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 may take up to one hour, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, and take a bottle of water — there are some hills ahead.

Start your tour on the second floor of the LBJ Student Center by the information desk and the entrance to the bookstore.

The LBJ Student Center 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 activity on campus. Inside you will find a teaching theater, the University Bookstore, Career Services, the Campus Activities Office, the Office of Disability Services, a food court and more. Tucked away on the first floor of the student center is a great live entertainment venue, George’s, named for country singer George Strait (class of 1979). George’s is a great place to relax and hang out with friends after a day of hitting the books.

Head out the glass doors, turn right and go up four sets of steps.

Turn right again and go up another set of steps. Turn left and go up one more set of steps.

The horseshoe-shaped building ahead of you is the Health Professions Building. 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 and working clinics that offer services to the community.

Continue to your right and cross the pedestrian walkway.
On your left is the **Supple Science Building**, 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**, 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 at the corner of the Roy F. Mitte Building and walk to the adjacent Joann Cole Mitte Building.*

The **Joann Cole Mitte Building** houses the Department of Art and Design. In addition to classrooms, studios and lecture halls, the building houses two galleries that provide more than 3,000 square feet of museum-quality exhibition space and display works by students, faculty and nationally recognized artists. The galleries are open daily and admission is free, so step inside and enjoy the art.

*As you leave the gallery, you’ll see the President’s House on your right.*

This is the home of Dr. Denise M. Trauth, president of Texas State University. The first floor is often open to the president’s guests during formal dinners and holiday events.

The university acquired the **President’s House** 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.
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 keep walking until you reach Academy Street and turn right.

On your left is San Marcos Hall, one of 26 on-campus residences. This is a suite-style, co-ed residence hall reserved for sophomores and upperclassmen. Most residence halls are traditional or community style, featuring two residents to a room and community bathrooms. In suite halls, individual suites featuring two to four bedrooms share a common living area and bath. San Marcos Hall is one of three super suite halls, with single- or double-occupancy bedrooms and a shared living area and bathroom.

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

Inside the Student Recreation Center (SRC) are an indoor track, golf simulator, basketball and volleyball courts, and one of the largest rock-climbing walls in the state. You also can take advantage of exercise classes and intramural sports at the SRC.

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

Turn around and go back the way you came. Cross back over the pedestrian walkway. Head to your right after you cross the walkway and you’ll see McCoy Hall.
The Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of Business Administration is housed in McCoy Hall, completed in May 2006. McCoy College includes the departments of Accounting, Management, Marketing, Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods, and Finance and Economics. Inside the hall’s T. Paul Bulmahn Research and Trading Lab, 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 Alkek Library.*

The **Albert B. Alkek Library** 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, where students can get free tutoring, and, of course, books — nearly 2 million of them. On the seventh floor of Alkek are the Wittliff Collections, which include the Southwestern Writers Collection and the Wittliff Gallery of Southwestern & Mexican Photography, one of the world’s leading collections of Mexican photographic arts.

*Walk through the breezeway and down the library steps to Derrick Hall.*
Derrick Hall holds math and computer science classes, the Anthropology Research Lab and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. In Derrick, 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 was donated to the university in 1951 by sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington and her husband, Archer Huntington. The area directly in front of the stallions is 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 is home to the anthropology, geography and political science 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 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 is home to the Department of History and the Center for Texas Music History, which focuses on the preservation and study of Texas and Southwestern music history. Step inside and see the tiled courtyard of this beautiful building.

Just past Taylor-Murphy is the bobcat statue, unveiled in October 2008. The bronze statue was commissioned by the Associated Student Government and created by sculptor Matthew Gray Palmer of Friday Harbor, Washington.

Walk along the Quad until you get to Flowers Hall, on your right.

As you approach Flowers Hall, 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, the Department of English and the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies.
On your left is Comal Hall, which houses the departments of Computer Science and Philosophy. Built in 1918, this 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.

This statue depicts the 36th president of the United States as he might have looked while he was a student at Texas State (then Southwest Texas State Teachers College). Johnson graduated from the university 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 to climb the steps.

On your left is Centennial Hall, 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 held in the building’s teaching theater.
Beyond Centennial is the Chemistry Building, 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 bulletproof windshields for Cobra helicopters.

On your right is Lampasas Hall, built in 1912. This beautiful building houses the Center for International Studies and 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** is Texas State’s iconic building. It was the first building on campus and has served Texas State in many capacities since opening its doors in fall 1903. This red-roofed, castle-like landmark is now home to the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the College of Fine Arts and Communication and its Academic Advising Center, the university radio station (KTSW 89.9 FM), a student lounge and computer labs.
You still have plenty to see, but let's head back to the LBJ Student Center. Turn back toward the Lampasas Building, walk past the cacti and take the stairs on your left all the way down to the Academic Services Building.

The Academic Services Building (ASB) is home to the Writing Center, the Athletic Academic 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.

Cross the street. You are now at the intersection of Edward Gary Street and Bobcat Trail. Pause at the bus stop.

From here you can see Commons Hall, with Brogdon residence hall to your left and Beretta residence hall to your right.

Commons Hall houses the Testing, Research Support and Evaluation Center and Commons Dining Hall, a buffet-style cafeteria that offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. Commons features a salad bar, made-to-order stir-fry and omelet station, Casa Ortega tacos, a variety of pizzas and pastas, and Bobcat Grill.

Brogdon and Beretta house our Residential College Program, in which students are enrolled together in large lecture courses. Students in these halls participate in activities together and attend extracurricular programs, enhancing their college experience. Students who take part in the Residential College historically have had higher GPAs for their freshman and sophomore years.

Continue up the hill on Bobcat Trail. On your right, you will pass Flowers Hall (page 6) and Evans Liberal Arts Building (page 5). On your left is the Nueces Building.
The University Police Department, with offices in Nueces, is responsible for law enforcement and the security of our campus. The department is made up of commissioned police officers and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Continue walking up the hill. On your right is the back of Evans Liberal Arts Building. Keep going and you’ll see the Undergraduate Academic Center on your left.

One of the newest buildings on Texas State’s campus, the Undergraduate Academic Center 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 center also is home to the Personalized Academic and Career Exploration (PACE) Center, Texas State’s hub for freshman academic advising, mentoring and career preparation as well as the freshman University Seminar program.

As you pass the Undergraduate Academic Center, you’ll see the Albert B. Alkek Library again on your right. Continue walking until you come to Jones Food Court on your left.
Jones Food Court offers meals all day from Route 90 Grill, Coupe De Licious, Tuscano Pizzeria, Panda Express, Mr. B’s Grinders, Fill ‘Em Station Wings, El Palacio and Chillin-n-Grillin. It is currently under construction for expansion.

Turn right and go behind Alkek Library. Head up the stairway to your left with Alkek Library next to you on the right. Continue going around Alkek Library and you will see a patina green fountain.

“Water Tales” 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 was created by Art and Design Professor Roger Colombik in collaboration with his wife, Jerelyn Bahm-Colombik.

Continue past the fountain and enter the LBJ Student Center.

Whew! You made it! You are back at the LBJ Student Center. Grab something to drink in the University Bookstore, where you’ll also be able to check out the Texas State gear, including 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, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 512.245.2340.

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