The UTL was created to bring together undergraduates for interdisciplinary collaboration and learning. The labs contain state-of-the-art equipment specifically intended for undergraduate use. Protein Engineering, for example, is an undergraduate class that utilizes this equipment to study how a mutation will affect a protein.

Go down the steps to your right. At the bottom, make a right and continue down the hallway to exit the UTL. You'll be looking at the Freshman Quad. Turn left and follow the path to the top of the incline to see the Recreation & Athletic centers, where students workout, participate in student-led fitness classes and club/intramural sports teams, or cheer on the Blue Jays from our student cheering section of Homewood Field, “The Nest.”

Take the same path back to the Freshman Quad, where most first-year students live. At Hopkins, housing is guaranteed and required for your first two years on campus, after which most students move to the nearby Charles Village neighborhood.

To see dorm rooms and community living spaces, check out our dorm tours and Cribs series at www.hopkins-interactive.com. Continue straight on the brick path.

The Freshman Quad is also the original location of the Homewood House, which will be on your left. It was built by Charles Carroll Jr., whose father was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. When the path splits, veer right towards Kysor Quad. Milton S. Eisenhower Library will be on your left.

Directly past the Homewood House is the Milton S. Eisenhower Library, named after one of the presidents of our university. Adjacent to the library is the Brody Learning Commons. This space was designed for students (and with input from students!) with collaborative learning in mind. Inside you'll find chairs on wheels and group study rooms with whiteboard walls.

Now that you've gotten a feel for campus, feel free to explore Baltimore (especially the local neighborhood of Charles Village) or head back to Mason Hall. Thanks for visiting campus! If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail us at gotojhu@jhu.edu.

Directions back to Mason Hall: Return to Kysor Quad, walk towards Gilman Hall, and make a left towards the Breezeway. Walk down the steps and follow the path across Wyman Quad. At the end of Wyman Quad, make a right and walk through the Hackerman breezeway. Make a left and walk straight down the path to Mason Hall.

This walking tour was designed by two of our very own Blue Jays: Maura Kantor (history, Class of 2017) and Ian McLane (electrical engineering, Class of 2015).
Welcome to the Homewood Campus

Begin by exiting Mason Hall (towards Decker Quad) and following the path on your right. You will pass Malone Hall, the newest building on campus, dedicated to interdisciplinary research. Continue past Malone Hall to Hackerman Hall on your right.

Hackerman Hall is the computational science and engineering building where engineers across multiple disciplines collaborate on research. Make a right and walk into the breezeway that divides Hackerman. On your left, you can see the Da Vinci machine, which allows for precise surgeries. Students and faculty members are currently working on the Da Vinci machine to improve its capabilities. You may have seen this machine on popular shows like House MD and Grey’s Anatomy.

Continue through Hackerman Hall and enter Wyman Quad, home to our engineering departments. To your right is Shriver Hall, our 1,200 seat auditorium, home of the Foreign Affairs Symposium and the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium, both of which are organized and run by current students. Speakers who have visited campus include the Clintons, Ann Coulter, Seth Meyers, Aziz Ansari, Governor Martin O’Malley, and Bill Nye the Science Guy.

Continue on the path across Wyman Quad towards the Breezeway, which is opposite Shriver Hall. Students are constantly walking through the Breezeway, as it connects the two main quads. The Breezeway is the perfect spot for student groups to advertise and hold fundraisers. From student publications to community service organizations to Greek life, there are over 300 student groups on campus.

Continue up the steps of the Breezeway and turn left once you reach Keyser Quad. Gilman Hall will be directly in front of you. Follow the brick pathway to the steps leading up to the front entrance of Gilman.

Gilman Hall is the oldest academic building on campus and is home to all of our humanities departments. It is named after Daniel Coit Gilman, the first president of the university. As part of an annual tradition on campus, known as the Lighting of the Quads, all the trees and parts of Gilman are strung with lights. The lights are illuminated for the first time as a cappella groups perform holiday songs from all over the world. There’s also a gingerbread house building contest, free giveaways for students, and a fireworks display.

Gilman Hall was recently renovated. The first two rooms in Gilman are the only rooms that remain from the original building. Once you go up the main staircase into Gilman, you will see a small seal on the floor. The seal depicts our university’s commitment to Baltimore, the state of Maryland, and to our students becoming global citizens.

Walk straight into Gilman, and you will find yourself in the Atrium. This space is used by students to study, socialize, and meet with faculty members. Even with an average class size of 20 students, Hopkins faculty frequently meet with students outside of class.

After walking through the Atrium, you will see the Hutzler Reading Room (affectionately called the Hut), which is home to two study resource centers. In the Learning Den, students can get help in courses from undergraduates who previously took the class. In the Writing Center, students can get assistance with writing and reviewing papers. Fun fact: the Hut has the largest collection of non-religiously affiliated stained glass in the country.

Go down the stairs to your left. At the bottom of the stairs, to your right, is the Johns Hopkins Archaeological Museum. You can tour the exterior of the museum by entering the door to the left of the museum’s main entrance. This is one of the many spaces where undergraduates participate in hands-on research. Students work with staff and faculty members to identify objects, translate their texts, and learn their history.

Walk back up the stairs towards the Atrium and exit Gilman through the front entrance. Make a left and then a right to continue on the brick pathway until you reach a stairway situated between Remsen and Mergenthaler halls, about halfway down the quad. Walk down the stairs and continue past Willem de Kooning’s “Reclining Figure” sculpture. Directly in front of you is Mudd Hall, home to our biology department. Walk directly through Mudd Hall and stay straight until you reach the Undergraduate Teaching Labs (UTL). Walk through the double doors and turn right to enter the UTL.

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