Welcome to Texas State University. You are about to start a self-guided tour of one of the most beautiful and historic campuses in the state. This tour will take you through the heart of campus, where you will walk the same steps as our past, current and future students. Your tour will take about an hour, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, and take a bottle of water — there are some hills ahead.

The LBJ Student Center (1) was named for our most famous alumnus, President Lyndon B. Johnson (class of 1930). Texas State is the only university in Texas to have graduated a U.S. president. The LBJ Student Center is the hub for student involvement on campus. Inside you will find the Lair food court, the University Bookstore, Career Services, the Student Involvement Office, the Office of Disability Services, a teaching theater and more. Tucked away on the first floor of the student center are Boko’s Living Room and George’s, a great live entertainment venue named for country singer George Strait (class of 1979).

Head out the glass doors, turn right and head west up six sets of steps to the large oak tree in the center of the walkway.

The horseshoe-shaped building on your right is the Health Professions Building (2). The College of Health Professions includes the departments of Clinical Laboratory Science, Communication Disorders, Health Administration, Health Information Management, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Care, as well as the St. David’s School of Nursing with facilities at our Round Rock Campus. Facilities here include the physical therapy and speech-language-hearing clinics and the sleep study lab, which provide training for students, as well as working clinics that offer services to the community.

Continue past the tree and across the pedestrian bridge to west campus. (Optional: For a shorter tour, read through to the end of page 3 and turn around to continue the tour from here.)
On your left is the Supple Science Building (3), which houses the Department of Biology. Major programs in the Biology Department include aquatic resources, earth and ecosystem sciences, ecology and evolutionary biology, microbiology, physiology, population and conservation biology, and wildlife biology.

On your right is the Roy F. Mitte Building (4), completed in 2003. It houses the Engineering Technology and Physics department offices and research labs, including a high-tech clean room and microchip fabrication facility, where both undergraduate and graduate students gain hands-on experience that prepares them for jobs in the semiconductor and high-tech industries. The Ingram School of Engineering also is located here, and offers manufacturing engineering, industrial engineering and electrical engineering programs.

Turn right around the corner of the Roy F. Mitte Building and walk to the adjacent Joann Cole Mitte Building.

The Joann Cole Mitte Building (5) houses the Department of Art and Design. In addition to classrooms, studios and lecture halls, the building has two art galleries that provide more than 3,000 square feet of museum-quality exhibition space. Throughout the fall and spring semesters, a variety of exhibitions feature works by students, faculty, alumni and nationally recognized artists. The galleries are open to the public, so feel free to step inside and enjoy the artwork on display.

As you exit the building, you’ll see the President’s House on your right.

The university acquired the President’s House (6) in 1979 when it purchased 78.5 acres from the San Marcos Baptist Academy. This increased the size of the campus by almost 50 percent. Included in the purchase was this house, which had been the home of the academy president.

Now the home of Dr. Denise M. Trauth, president of Texas State University, the first floor is occasionally opened to guests of the president for formal dinners and holiday events. The lawn adjacent to the house is also the site of an annual faculty and staff welcome picnic in August, before classes start.
Go back down the sidewalk the way you came in. Turn right at the emergency phone and walk down to the sidewalk. Turn right and continue walking until you reach Academy Street and turn right.

On your left is San Marcos Hall (7), one of the 26 on-campus residential communities. This co-ed residence hall is one of three super suite halls, where two or four single- or double-occupancy bedrooms share a common living area and bathroom(s). Most residence halls are traditional or community style, featuring one or two residents to a room and community bathrooms. There is one modified traditional hall, where two or three students share a room with a private bathroom. In adjoining suite halls, two bedrooms share a common bathroom. There is one on-campus apartment complex, Bobcat Village.

Continue up the hill until you see the Student Recreation Center on your left.

Inside the Student Recreation Center (8) are an indoor track, golf simulator, basketball and volleyball courts, weight room, natatorium, and an indoor rockwall climbing center with two 54' towers and a large bouldering area. Personal trainers are available and students can also participate in exercise classes, club and intramural sports. Campus Recreation also offers outdoor recreation facilities, programs and equipment rentals at the Outdoor Center in Sewell Park. If you have time, go in and ask for a tour!

On your right is the Family and Consumer Sciences Building (9). The rapidly growing School of Family and Consumer Sciences offers programs in consumer affairs, family and child development, fashion merchandising, interior design, and nutrition and foods.

Turn around and go back the way you came. Cross back over the pedestrian bridge, returning to the oak tree in front of the Health Professions Building. (If you chose not to walk to west campus, continue your tour from here.)

To your right you’ll see McCoy Hall.
Opened in May 2006, **McCoy Hall (10)**, houses the Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of Business Administration. The AACSB-accredited McCoy College offers degree programs in Accounting, Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods, Marketing, Management, and Finance and Economics. Inside McCoy Hall is the T. Paul Bulmahn Research and Trading Lab, where students can experience real trading and investing in a high-tech environment. On each floor of McCoy Hall, original art in a variety of media create a polished corporate environment.

**Continue down the hill toward the Alkek Library.**

The **Albert B. Alkek Library (11)** is the size of seven football fields stacked on top of each other. It contains a teaching theater for undergraduate classes, computer labs, the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC), where students can get free tutoring, and books, of course — nearly 2 million of them. On the seventh floor of Alkek is the Wittliff Collections, which include the Southwestern Writers Collection, the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection, and the Lonesome Dove Collection, which represents the entire production record of the acclaimed television miniseries. Rotating and permanent exhibitions are presented all year and admission is free.

*As you pass through the Alkek breezeway, you will see The University Seal engraved in the walkway.*

The **Texas State Seal** features a lone, faceted five-point star embraced by a wreath of native oak and laurel leaves. The university name encircles the wreath and star, and a rope border completes the seal.

*Proceed down the steps. The Math Computer Science Building and Derrick Hall are on your left.*
The Math Computer Science Building and Derrick Hall (12) are home to math and computer science classes, Air Force ROTC, the IT Assistance Center and the Center for International Studies. Students can access state-of-the-art Linux, Solaris, digital forensics and computer labs.

Continue down the steps to your right and stop at the Fighting Stallions statue.

You’ve arrived at the Quad, the area of campus that sees the most foot traffic on any given class day. At the beginning of each fall and spring semester, many student organizations set up recruitment tables in this area.

The 17-foot-high Fighting Stallions sculpture (13) was donated to the university in 1951 by sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington and her husband, Archer Huntington. This area is also designated as the free speech area of campus.

Continue along the Quad. On your right is Evans Liberal Arts and on your left is the Taylor-Murphy History Building.

Evans Liberal Arts (14) is the home of the anthropology and geography departments. The Department of Anthropology operates the largest outdoor forensic laboratory in the world at Freeman Ranch. Texas State’s master of applied geography is one of the first degrees of its kind in the state.

This building also houses Evans Auditorium, where you can attend performances by our School of Music or catch a production by our Theatre and Dance Department.
Taylor-Murphy History (15) is home to the Department of History. Step inside and see the tiled courtyard of this beautiful building.

Just past Taylor-Murphy on the left is the bobcat statue (16), unveiled in October 2008. Commissioned by the Associated Student Government, the bronze statue was created by sculptor Matthew Gray Palmer of Friday Harbor, Washington.

Turning back to the Quad from the bobcat statue, you will see Flowers Hall to your right.

As you approach Flowers Hall (17), stop to admire the 40-foot-tall mural that depicts the intellectual pursuits of humanity and is the work of the late artist, muralist, sculptor and Renaissance man James Buchanan “Buck” Winn. The mural, created in 1958, is made of 138 engraved concrete blocks and “Blenke Glass,” a Winn invention. Flowers Hall is the home of the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center and the Department of English.
On your left is the **Comal Building (18)**, which houses the departments of Computer Science and Philosophy. Built in 1918, Comal is one of the oldest buildings on campus and forms one of the four corners of the original Quad. The building initially served as a K-12 demonstration school, and later as San Marcos High School.

*Climb the steps straight ahead and you’ll see a near-life-sized statue of a young Lyndon Baines Johnson.*

The **LBJ statue (19)** depicts the 36th president of the United States as he might have looked while he was a student at what was then known as Southwest Texas State Teachers College. Johnson graduated in 1930 with a bachelor of science in history and a permanent teaching certificate. Commissioned by the Associated Student Government, the statue is the work of sculptor Lawrence Ludtke of Houston.

*Continue climbing the steps.*

On your left is **Centennial Hall (20)**, which contains the Department of Modern Languages, the College of Science Academic Advising Center and the Communication Studies Department. Many undergraduate core curriculum classes are also taught in the building’s teaching theater.
Past Centennial is the Chemistry Building (21), where researchers in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry use materials science to help develop automobile tires that never need to be refilled with air, food-packaging materials that don’t pollute the environment and the bulletproof windshields for Cobra helicopters.

On your right is Lampasas Hall (22), built in 1912. This beautiful building is home to the Honors College. It also contains a rotating art exhibit in The Gallery of the Common Experience, located in the Honors Coffee Forum.

Straight ahead is Old Main.

Old Main (23), Texas State’s iconic landmark, was the first building on campus. It has served Texas State in many capacities since opening its doors in fall 1903. The red-roofed, castle-like structure was designed by architect E. Northcraft in a style known as Victorian Gothic. Old Main is now home to the College of Fine Arts and Communication Academic Advising Center, as well as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The bronze Vaquero statue in front of Old Main is over 18-feet high and it was donated by Bill and Sally Wittliff in 2013 to celebrate the rich and enduring heritage Texas Shares with Mexico.
You’re more than halfway through, but still have plenty to see! Walk back between the Lampasas Building and the Vaquero statue, and take the stairs on the left all the way down to the Academic Services Building on your left.

The Academic Services Building (24) is home to the Writing Center and the Office of Distance and Extended Learning. If you need a break, head for The Den Food Court in ASB South, where you can get a cold drink and a snack from Papa John’s, Outtakes or Einstein Bros. Bagels.

The recently redeveloped Bobcat Trail Mall is to your right. Start walking up the mall, back toward Alkek and the Student Center.

On your left, you will see Commons Dining Hall, situated between Brogdon and Beretta residence halls on either side.

Commons Dining Hall (25) is a buffet-style cafeteria that offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Commons features a salad bar, made-to-order stir-fry and omelet station, taco bar, a variety of pizzas and pastas, and Boko’s Mongolian Grill.

Commons Hall is also home to the Transportation Services office and the Testing, Research Support and Evaluation Center (TREC).

Brogdon (26) and Beretta (27) house our Residential College Program, in which faculty and students live, study, and socialize under the same roof. Students in the program are enrolled in the same core classes, participate in activities together and attend extracurricular programs, enhancing their college experience. Students who take part in the Residential College historically have higher GPAs for their freshman and sophomore years.

Continue up the Bobcat Trail Mall. On your right are Flowers Hall (page 6) and Evans Liberal Arts Building (page 5). On your left is the Nueces Building.
In **Nueces (28)** are the offices of the University Police Department (UPD), a full-service agency that provides law enforcement, security and crime prevention for the Texas State community. The UPD is staffed with licensed, commissioned police officers and operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The UPD also operates the Bobcat Bobbies, a campus safety escort service, from dusk to 1:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

Nueces is also home to **Copy Cats**, which provides copying, printing and business services to the university community.

**Continue up past Nueces until you reach the Undergraduate Academic Center on your left.**

One of the newest buildings on the Texas State campus, the **Undergraduate Academic Center** (29), or **UAC**, is a LEED-certified, state of the art facility with classrooms, offices, a teaching theater and a coffee shop. Offices for the departments of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology, as well as the University College, are housed here. The UAC is also home to the Personalized Academic and Career Exploration (PACE) Center—Texas State’s award-winning academic advising, mentoring and career preparation program for freshmen—as well as the freshman University Seminar program.

**Look to your left through the arch of the UAC for a great view of the downtown San Marcos area.**

**Just through the arch and on the right is the Jones Dining Center.**
The Jones Dining Center (30) offers food court-style dining options from Cheeburger Cheeburger, Panda Express, Dunkin’ Donuts and more. Recently renovated and reopened for fall 2016, Jones offers extended service hours for the convenience of commuters, as well as on-campus residents.

**Turn around and go back through the arch, up the Alkek Library stairs and through the breezeway to return to the front of the LBJ Student Center, where you will see a patina green fountain.**

“Water Tales” (31) is a 10-foot-tall bronze-plated fountain sculpture, inspired by the San Marcos River, that graces the southeastern approach to the LBJ Student Center. Featuring an elevated basin and curving spires evocative of splashing water, the fountain is a collaborative work created by Art and Design Professor Roger Colombik and his wife, Jerolyn Bahm-Colombik.

**Continue past the fountain to enter the LBJ Student Center.**

You made it! You are back at the LBJ Student Center. Grab a drink and a snack at Paws Market or in the University Bookstore, where you’ll also be able to shop for Texas State gifts, T-shirts and decals.

We hope you enjoyed your visit to our campus. If you have any questions about Texas State, be sure to call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 512.245.2340 or send an e-mail to admissions@txstate.edu.

**Have a safe journey home and please come visit us again soon.**
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