Main Campus
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We are glad you decided to visit NC State University. Innovation, progress, and solutions to society’s biggest challenges drive this research-extensive university and we are excited to showcase it here for you.

1. Talley Student Union
Talley Student Union is the hub of student life on Central Campus. It features a grand ballroom that can accommodate up to 1,200 guests with a wide variety of democratic boards from informal activities to regularly-scheduled programs to put on by one of the 600+ student organizations, Talley Student Union aims to be a place for students to come, connect and enhance the community at NC State.

2. Caromhall Complex
Caromhall Recreational Complex features two Olympic-sized swimming pools, numerous indoor basketball and racquetball courts, whirlpool, badminton, weight rooms, a sauna, an aerobics and dance studio, gymastics facility, fencing room, indoor track, cardio and weight equipment, an outdoor adventure center, and a coffee and juice bar. It also holds “Allnight Workout,” an indoor rock wall for climbing and rock climbing which has been featured in Sports Illustrated. The gym, pools, rec center and intramural fields behind it provide facilities for our intramural and club sports as well as serving all current students.

3. Jordan Hall
The Geovisualization Lab in the Center for Earth Observation is located in Jordan Hall. Students explore sustainable solutions to environmental and societal challenges using technologies, including 3D displays, full-immersion virtual environments, interactive landscape simulation, ocular map trading, multi-touch visualization screens and open source geospatial solutions.

4. Howling Cow Ice cream
Howling Cow ice cream is made here in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Science Dairy Processing Lab in Schlabach Hall. The Howling Cow brand is available for purchase around campus and the one and only Howling Cow on campus can be found at the base of the tower.

5. Central Campus
Central Campus’ proximity to all areas on campus makes it a popular choice for first-year students. Bowen, Kilgore, and Wallace residence halls, commonly known as the “Tri-Towers,” are suite-style first-year residence halls. Talley Student Union, located here, is a significant student life center.

6. West Campus
There are several dining locations around campus. Fountain Dining Hall, featured here, is the largest of three dining halls and is located on West Campus near Briggs, Lee and Sullivan Residence Halls. The residence halls and apartments on campus are designated to facilitate the learning experience. University Housing offers Lang and Learning Villages that assist students in acclimating to campus academic life. Lee Hall houses the Women in Science and Engineering Village and Sullivan Hall houses the Scholars’ Village.

7. Baseball and Tennis
Doak Field is home to Wolfpack Baseball. Throughout the years, NC State has won nearly 75 percent of its home games. The Ichowen Tennis Center includes indoor and outdoor tennis courts designed exclusively for use by the men’s and women’s tennis varsity programs. It is considered one of the finest tennis facilities in the nation.

8. Withrow
Withrow Student Center houses a movie theater, the award-winning student-run radio station, WVNC 88.1, as well as the offices of NC State’s yearbook, campus newspapers and literary magazine. The African American Cultural Center, located here, promotes awareness and appreciation of African American and African descent experiences. Near Withrow are administrative buildings, Pullen Hall, student affairs offices and Harris Hall includes offices for Registration and Records, Scholarships and Financial Aid and Cashier’s.

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10. Free Expression Tunnel
Railroad tracks bisect campus with academic buildings on the north side of the tracks and student life buildings on the South side. The Free Expression tunnel contains student art and is a venue for expressing themselves.

11. Scott Courtyard
Scott Courtyard is bordered by Fox Labs, David Clark Labs, Kilgore Hall and the Photron. David Clark Labs and Fox Science Teaching Laboratory house biology, chemistry, physics, and astrophysics classes and labs. Kilgore Hall houses horticulture science. A nearby greenhouse is available for teaching and hands-on research.

12. Nelson Hall
Nelson Hall is home to the Poole College of Management. Accounting, Business Administration and Economics students pursue a comprehensive study of business, enriched by a global management perspective. There are many opportunities for international study, internships, and hands-on leadership development, preparing students for successful careers in today’s global business world.

13. Brickyard
The University Plaza, known as the Brickyard, is a popular gathering place for students who are on their way to and from class, eating a snack from the Athens food court, or just taking a break. Many student organizations gather on the Brickyard. It is the location of university traditions such as Agriculture Awareness Week, Homecoming, and Habitat for Humanity’s Shady-A-Thon, where students build sheds and live there to raise awareness about the homeless. The weekly Farmer’s Market is also a student favorite on the Brickyard.

14. DH Hill Library
NC State Libraries’ collection includes over 4.5 million items. The D. H. Hill library is the main library on North Campus. This library features the Learning Commons, one of the top student destinations on campus for collaboration, study, and access to technology. It also includes the Special Collections Research Center; the Digital Media Lab; a coffee bar and the Howling Cow Creamery.

15. Park Shops Plaza
The plaza outside Park Shops conveniently draws students from Poe Hall, Park Shops and SAS Hall and is a popular gathering space to relax and grab a cup of coffee between classes. Park Shops houses the Undergraduate Tutoring Center, which is open to students from Poe Hall and the Howling Cow Creamery, the student-operated coffee shop.

16. Campus Dining
The student dining halls on campus include Bagwell and Becton Halls next to Clark Dining Hall. The prestigious University Honors Program is housed in a separate dining hall. The Southern dining hall houses students with many opportunities to work closely with faculty members. Another popular program is University Scholars. The program focuses on knowledge in one area. Enrichment activities include service in our community, forums, and educational excursions.

17. Bell Tower
Since its completion in 1939, the Memorial Bell Tower has served as a number of identities for NC State. A timekeeper, it is a bell for students who have the highest grades for their country; the tower is a rallying point for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the university community. The Bell Tower is in full bell tower for holidays that honor our veterans and to celebrate NC State’s proudest occasions and achievements. A cherished NC State tradition is the Knippy Kreme Challenge which is a 5 mile race fundraiser held annually starting at the Bell Tower. The challenge is to run to Knippy Kreme, eat a dozen donuts, then run back to the tower.

18. Gregg Museum
The Gregg Museum of Art & Design, part of ARTS NC State, has a permanent collection of over 30,000 items. The collection includes ceramics, folk art, photography, paintings, glass, sculpture, modern furniture, architectural drawings and textiles. “Phoenix Rising” is the bamboo creation in front of the Gregg Museum of Art & Design.

19. Holiday Hall
Holiday Hall was the first building on NC State’s campus originally housing the entire college. The building has been designated as a historic site by the City Council of Raleigh. Currently Holiday Hall houses university administrative offices.

20. Brooks Hall
Brooks Hall is home to the College of Design. Student work and design exhibitions are displayed in the building’s corridors. Design students spend a great deal of time in their studio spaces creating and shaping our world.

21. Honors Village
NC State University offers a variety of honors and scholars programs. University Honors Program students live in the Honors Village housed in Ignatius, Bagwell and Benton Halls next to Clark Dining Hall. The prestigious University Honors Program focuses on undergraduate research. Program students work closely with faculty members. Another popular program is University Scholars. The program offers knowledge in one area. Enrichment activities include service in our community, forums, and educational excursions.

22. ARTS NC State
ARTS NC State includes the Crafts Center, the Dance Program, the Gregg Museum of Art & Design, the Department of Art, University Theatre, and Center Stage performances. Featured here is The Church of Sacred Sound, a student space and the Crafts Center. Price Music Center, adjacent to Talley Student Union, provides practice space for various musical programs.

23. Reynolds Coliseum
Opened in 1939, the historic Reynolds Coliseum houses Women’s Basketball, Women’s Gymnastics, Volleyball, wrestling and the RBCU offices. Reynolds is scheduled for major renovation which will include a newly created NC State Athletic Hall of Fame.

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The beautiful Centennial Campus includes academic programs, university partners, recreational facilities, and the internationally award-winning Hunt Library. Business partners, research centers, government agencies and startup companies provide students with real world experiences. Academic programs include the College of Engineering, the College of Textiles, Bioprocessing Science, and Professional Golf Management. Centennial Campus is home to the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center, Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Lake Raleigh, and the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation.

1. Textiles
The College of Textiles offers five bachelor degrees: Fashion and Textile Design, Fashion and Textile Management, Polymer and Color Chemistry, Textile Engineering and Textile Technology. Breakthrough research and close industry partnerships provide new products and form the basis for dynamic and exciting curricula. The Thermal Protection Laboratory features a fire test chamber that permits full-scale testing of the flammability and thermal protection of garment systems in safe and controlled fire test conditions. It has been recognized as one of the most functional college labs for 2013. Each year NC State hosts Fashion Week and ArtID Week, a student organized runway show. These events are hosted by the College of Textiles in collaboration with the College of Design.

2. Hunt Library
The award-winning Hunt Library sits on one of the highest physical points of campus. The building offers stunning views of the Raleigh skyline and Lake Raleigh. Hunt encourages collaboration, reflection, creativity, and awe. Students, faculty, and the public immerse themselves in interactive computing, multimedia creation, and large-scale installations—all tools that are enabling revolutionary ways to see and use information. The robot-driven bookstacks, automated book delivery system, books delivered in minutes and hours provide more space for learning and collaboration.

3. Wolf Ridge Apartments
University Housing's Wolf Ridge at Centennial combines modern architectural innovations with sustainable features. On the Oval Courtyard, the Packshop bookstores, 24-hour service desk and fitness center are all on site. Located directly across from the Hunt Library, residents will find academics and technology at their fingertips with all the comforts of home.

4. Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center
The Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center includes classrooms and labs which simulate a biomanufacturing facility capable of producing pharmaceutical products, like enzymes, vaccines, and pharmaceuticals. Students gain experience using the same scale-large equipment they would use on the job.

5. Engineering Buildings
The College of Engineering is one of the world's finest engineering programs. Engineering has a large footprint on Centennial Campus, including three buildings housing six departments, the Monteith Engineering Research Center, and the Constructed Facilities Laboratory. NC State is the only university in the United States currently leading two active National Science Foundation Engineering Research Centers, the Nanosystems Engineering Research Center and Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management Systems Center. Centennial Campus also hosts the U.S. Energy Department’s Next Generation Power Electronics Innovation Institute.

6. Lake Raleigh
Lake Raleigh is open to the public and it is a living laboratory for NC State departments. There is a disc golf course and running trails along the shores. The 75-acre lake features a fishing pier and boat ramp for non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks and canoes. Fish in the lake include largemouth bass and catfish. Each February, the Polar Plunge, a fundraising event for Special Olympics, is held at the lake. It is hosted by the NC State University Police Department and several partners from across the university and community.

7. Alumni Center
The Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center is a home-away-from-home for our alumni and the site for many large scale events. Next to the Alumni Center is the Chancellor’s residence, known as The Point. Our work on Centennial creates great economic opportunities for governments, companies and other universities. The Point is a place where academics, researchers, and leaders from across the globe can gather.

8. Lonnie Poole Golf Course
The Lonnie Poole Golf Course is an Arnold Palmer Signature Course and the proudest design on NC State alumni. The 18-hole course is open to students and the public and is home to our Varsity Women’s and Men’s Golf Teams. The course includes a research center and a clubhouse. Caste Johnson Peak Clubhouse is a mezzanine building that includes classrooms for professional golf management and turfgrass management students, as wells as a restaurant, bar and fully stocked pro shop for visitors to the course.

Centennial Biomedical Campus

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NC State’s Centennial Biomedical Campus is an extension of the original NC State Centennial Campus concept. It is home to The College of Veterinary medicine, the Randall B. Terry, Jr. Companion Animal Veterinary Medical Center, more than 60 corporate and government partners, and 93 academic units emphasizing collaborations between the partners and NC State resulting in increased education and research opportunities for NC State faculty and students. The focus of this campus is on biomedical applications, both to animals and humans.

1. Veterinary Medicine
The College of Veterinary Medicine is dedicated to preparing veterinarians and veterinary scientists who are advancing animal and human health. The College has gained international recognition for teaching, research, engagement, and patient care. It is ranked 3rd nationally according to U.S. News & World Report. The Teaching Animal Unit operates as a working farm and aids in hands-on instruction with large animal medicine and exposes students to basic agriculture principles and farm technology. The Terry Center ensures compassionate and leading-edge specialty care for pets and an array of animals by surrounding a dedicated staff with advanced medical facilities and state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment technologies.

2. Overview of Athletics
NC State is a charter member of the Atlantic Coast Conference with 23 varsity sports teams, winning national championships in men’s basketball, women’s cross country and men’s track, as well as non-conference football titles, 17 men’s basketball titles and four women’s basketball titles. NC State athletic events are free to students. School spirit and Wolfpack pride run high throughout the student body with many students attending games or walking across campus wearing the red and white of NC State.

3. Murphy Center
The Murphy Center houses NC State football operations and is located behind the south end zone at Carter Finley Stadium. It is the entire width of the football field. Inside you will find the Wolfpack Hall of Champions. This multimedia complex highlights NC State’s football tradition with photos, artifacts and interactive exhibits. Fans can watch video highlights in the Woodard Theater and younger Wolfpackers can have fun in the Junior Wolfpack Zone. A dramatic Wolfpack turf sculpture creates an iconic symbol of the university, and marks the entrance to the Murphy Center.

4. Carter-Finley Stadium
Carter-Finley Stadium is the home of NC State’s football team. Built in 1966, it seats over 55,000 guests. The stadium has earned a reputation as one of the most exciting venues in college football, mainly due to the dedication of Wolfpack fans. Among the most recognizable names in football are players Roman Gabriel, Ted Brown, Terry Holt, Philip Rivers, Mario Williams, and Russell Wilson.

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