

# 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 addition to the Library and its collections, the Zondervan Library building, residing next to the Bell Tower, houses the Engstrom Galleria, the Ringenberg Archives and Special Collections, and several academic support services.

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.

In the center of 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.

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 Ayres 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 new 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 programs.

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 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** 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 (CTLE). 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 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. 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 wind turbines and a photovoltaic solar array for green power, as well as a heliostat for natural lighting.

**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 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** is 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 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 Butz-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.

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 of 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](mailto: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. Also available for checkout are laptop computers equipped for students' research and writing needs.

Groups can make use of 17 study rooms of various sizes located throughout the Library. Two rooms on the lower level, the Rice Lounge and the Hillis Room, holding 20 and 12 persons, respectively, can be reserved for evening and weekend use.

Zondervan Library houses a distinctive collection of materials relating to C. S. Lewis and Friends. This collection, a major component of the Center for the Study of C. S. Lewis & Friends, includes books by and about C. S. Lewis, George MacDonald, Charles Williams, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Owen Barfield and comprises many first and rare editions plus circulating copies of primary and secondary works.

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 **Faculty Connection** is an area devoted to faculty connecting them with support for classroom technology, Blackboard, computer technology, online assistance, research support, and course design.

The mission of the **Ringenberg Archives and Special Collections** 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 Ringenberg Archives and Special Collections 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 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.

## 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** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

## 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 new 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**, constructed in 2008 and 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. Gerig Hall was remodeled in 2013 to include air conditioning and to create an attachment to Breuninger Hall.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Haakonsen Hall** is named after Lily Haakonsen who provided medical care for the students of Taylor University for many years. Currently, this facility is occupied by our event management and conference program teams.

**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.

**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 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 each day for meditation and prayer.

## 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**, named for 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** 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, 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** 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 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 press box was added.

## Computer and Technology Resources

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 into *myTAYLOR* to access email, campus announcements, news, weather, sports, class schedules, financial aid, billing information, grades, and transcripts, as well as links to registered 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 utilize 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.