Exploring UTown@UBC

"The goal is to create a vital, lively, healthy—and sustainable—community where people can work and learn and shop and play, where they can walk or take transit easily, and where most of what they need is readily at hand."

Stephen Toope, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor

Live, Work and Learn on Campus

We’re laying the groundwork for more than just buildings and roads at UBC—we’re creating an intellectual community for students, faculty and staff. When completed, UTown@UBC will provide a mix of housing, improved public transportation, shops and services, and cultural and recreational facilities in a pedestrian-friendly setting.

To be an academic powerhouse, UBC must attract and retain top-quality members of the academic community. A commuter campus where people shuttle to and from UBC hampers our ability to be one of the world’s top-ranked institutions. Many of UBC’s 45,000 students and 12,000 staff who travel to class or work daily are forced to live increasingly further away due to the challenge of finding affordable housing near campus.

UTown@UBC keeps students, teachers, researchers and staff engaged on campus. UBC has Canada’s largest stock of student housing on a single campus, with approximately 8,500 beds available. In addition, 50% of the family homes on campus have someone who works or studies on campus.

Choose from three self-guided walking tours illustrated on the fold-out map to learn more about UTown@UBC.

**Purple Tour: Chancellor Place Neighbourhood (approx. 30 minutes)**

Tour Stops:
- Student Union Building (SUB)
- Student Recreation Centre
- Walter H. Gage Residence
- Chancellor Place
- Iona Building
- St. Andrew’s Hall
- Green College
- Cecil Green Park House
- Rose Garden
- Museum of Anthropology
- Flag Pole Plaza
- W. Robert Wyman Plaza
- Laderh H. Green College
- Irving K. Barber Learning Centre

**Blue Tour: Lower, West and Main Mall (approx. 45 minutes)**

Tour Stops:
- C.K. Choi Building
- Nitobe Memorial Garden
- Place Vanier Residence
- St. John’s College
- Hawthorne Place
- Old Barn Community Centre
- Beaty Biodiversity Museum
- First Nations Longhouse

**Red Tour: South Campus (approx. 45 minutes)**

Tour Stops:
- Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre
- Fraser Hall
- East Campus Neighbourhood
- Greenwood Commons
- Panhellenic House and Fraternities
- Acadia Park Residence
- Pacific Spirit Regional Park
- Hampton Place
- Thunderbird Park Sports Fields