## Campus Location and Facilities

**Campus Highlights**

Taylor University is nestled in the rural gentleness of Upland, Indiana, population 3,845 (2010 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, and the Avis Corporation, along with many natural settings such as Taylor Lake spanning eight acres, the Avis-Taylor Prairie Restoration Project, and the 65 acre beautifully preserved Arboretum. The University also owns 668 acres northwest of campus which have added an additional 80 acres of arboretum space.

The campus is spacious and scenic with many points of interest. In the heart of the campus rests the Zondervan Library, housing the Engstrom Galleria, a bright and open walk-through frequently used to host 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.

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 Centers (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.

The campus is the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, home for our great chapel program. The LaRita Boren Campus Center surrounds the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. This new 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, Fresh, Dashi, Emma and Charlie’s, and Chick-fil-A. Just south of the Bell Tower is the Zondervan Library.

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). The Freimuth Administration building is the home of several administrative functions for students and staff alike. The historic quad houses Helena Hall (home of our President, Provost, and Admissions functions), Sickler Hall, and Ayers Memorial Hall. Also in the north part of campus is “the dome,” housing the Campus Store.

On the east side of campus is the Nussbaum Center, our original home for the sciences. Perched atop the Nussbaum Science Center is the observatory featuring 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 127,000 square feet and connects to the north side of the Nussbaum Center. The science program space includes a green roof, geothermal heating and cooling, photovoltaic solar and wind electrical power generation, and a heliostat. The lower level is home to the Education Department as well. The Reade Liberal Arts building houses many of our foundational core courses.

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, which has recently undergone transformation in food serving centers.

To the west lies our combination of artificial and natural turf athletic fields (baseball, football, track and field, softball, 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 and the academic Kinesiology program.

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 southeast 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.

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

## Academic Facilities

The **Ayres Alumni Memorial Building**, remodeled in 2005, is a 19,000-square-foot facility housing the Center for Research and Innovation (CR&I), and the Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (BCTLE). It was named for Burt W. Ayres who served Taylor as professor and administrator for nearly 50 years. Several academic offices and the Masters in Higher Education Offices are located in the Kenyon Educational Center on the lower level, along with the University’s telecommunications network and staff; the BCTLE is located on the main level which includes a faculty seminar room and the offices for the director and staff. One large state-of-the-art classroom and two smaller classrooms are also located on the main floor. Psychology faculty offices and a reception area are located on the third floor.

Located in the KSAC, the **Eichling Aquatics Wing** houses the indoor lap pool and the kinesiology program.

The **Euler Science Complex** was completed in 2012. This facility includes 127,000-square-foot of science program space in a four-story building, including an undesignated lower level, a green roof, a 9,175-square-foot atrium, and space for science offices, classrooms, and labs for biochemistry and chemistry, biology, computer sciences, elementary and secondary education, engineering, mathematics, physics, and public health. The building is LEED gold certified and utilizes a photovoltaic solar array for green power as well as a heliostat for natural lighting.
Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center opened in February 2003. The 38,000-square-foot center provides specialized art studio and classroom space, a 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 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. 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 computer information services for the University primarily on the lower level.

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. 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, a 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 a computer lab, faculty offices, and classrooms for Biblical literature, business, Christian ministries, English, history, international studies, Spanish, social work, sociology, and TESOL, as well as political science, economics, and philosophy.

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 320-seat Mitchell Theatre, television and radio studios, yearbook and campus newspaper and yearbook offices, journalism lab, and offices and classrooms for communication, film and media production, journalism, public relations, and theatre.

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 Buzt-Carruth Recital Hall boasts a 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.

The Library offers a variety of services to connect students with reliable, scholarly resources for their academic pursuits. In addition to books, periodicals, CDs and DVD collections within the Library’s walls, we have a multitude of electronic resources, including full-text journal databases, eBooks, and indexes to journal and other periodical literature. Virtually all of these electronic resources are available both on- and off-campus to anyone with a valid Taylor network username and password. Zondervan Library is connected to hundreds of libraries around the world in order to provide even more resources to our users. By requesting materials through Interlibrary Loan (linked from the Library’s home page), users can get access to nearly any book or article needed, usually within a week or two. The Library’s web site, http://library.taylor.edu, organizes and presents various research resources including the WorldCat Research Station in a usable manner to facilitate easy access. In addition to these resources, there are links to the Library’s hours and policies. The Library encourages user feedback through the Comments and Suggestions form, and provides a means to request a resource for the Library to purchase with the Request a Resource Be Added to the Library form.

One of the goals of library faculty is to teach students skills in locating and evaluating information, as these will prove useful in every career and serve as a foundation for life-long learning. This happens through classroom instruction about information research strategies and specific tools for course-related assignments, as well as through small group and individual encounters. Walk-up research assistance is available from the Ask desk, which is situated directly inside the Library’s main entrance and is staffed approximately 70 hours per week by librarians and assistants who are there to help Library users with any type of research or information resource question. Librarians can also be reached by email via the Ask-a-Librarian form on the web site and by phone at 8-HELP (765-998-4357).

Many instructors put materials on Reserve in the Library for students to check out. These resources are located behind the Borrow desk on the main level and can be used within the library for three hours at a time. Also available at the Borrow desk are laptop computers equipped for students’ research and writing needs.

In addition, the Flood Lab is a computer lab with 24 stationed laptops available on the main level of the Library. Equipped with MS Office programs and several others useful for academic purposes, this room provides a quiet work area for individuals and small groups. The Flood Lab is occasionally used for classes, but most of the time is available for student computer use.

Groups can make use of 15 study rooms located on both the main and upper levels. While most of the rooms can hold 2-4 people comfortably, several new study rooms on the upper level of the Library accommodate larger groups of up to 12. Five upper level rooms are equipped with widescreen monitors to which DVD/VHS players are connected and laptops can connect. These also have campus cable available, so students can watch videos their professors provide on the network cable system. These rooms are great places to work on group presentations and projects. Most are available on a first come, first served basis, except for Rooms 201 and 203 which can be reserved (easily seating 10 and 12 people, respectively). Two rooms on the lower level, the Rice Lounge and the Hills Room, holding 20 and 12 persons, respectively, can be reserved for evening and weekend use.

Zondervan Library houses a distinctive collection of materials—the Edwin W. Brown Collection, which is a component of the Center for the Study of C. S. Lewis and Friends, located on the lower level. This collection includes books by and about C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Charles Williams, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Owen Barfield. The core of the collection includes many first and rare editions. Also included are about 70 personal letters written by Lewis.

The Academic Enrichment Center located in the northwest area of the library 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.
**Academic Support Services**, located within the Academic Enrichment Center, provides services for students with disabilities. 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. Personnel also coordinate the peer-tutoring program available to the general student body.

The mission of the **University Archives** is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the history and heritage of Taylor University beginning with its inception as Fort Wayne Female College in 1846 through present day. The University Archives fulfills its mission and supports the research of the University’s history not only through classroom presentations and assignments but by meeting the research and information needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni, administration, and the general public. Collections housed include yearbooks; campus newspapers and other publications; meeting minutes and reports; syllabi; information on campus buildings, student life, and Taylor-associated individuals; and other documents, artifacts, and multimedia related to the operation of the University. The University Archives is also the designated repository for two non-Taylor collections: Christian College Consortium (CCC) and Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD).

The **Technology & Learning Connection** provides photo printing, laminating, video editing, media conversion, and other academic technology services and, combined with the Library, provides more than 60 computers for research, writing, web browsing, and email.

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.

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**Service and Non-Academic Facilities**

The **LaRita Boren Campus Center** was completed in April 2016. This wonderful facility 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, Intercultural Programs, Leadership Programs and Student Programs, Lighthouse, 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 new food service court including the Jumping Bean, Fresh, Dashi, Emma and Charlie’s, and Chick-fil-A, as well as the Campus Store Express. This new facility provides our campus a central place to facilitate discipleship through our student development programs, intentional community interactions, and individual relationships.

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.

The **Campus Store** is located in the **Student Union** (“the dome”) and provides textbooks and other classroom needs, as well as other items such as apparel, greeting cards, and gifts. The Campus Store is also a drop-off and pick-up point for dry-cleaning services.

The **Campus Police** is located in the LaRita Boren Campus Center and serves as the center for emergency communication, the police department, campus vehicle registration, identification card/card access systems, and the campus motor pool program.

The **Hodson Dining Commons**, named for Arthur and Mary Hodson, Upland philanthropists, 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.

The **Memorial Prayer Chapel**, constructed in 2008, 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 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.

The **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.

The **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.

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.

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**Administrative Buildings**

The **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, Institutional Research, Registrar, and University Marketing. Many 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.

The **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.

The **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 offices of Alumni and Parent Relations, Human Resources, and University Relations; it also includes conference room facilities. A campus prayer chapel is located on the main floor and is open 24 hours a day for meditation and prayer.
Taylor University strives to keep current in the technology it provides to students and employees. Upon enrollment, every student is provided a network account, email address, and electronic portfolio that can be developed over four years and fine-tuned prior to graduation.

Students can log in to the myTAYLOR portal to access their email, campus announcements, news, weather, sports, class schedules, financial aid, billing information, grades, and transcripts, as well as links to their courses. The Blackboard course management system is widely used by professors to supplement class activities and provide online resources for students.

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. All buildings have wireless internet access for students using laptops and mobile devices. Zondervan Library offers the latest in online research capabilities. General-purpose computer labs are available for students from early morning to late at night.

The Technology & Learning Connection is the support hub for academic technology and a valuable resource for students and the entire TU community. Located on the main level of Zondervan Library in the center of campus, the Connection offers an impressive array of resources and services including media duplication, scanning, high-quality prints and posters, lamination, digital video editing, audio editing, a professionally-equipped sound studio, and a large selection of audio/video/computing equipment available for check out. Inside the Connection, computer technicians are available to assist with technology and computing needs.

Taylor University is primarily a Windows campus, although specialty areas such as art, film and media production, and music also provide Apple computers. Taylor’s network is based on the Windows operating system, as are most University-owned computers, but students bringing Apple computers to campus are able to take full advantage of Taylor resources. Microsoft Office is the standard application suite.

### Athletic, Physical Education, and Recreation Facilities

The Field House is a steel-paneled building providing additional opportunities for kinesiology 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.

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

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 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. Eichling Aquatics Wing houses the indoor lap pool and the academic Kinesiology program.

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

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, is a $3.5 million complex that includes an artificial game surface, new home and visitor stands, lights, a new scoreboard, and a new stadium entrance. The stadium was renovated in the summer of 2012 thanks to the contributions of a generous donor. In the summer of 2015, a new press box, game day plaza, and additional stadium upgrades were added.

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 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.

Jim Wheeler Practice Field is the practice field for the Taylor football, men’s soccer, and women’s soccer teams. The artificial surface practice facility is located northwest of Turner Stadium and features a full-sized football/soccer field with lighting for night practices.

The Winterholter Field is located centrally and has an artificial infield surface which was renovated in 2012, and the new amenities make this facility an exciting place to watch a baseball game. In the spring of 2015, outdoor lighting was installed and in 2017 a pressbox was added.