

Imperial College
London

Walking Tour



**SOUTH KENSINGTON
CAMPUS**



Welcome

Welcome to Imperial College London's South Kensington Campus tour, a self-guided walk through this historic institution of education and academic research.

Consistently rated in the top three universities in the UK and in the top 10 worldwide, Imperial College London is a world leading university whose reputation for excellence in teaching and research attracts students and staff of the highest international quality. It was ranked 6th in the world in the 2011 QS World University Rankings.

Innovative research at the College explores the interface between science, medicine, engineering and management and delivers practical solutions that enhance the quality of life and the environment, underpinned by a dynamic enterprise culture. Imperial's staff are frequently consulted by government and departmental committees at both national and international levels.



The College is located in the heart of one of the most exciting and cosmopolitan cities in the world, home to a diverse range of people, cultures and religions. South Kensington is Imperial's main campus, a beautiful area of central London, within easy reach of the best of the city's museums, parks, shops, and nightlife.

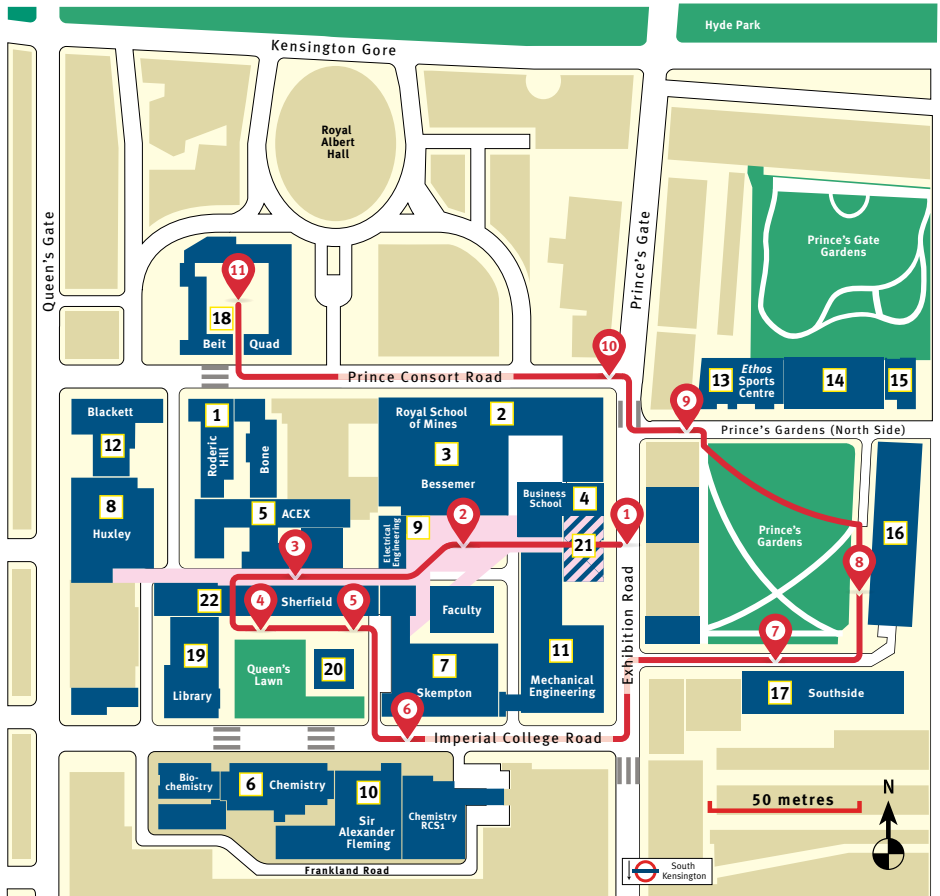
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www.imperial.ac.uk/prospectivestudents



Please follow the tour route illustrated and keep to public spaces.
This is a working academic institution and access to most buildings is restricted to current staff and students.

South Kensington Campus



Main walkway
 Main entrance
 South Kensington Underground

 Tour route

 Food and drink available

 Publicly accessible toilets

 Cashpoints

DEPARTMENTS

- 1 Aeronautics
- 2 Earth Science and Engineering, Materials
- 3 Bioengineering
- 4 Business School
- 5 Chemical Engineering
- 6 Chemistry
- 7 Civil and Environmental Engineering

- 8 Computing, Mathematics
- 9 Electrical and Electronic Engineering ×
- 10 Life Sciences, Medicine ↑↑×
- 11 Mechanical Engineering ↑↑
- 12 Physics

ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER FACILITIES

- 13 Ethos Sports Centre ×
- 14 Prince's Gdns, North Side Garden Hall
- 15 Weeks Hall
- 16 Eastside ↑↑×
- 17 Southside

- 18 Beit Quadrangle ↑↑×
- 19 Central Library ×
- 20 Queen's Tower
- 21 College Main Entrance
- 22 Sheffield Building ↑↑×£

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COLLEGE MAIN ENTRANCE ON EXHIBITION ROAD

Imperial's Main Entrance was designed by the international design studio Foster + Partners, and was officially opened by Her Majesty The Queen in 2004. The stainless steel drum that cuts through the building contains Imperial College Business School lecture theatres, and the artwork behind the Main Entrance reception desk is an eye-catching visualisation of the human brain by artist Per Arnoldi, who worked with imaging scientists at the College's Hammersmith Campus to create it.



DALBY COURT

One of the College's open air social spaces, Dalby Court provides a venue for performances and gatherings. The blue Faculty Building, also designed by Foster + Partners, is home to the College headquarters.

The tallest building is the Electrical and Electronic Engineering building which has state-of-the-art research and study facilities, including rooftop solar panels, used by students to compare predicted versus actual energy yield.

The modern glass Bessemer Building houses Bioengineering and the Institute of Biomedical Engineering. Also based on Dalby Court are the Energy Futures Lab and the Grantham Institute for Climate Change – two research hubs which focus on addressing the science challenges of today and the future.



THE WALKWAY

Cutting through the campus, the walkway is home to a range of retail outlets, including a bank, bookshop, stationery shop and newsagent. It also houses the College's Junior and Senior Common Rooms, providing fresh food and drink for students, staff and visitors.

Off the walkway is the ACE Extension, built in the 1960s for the Department of Chemical Engineering. A unique feature is its Carbon Capture Pilot Plant which extends over four floors of the building.

After the optician, enter the Sherfield Building on your left. To continue the tour, please take the stairs or lift to Level 1 and exit the building on the opposite side, onto the Queen's Lawn.



SHERFIELD BUILDING AND THE LIBRARY

The Sherfield Building, through which you have just walked, incorporates many student support services like the Careers Advisory Service, Registry, the International Office, Student Counselling, and the Student Hub – the one stop shop for all key information and support that students need for everyday life.

On your right on exiting the Sherfield Building is the Central Library – a modern, flexible space offering over 1,000 study spaces, 240 computers, plus a popular café. Every year there are over 1,300,000 visits to the College's libraries.



THE QUEEN'S TOWER

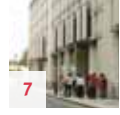
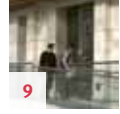
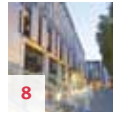
Overlooking the Queen's Lawn is the Queen's Tower – all that remains of the Imperial Institute, which was built to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. The Tower is 287 feet tall, clad in Portland stone, and topped by a copper-covered dome. There are 324 steps from the ground to the base of the dome. The large stone lions are two of the original four who flanked the entrance to the Imperial Institute.



IMPERIAL COLLEGE ROAD

Opened in 1998 by Her Majesty The Queen, the glass-fronted Sir Alexander Fleming Building, named after the penicillin pioneer from St Mary's, is a purpose-built hub for medical and biomedical study and research.

Opposite is the Skempton Building, home to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, which includes an extensive Hydrodynamics Laboratory equipped with the facilities to measure waves and their impact. The ground floor is the location of the Reach Out Lab, where school children take part in hands-on science.



PRINCE'S GARDENS, SOUTHSIDE

The Southside Halls of Residence has over 400 bed spaces. Opened in 2007, the Halls are conveniently close to transport links, Exhibition Road museums and Hyde Park. Southside also houses the campus dental clinic, and the Health Centre, which provides 24-hour care for NHS-registered students.



PRINCE'S GARDENS, EASTSIDE

Overlooking the newly restored Prince's Gardens are the Eastside Halls, opened in 2009 and architecturally mirroring the design of Southside. These halls provide 453 bed spaces, mainly single occupancy with a few twin bedrooms. On the ground floor are a convenience store stocking all daily essentials and the Eastside Restaurant and Bar – a lively, contemporary space, a great place to socialise with friends!



ETHOS

Ethos, the College's main Sports Centre, was officially opened in 2006 by track and field legend Sir Roger Bannister, and Sydney 2000 rowing gold medallists Simon Dennis and Louis Attrill, with their coach Martin McElroy, all of whom are College alumni. All Imperial students are entitled to free use of the gym and swimming pool, and also benefit from student rates for all other facilities and classes.



ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES, PRINCE CONSORT ROAD

The Royal School of Mines building dates from 1909 and was designed by architect Sir Aston Webb, best known for redesigning Buckingham Palace and the Victoria and Albert Museum. The building is now split into two wings: the Aston Webb wing, home to Earth Sciences and Engineering, one of the world's leading centres for the study of Geoscience; and the Goldsmith wing, where the Departments of Bioengineering and Materials are based.



BEIT QUADRANGLE AND IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

Beit Quadrangle, named after early twentieth century philanthropists, was designed by Sir Aston Webb and built in 1910. Student accommodation was built in 1926 and refurbished in 2000, now providing student bedrooms with views of the Royal Albert Hall and the quad.

Imperial College Union is located in the surrounding building. Responsible for the representation of all students at the College, the Union also facilitates around 300 student clubs and societies with more than 8,000 members. The Union building is home to several bars and social spaces, including the Union bar which houses many historic and valued trophies and plaques.

Did you know?

STUDENT STATS

Imperial College London at a glance:

- » **9,080** Undergraduates
- » **2,510** Taught postgraduates
- » **2,752** Research postgraduates
- » **10,041** From the UK/EU
- » **4,301** Overseas
- » **5,207** Women
- » **9,135** Men
- » **300+** Clubs and societies
- » **8** Campuses

Figures on student numbers relate to the academic year 2011–12.

£28,741 • Average starting salary for UK/EU Imperial undergraduates in 2011.

93% • UK/EU Imperial undergraduates who were in work and/or study six months after graduation.

1,316,363 • Visitors to the College libraries throughout 2010–11.

Top 5 • Imperial is one of the five universities most often targeted by Britain's top graduate employers, according to the High Fliers Survey 2011.

130+ • We are an international university attracting over 2,000 new undergraduates each year from more than 130 countries.

100 points • In the QS World University Rankings 2011 Imperial received the top score of 100 points along with Harvard, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge as the most popular institutions in the world for employers to recruit from.



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