Welcome to Michigan Tech

More than 7,000 students from more than 50 countries call Michigan Tech home. With over 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, forestry, business, computing, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences, Michigan Tech has been preparing students to create the future since 1885.

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Memorial Union Building—34
A popular student gathering space, the Memorial Union Building was named to honor alumni who died in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and recent conflicts. The North Coast Grill and Deli inside the MUB features home-style entrées, pizza, sandwiches, stir-fry, wraps, and ethnic specialties.

The Campus Bookstore on the first floor is a great place to purchase new and used textbooks, school supplies, Michigan Tech apparel, and gifts. The MUB also features overnight guest rooms, meeting rooms, and ballroom space. Student organization offices are also on the first floor.

The John Edgar McAllister Welcome Center is a 3,000-square-foot addition to the building. Admissions staff invites you to stop by for a tour and learn more about the University.

Administration and Student Services Building—1
“The Admin,” is home to the University’s administrative offices, including:
- Garden level: University Marketing and Communications, Printing Services, Mail Services
- First floor: Student Financial Services Center (Financial Aid/Cashiers), Wahtera Center for Student Success (Registrar, Enrollment Services, Dean of Students, Disability Services, and Orientation), Transportation Services
- Second floor: International Programs and Services, Career Services, Center for Pre-College Outreach, Enterprise Application Services, Student Affairs Information Systems
- Third floor: Counseling Services, Institutional Equity, Student Conduct Services
- Fourth floor: Graduate School, Graduate Student Government
- Fifth floor: Administration

Career Services helps students secure co-ops, internships, and full-time jobs. Coaches help students write résumés, prepare for interviews, and negotiate job offers. Career Services also hosts two annual Career Fairs, bringing more than 415 companies to campus.

Alumni House—9
Originally the president’s residence, the building is now home to Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving, and the Michigan Tech Student Foundation. Our alumni are always welcome to stop in and say hello.

Academic Office Building—5
This building was once the library and administration building, and now houses the School of Business and Economics, AACSB accredited in business—the same organization that accredits Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton, and Yale. The Department of Social Sciences, home to the journal Industrial Archeology, is also located here.

ROTC Building—4
Our Army and Air Force ROTC programs are housed in the University’s original gymnasium and clubhouse. Constructed in 1904, the building has a suspended running track in the auditorium.

Clock Tower
Located in the heart of campus between the Memorial Union (34) and the MEEM (20) buildings, construction on the clock tower broke ground spring 2018 and was completed in August. Funds for the tower were made possible by the generous donation from the William (1969) and Ilene Bernard Jr. family. The Bernard family hopes their donation inspires students to create new traditions through the “ringing of the bell” to acknowledge special events, historical holidays, and important accomplishments of the student body.

Named after former Michigan Tech president Ray Smith, the MEEM is where you’ll find our Department of Mechanical Engineering-Engineering Mechanics. The second-tallest building in the Upper Peninsula, the MEEM consists of 11 floors with more than 55,000 square feet of lab space and spectacular views of the Keweenaw Waterway.

Chemical Sciences and Engineering Building—19
ChemSci is where the Departments of Chemical Engineering and Chemistry are located. The Unit Operations Lab and
Simulated Process Control Center are on the first floor. While most schools have a unit operations lab, we go further by running the lab remotely.

Students in the School of Business and Economics use the computer lab on the first floor, sponsored by Kimberly-Clark.

In 1969, a time capsule was placed in the wall of this building, to be opened in 2050. Chemistry alumnus Melvin Calvin (1931) won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1961.

J. Robert Van Pelt and John and Ruanne Opie Library—17
Located at the center of campus, the library provides collections of books, journals, maps, and documents to support learning and research. The building has 250 computer workstations; new scanners and printers, including a 3D printer; upgraded wireless access; and functional, ergonomic furnishings and work spaces, including laptop bars and booths. The library also offers a meditation space on the third floor and 24-hour access to a study room for students, faculty, and staff.

Named for former Michigan Tech President J. Robert Van Pelt and John Opie (1961), vice chair of the board and executive officer with General Electric, the library also houses the archives and a complete collection of printed materials documenting the people and institutions of the local area.

The Library Café offers Starbucks coffee, sandwiches, and snacks.

Husky Statue
The centerpiece of Husky Plaza—a nine-foot-tall, 1,600 pound, entirely hollow, bronze casted statue. The proud pup sits on a 25-ton, 1.8 billion-year-old boulder—a gift from civil engineering alumnus Roland Huhtala (1974)—harvested from a quarry near Covington, Michigan. 4,500 pavers—1,030 of which are personalized and engraved—surround the dog, dedicated in 2014 to serve as the gateway to Alumni Way. He dons a white coat for National Engineers Week, sits nicely for thousands of photo ops (er, selfies), and provides a centrally-located meeting spot on campus.

Dow Environmental Sciences and Engineering Building—8
The Dow houses the Department of Biological Sciences and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. This green facility, built with funds from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, won awards for its design.

The Department of Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences is located on the north side of the building. The Dow also features the Robbins Atrium named after Dick Robbins (1956) whose company made the tunneling machine that dug the English Channel.

The building’s front atrium includes the Fusion Café, featuring smoothies, organic coffee, salads, wraps, and healthy snacks.

Fisher Hall—15
Fisher is home to the Departments of Physics and Mathematical Sciences. Built in 1962, it is named after James Fisher, former head of the physics department. Many first-year classes are held here.

Our largest lecture hall, Fisher 135, seats 476 and is located in the southeast corner of the building. Most weekends, this room doubles as the campus movie theater. Michigan Tech Film Board shows recent movies at a low cost for students, staff, faculty, and community members.

Minerals and Materials Engineering Building—12
Known as the M&M, this building houses the College of Engineering, the Department of Biomedical Engineering, the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and the Pavlis Honors College.

The lakeshore section of M&M has more than 80 labs, and the undergrad labs on the sixth floor—which include a scanning electron microscope facility—are some of the best in the country.

to help build the hall. Kanwal is a computer-networking pioneer who now helps Indian immigrants start businesses in the United States.

Grover C. Dillman Hall—14
Named after a former Michigan Tech president, this building houses the Department of Engineering Fundamentals, an avenue for students who are not certain which engineering major they want to pursue.

Dillman is also home to numerous laboratories—like the Smash Lab—and a large collection of rocks used for observation, labs, and tests.

Civil and Environmental Engineering courses also take place inside Dillman.
Pavlis Honors College is located on the seventh floor and offers all students—regardless of GPA—the opportunity to customize their degree through six pathway options.

The M&M building has one of the few university-run foundries in the country, and houses three biomedical engineering research labs: Regeneration and Repair, Engineered Biomaterials, and Biosensors.

Michigan Tech has its own jazz band, concert choir, and two orchestras. The world-famous Huskies Pep Band is open to students with at least one year of high school band experience.

The McArdle Theatre, a traditional black-box theater, hosts student productions and exhibits.

McNair Hall—38, 40
Named after former Michigan Tech President Fred McNair, this residence hall is actually two buildings connected by a dining room. McNair houses approximately 600 students. The dining area offers a panoramic view of the Keweenaw Waterway.

Hillside Place—48
Hillside Place is a residential apartment building combining the social benefits of a residence hall with an independent apartment setting. Designed to have a modern northwoods aesthetic, Hillside Place accommodates 195 students. Each apartment has four single bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. Relax by the fireplace in the lobby or outside on the patio.

Outdoor Adventure and Wellness Program Rental Center—51
207 East Street, Houghton
The OAP inside the O’Connor House, is located across from campus on the corner of Townsend Drive and East Street. Here students rent outdoor recreational equipment like kayaks, snowshoes, and everything needed for a weekend camping trip. Adventure trips and workshops are offered throughout the year to students, staff, faculty, and community members.

Hamar House—13
Home to our Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Hamar House offers academic support, counseling, leadership development, and career/professional assistance to underrepresented students. There is a study area/meeting space, media center, and kitchen.

CDI helps coordinate:
- Spirit of the Harvest Pow Wow
- MLK Week
- Black History Month
- Women’s Month
- Pride Week
- Social Justice Lecture Series

Douglass Houghton Hall—31
Built in the 1930s, DHH is named after Douglass Houghton, a geologist who discovered copper in the local area in the early 1840s. The historic architectural details make our oldest residence hall a cozy home for 350 students.

Walker Arts and Humanities Center—11
Named after the Shaw Walker Foundation that helped fund it, Walker is home to the College of Sciences and Arts, the Department of Humanities, and the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. It houses:
- the Humanities Digital Media Zone, an interactive multimedia lab and classroom
- an art/sculpture studio

Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts—10
Named for Ted (1936) and Lola Rozsa, the center features one of the most technologically advanced theaters in the country. With 1,100 seats, the theatre hosts national and international companies, comedy shows, and musical ensembles, including symphony and chamber orchestras, jazz, and world music. The ground floor houses an art gallery featuring rotating exhibits.

Instructional facilities for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts are also in the Rozsa Center and include:
- recording facilities
- a computer-assisted music instruction lab
- theatre shops
- choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms

Wadsworth Hall—37
The largest residence hall on campus, it is one-quarter mile long, six stories high, and accommodates approximately 1,100 students. As with all of our residence halls, each floor is divided into houses, smaller units that give Wads residents a community atmosphere.

It was named after our first president, Marshman Wadsworth. Here you’ll find the Campus Café, WMTU (the student-run radio station), and Residence Education and Housing Services office.
Harold Meese Center—84
Named for a former dean, this building is home to the Department of Cognitive and Learning Sciences.

U. J. Noblet Forestry Building—18
Flags in the atrium of this building represent countries School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science students come from, or where they serve in the Peace Corps. SFRES students participate in a semester-long camp at the 5,000-acre Ford Center, about 30 miles south of campus. They work on fieldwork and labs focused on natural resources.

Student Development Complex—24
Our Department of Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology is inside the SDC, along with our recreational facility that includes:

- the MacInnes Student Ice Arena
- a 200-meter indoor track
- a climbing wall
- a lap pool
- a diving pool
- an archery range
- a rifle range
- racquetball courts
- a basketball gym
- Ticketing
- Operations
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Students enjoy free admission to sporting events through Experience Tech. They also have free access to the SDC.

The John MacInnes Student Ice Arena is home to Michigan Tech’s NCAA Division I men’s hockey team, three-time national champions. The 4,000-seat arena has nine locker rooms and 10 skyboxes. The hockey program has produced NHL standouts, including Tony Esposito (1967), Bob Lorimer (1975), Randy McKay (1988), and John Scott (2010).

Gates Tennis Center—50
The Gates Tennis Center offers four indoor courts where, thanks to Experience Tech, students play for free all year long. The pro shop offers tennis equipment and refreshments. Private lessons are available. The center is named in memory of Charles (1904) and John (1911) Gates, who founded the Gates Rubber Company, now called the Gates Corporation.

Daniell Heights Apartments—32
This complex was constructed in the early 1960s and named after Michigan College of Mines student Joshua T. Daniell, a benefactor of the University. Tucked away behind the residence halls, this community of 350 apartments is funded entirely from resident rent and offers cost-effective housing. Students must be 21 or older to live in Daniell Heights, and priority is given to graduate and married students.

Advanced Technology Development Complex—95
A major part of this building is the Ford Student Design Center, named after the building’s lead donor, the Ford Motor Company Fund. Undergraduate design, development, and research are critical elements of a Michigan Tech education. This is a place where research can be tested and developed into prototypes. It links University researchers—students, faculty, and staff—with the high-tech world of business. The ATDC also houses the Office of Innovation and Industry Engagement.

A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum—103
Home to more than 50,000 specimens from around the world, the museum is the official Mineral Museum of Michigan. The museum features more than 5,000 specimens on display in the Thomas D. Shaffner Hall, including the world’s most comprehensive collection of Michigan minerals.

Portage Lake Golf Course
Located just outside of Houghton, the Portage Lake Golf Course was founded in 1902, making it one of the oldest golf courses in the state. The front nine is open and longer; the back nine is tighter and shorter. A driving range, pro shop, and the Par and Grill lounge complete the golfing experience. Students play for free through Experience Tech.

Mont Ripley Ski Hill
Located across the Keweenaw Waterway from campus, Mont Ripley features 24 runs, a 440-foot vertical drop, snowmaking equipment, night skiing, and a terrain and tube park. The chalet features a pro shop with rentals and a concession area. Ski lessons for all age groups and abilities are available. Students ski and snowboard for free through Experience Tech.

Great Lakes Research Center—100
The GLRC unites researchers from across campus to engage in freshwater inquiry. Overlooking the Keweenaw Waterway, labs and meeting spaces highlight this 2012 addition to campus. From K-12 to post-doc studies, the GLRC features hands-on educational resources, including a fleet of nine custom research vessels.