to Bergwall Hall is the Hodson Dining Commons.

To the west lies our combination of artificial and natural turf athletic fields (baseball, football, track and field, softball, lacrosse, and soccer). Odle Arena is our competition floor and attached is our wonderful Kesler Student Activities Center (KSAC). An addition to KSAC, the Eichling Aquatics Wing, houses the indoor lap pool.

WBCL, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a Taylor-owned professional radio station which broadcasts family-friendly content including contemporary Christian music, commentary, and coverage of local news, traffic, and events. Through additional translators, transmitters, towers, and stations, listeners from all over northeast Indiana, southeast Michigan, and northwest Ohio, as well as listeners worldwide on wbcl.org, can enjoy Christian programming.

Prayer is an important feature of our campus life and facilities. In the heart of campus, just southwest of the library, is the Memorial Prayer Chapel that honors the lives of students and staff from Taylor University. 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 original prayer chapel, presented by the graduates of 1950 and class sponsor (and future president) Milo A. Rediger, is located on the northeast side of campus in Sickler Hall and offers a spiritual respite.

Academic Facilities

The **Ayres Alumni Memorial Building**, a 19,000-square-foot facility, was named for Burt W. Ayres who served Taylor as professor and administrator for nearly 50 years. In addition to space on the main level, Admissions is located in the Kenyon Educational Center on the lower level along with the University's telecommunications network and staff. The office of the President is located on the main level as is a large classroom. Psychology faculty offices are located on the third floor.

The **Euler Science Complex** was completed in 2012. This facility includes 137,000-square-foot of science program space in a four-story building with LEED gold certification and utilizes a photovoltaic solar array, geothermal wells, and smart sensors for energy management; a green roof for water management; and a heliostat for natural lighting. It provides space for offices, classrooms, and labs for biochemistry and chemistry, biology, computer sciences, elementary and secondary education, engineering, mathematics, and physics, as well as Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (BCTLE), Center for Missions Computing, Machine Shop, and Sponsored Programs.

The **Horne Academic Center**, a 45,000-square-foot facility named for Taylor graduate Dee Horne, was completed in 2024. This facility houses the Film and Media program including a 2500-square-foot television studio and a 3500-square-foot film sound stage, the Vandermeulen Innovation Hub including the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and the Office of the Provost.

Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center, a 38,000-square-foot center, provides specialized art studio and classroom space, a 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 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 enhances 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. This 45,000-square-foot structure continues to support biology, chemistry, computer science, math, physics, and general-purpose classrooms; laboratories; the observatory; faculty lounges; professional writing; and most of the Information Technology Department.

Randall Environmental Studies Center is an award-winning teaching and research facility located at the west edge of campus on the grounds of the University arboretum. Constructed in 1992 and named for Dr. Walter Randall, a Taylor trustee and former medical professor, the 20,000-square-foot facility primarily serves the needs of the Environmental Science and Sustainable Development programs. It has specialized laboratories equipped for analysis of soil, water, plants, and geospatial data; greenhouse facilities; and a natural history museum of North American and African specimens. The adjacent 145-acre arboretum includes a trail system and opportunities for outdoor study of prairies, woods, wetlands, lakes, streams, old fields, and small-scale agriculture. The nearby Avis-Taylor Prairie Restoration Project, the hardwood preserve, and the "Taylor Wilderness" provide 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 computer labs, the finance lab, faculty offices, and classrooms for several departments (Sociology and Social Work; Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Intercultural Studies, and Philosophy; Business; English and Modern Languages; History, Global, and Political Studies; Ministry).

Rupp Communication Arts Center is named for Taylor benefactors Ora and Herma Rupp. This 45,000-square-foot facility houses the 320-seat Mitchell Theatre, television and radio studios, yearbook and campus newspaper offices, journalism lab, and offices and classrooms for communication, film and media production, journalism, public relations, and theatre. The theatre had updated amenities in 2022.

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 Edward Hermanson, former professor of music, 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 Butz-Carruth Recital Hall seats 218 and boasts Boesendorfer grand and Steinway pianos and is designed to provide the best possible acoustical qualities.

Zondervan Library

The Zondervan Library sits in the center of campus, representing its centrality to the mission of the University and the success of academic pursuits. The library provides information resources, services, and connections for students, faculty, and staff while striving to support curricular needs, to nurture intellectual curiosity, and to promote spiritual development.

Through the library's website users can discover resources both within the library and beyond. In addition to books, periodicals, and DVDs within the library's walls, it provides a vast range of electronic resources including full-text databases and eBooks. Virtually all these electronic resources are available both on- and off-campus to students, faculty, and staff with a valid Taylor network username and password. Zondervan Library provides even more resources through Interlibrary Loan.

One of the purposes of library faculty is to teach students skills in identifying and evaluating information as these will prove useful in every career and serve as a foundation for lifelong learning. Librarians interact with students through classroom instruction as well as individual consultations regarding information research strategies and tools. Walk-up research assistance is available from the Ask desk, which is situated directly inside the library's main entrance. Librarians can also be reached via email (zonlib@taylor.edu) and phone (765-998-4357).

Some instructors put materials on Reserve circulation for students to check out. These resources are located behind the Check Out desk on the main level and can be used within the library for three hours at a time.

Groups can make use of study rooms of various sizes located throughout the library. Various study tables and carrels serve as ideal study areas located throughout the main and upper levels.

The **Academic Enrichment Center**, located in the northwest area of the library, exists to help all students succeed academically. The AEC has personnel and technology to provide individual instruction for improving reading comprehension, writing, and math computation skills, and individual help for achieving academic success. All students are encouraged to visit the AEC.

Accessibility and Disability Resources, located within the Academic Enrichment Center, provides services for students with disabilities. Taylor University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations that ensure equal access to programs and opportunities. This may include assistance with note taking, an alternative testing environment, audio books, or other accommodations deemed reasonable and necessary by qualified professionals. To receive these services, a student must provide documentation of his or her disability.

Archives and Special Collections is located on the southeast end of Zondervan Library's Engstrom Galleria. The ASC preserves and provides access to records of enduring value which include University Archives as well as several other special collections including the British Author Collections. The Ringenberg Reading Room provides research space for visiting classes and researchers, and a closed stacks area houses the physical collections. A robust digital archive, featuring historic University publications and other materials, is accessible at <https://pillars.taylor.edu>.

Peer Tutoring is located within the Academic Enrichment Center. Peer tutoring is a free service to all Taylor students. Tutoring is available for almost all courses.

Taylor University Online (TUO) is located in the lower level of the library and offers online courses and programs.

The **Writing Center**, located in the Academic Enrichment Center, serves all students in all classes at Taylor, providing one-on-one and small group writing consultations.

Service and Non-Academic Facilities

The **LaRita Boren Campus Center**, completed in 2016, brings together the student development programs from multiple buildings on campus. These programs including the offices of Calling and Career, Campus Ministries, Center for Student Development, Counseling Center, Honors Guild, Intercultural Programs, Leadership and Student Programs, Lighthouse, Master of Arts in Higher Education (MAHE), Residence Life, Spencer Centre for Global Engagement (SCGE), Student Activities and Student Services Councils, Taylor Student Organization, and Taylor World Outreach are now located in this centralized space. This facility also provides a 300-seat auditorium, a food court including the Jumping Bean and Chick-fil-A, as well as the Campus Store Express. Campus Police is also located in the facility and serves as the center for emergency communication, the police department, campus vehicle registration, and identification card/card access systems. This facility provides our campus with a central place to facilitate discipleship through our student development programs, intentional community interactions, and individual relationships. **Rediger Chapel/Auditorium**, named in honor of Dr. Milo A. Rediger, former Professor, Dean, and President of Taylor University, was completed in 1976. This spacious and beautiful 1,500-seat facility, formerly Maytag Gymnasium, was remodeled through the generosity of many alumni and friends of the University and is accessible by entering the Boren Campus Center.

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

The **Campus Store** is located on the north side of Reade Avenue and provides textbooks and other classroom needs. Other items are offered such as apparel, greeting cards, and gifts, as well as a drop-off and pick-up point for dry-cleaning services. It also houses the press services and postal service for the University. These services are available to students and employees.

Hodson Dining Commons, named for Arthur and Mary Hodson, Upland philanthropists, serves as the main dining hall for students. 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. The Hodson Dining Commons is experiencing its first ever facility-wide improvement since it was constructed. New kitchen equipment and layout, new food delivery venues, new seating, and an entire refresh of the space will mark this renovation. Additionally, an elevator is being added as well as a new event space to the south that will hold over 600 people when fully expanded.

Memorial Prayer Chapel honors those lost in a tragic accident on April 26, 2006, 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 anterooms that allow for private or small group prayer.

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

Student Residences

Bergwall Hall was named for Evan Bergwall, Sr., president of Taylor University (1951-1959). This hall currently houses 207 students—women on the third and fourth floors and men on the first and second floors. In the summer of 2017, the entire building received a significant renovation.

Breuninger Hall, was named after Dr. Ruth Ann Breuninger, a beloved faculty member (from 1964-1975) and founder of the Lighthouse ministries and was constructed in 2013. This hall is also attached to Gerig Hall and is home for 150 students. Several lounge areas, significant views, and outdoor landscaping areas are an integral part of the design of this hall.

Campbell Hall is located on the north edge of campus, consists of fifteen apartments housing 60 students desiring off-campus housing experiences in an apartment-style setting. The apartments are named in honor of Walt and Mary Campbell.

English Hall, a women's residence hall housing 226 students named for Mary Tower English, wife of one of Taylor's most distinguished graduates. English Hall provides private living room areas as rooms are arranged around a suite that is shared by 8-12 women. This residence is located on the south side of the campus near several other residences.

Gerig Hall is a four-story residence hall for 96 students. This hall is arranged in a suite style that provides a level of intimacy within the setting 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.

Morris Hall accommodates 285 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 "Sammy" Morris, a late 19th century student from the Kru tribe in Africa, who had an enormous impact on campus and his fellow students.

Grace Olson Hall is the largest residence hall, housing 292 women. Rooms are arranged along a typical corridor and share a common bath. The hall is named for Grace D. Olson, distinguished history professor at Taylor.

Swallow Robin Hall is a residence hall accommodating 70 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 houses 267 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.

Wolgemuth Hall, constructed in 2011 and located on the north edge of campus, consists of 23 apartments housing 92 students desiring off-campus housing experiences in an apartment-style setting. The apartments are named in honor of Sam and Grace Wolgemuth.

Administrative Buildings

Ferdinand Freimuth Administration Building, a 14,000-square-foot structure, was first remodeled during 1972. The first floor houses the offices of Alumni and Parent Relations, Business Office and Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Institutional Research, and Registrar. Advancement functions 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.

Haakonson Hall is named after Lily Haakonson who provided medical care for the students of Taylor University for many years. This facility is used by Event and Media Services; Conference Services uses Haakonson Hall as the hub for their work.

Helena Memorial Hall, built in 1911, is a 10,000-square-foot structure that serves as the Taylor University Gallery that houses the Boren Western Art Collection as well as the Office of the Provost. This facility previously served as a music building, an art and theatre building, and as offices of Admissions and the President. This structure was named for Mrs. Helena Gehman, an early benefactress of the University.

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. This facility currently houses Human Resources on the lower level and Intercultural Leadership and Church Relations which includes conference room facilities. The Meredith Prayer Chapel is located on the main floor and is open each day for meditation and prayer.

Athletic, Physical Education, and Recreation Facilities

The **George Glass Track and Field Complex**, named for George Glass (Taylor's athletic director and coach of cross country and track for 26 years), has a 400-meter rubberized, all-weather surface and facilities for field events.

Gudakunst Field serves as the home for the Taylor softball team and features a newly constructed playing surface with improved drainage, lights, scoreboard, brick and net backstop, press box, and bleachers. The field is located southwest of the Kesler Student Activities Center.

The **Kesler Student Activities Center** is an 87,000-square-foot facility is named in honor of Dr. Jay Kesler, president emeritus of Taylor University, and his wife Janie. The KSAC contains 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. The Eichling Aquatics Wing houses an indoor lap pool and the academic Kinesiology program.

Meier Tennis Courts features nine lighted and hard-surface courts.

Odle Gymnasium is named for the late Don J. Odle, coach and professor of physical education, and his wife Bonnie. This 45,000-square-foot facility contains a newly renovated state-of-the-art weight room, a racquetball court, a conference room overlooking the basketball court, a new state-of-the-art golf simulator room, faculty/coaches' offices, and a collegiate basketball and volleyball maple parquet floor court with three cross courts. The entrance and second floor were recently renovated with the second floor becoming home to the athletic teams' workout space.

The **Stillman Field House** provides additional opportunities for athletics. Newly renovated in 2023, this facility houses the football locker room, men's lacrosse locker room, and three batting cages for baseball and softball, as well as meeting rooms and gathering areas for team, alumni, and recruiting events.

The **Taylor Cross Country Course** is located just over a mile west of campus. This championship quality course features both a five kilometer and eight-kilometer loop which both meander through fields and wooded areas.

Turner Stadium serves as the home to the Taylor football, men's soccer, and women's soccer teams. The stadium, located north of Odle Arena, includes home and visitor stands, lights, scoreboard, and stadium entrance. In the summer of 2015, a new press box, game day plaza, and additional stadium upgrades were added. The artificial turf was replaced in 2022.

The **Jim Wheeler Field** serves as the home to the Taylor men's lacrosse team as well as a practice field for the football, men's soccer, and women's soccer teams. Replaced in 2023, the artificial surface facility is located northwest of Turner Stadium and features a full-sized lacrosse, football, and soccer field with lighting for night practices.

Winterholter Field is located centrally and has an artificial infield surface which was renovated in 2021, and the new amenities make this facility an exciting place to watch a baseball game. In the spring of 2015, outdoor lighting was installed; in 2017, a press box was added; in 2020, bleachers were installed.

Computer and Technology Resources

Information Technology at Taylor University provides and supports reliable and secure information technology resources, helping to advance the goals and objectives of Taylor University's academics, student and employee services, community building, advancement, and financial management efforts.

Students can log into myTAYLOR to access course information, email, campus announcements, class schedules, financial aid, billing information, grades, transcripts, and more. The Brightspace course management system is widely used by professors to supplement class activities and provide online resources for students. Personally owned student devices can be registered on the university network with wireless network access available throughout the campus. General-purpose and discipline unique computer labs are available for students.

The **Helpdesk** is an area in the basement of Nussbaum that is devoted to supporting faculty, staff, and students, connecting them with support for all their technology needs. This includes support of computer technology, classroom technology, learning management system support (currently Brightspace), teaching applications, wireless connections and registration, and many other technical support functions. The Helpdesk can also be reached by emailing helpdesk@taylor.edu or calling (765) 998-4040.