



# Self-Guided Panther Hunt

**Welcome to Georgia State University!** GSU is an urban research institution in the middle of downtown Atlanta. GSU has over 30,000 students seeking degrees in more than 250 programs. As you are walking around our campus today, you will get to see many of the buildings and facilities our students use on a daily basis.

Each photo represents something unique and special to our campus. They will help guide you from location to location and teach you about the types of programs offered, some of the history of GSU, how Atlanta is an integral part of our school, and what life as a Panther is like.

**We hope you enjoy your visit!**

*Please note there are two versions of the Panther Hunt for both the chaperone and student.*

***Please be sure to download the student copy and the chaperone copy.***

*It is recommended to provide each student with a copy of the Panther Hunt along with a writing instrument to encourage participation.*



**Start: Outside of the Student Recreation Center at the corner of Gilmer Street and Piedmont Avenue.**

Walk into the **Student Recreation Center** and stop in the lobby by the GSU logo on the floor. Please note: NO VIDEO TAPING OR PICTURES ARE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN IN THE RECREATION CENTER! **Groups or individuals on self-guided walking tours cannot enter the turnstiles.** Entrance is only for GSU students, faculty and staff, and their guests.

### **Fun Facts**

- Over 1,550 people use the SRC every day.
- Facility offers weight room, squash and racquetball courts, and a rock climbing wall.
- Houses a program called Touch the Earth, which provides students with opportunities for rafting, camping, skiing, horseback riding, equipment rental and locker rooms.
- Lobby offers lounge space with computers and flat screen TV.
- Dance and aerobics room, and the martial arts room are located upstairs along with 4 recreational basketball and volleyball courts. There is also an indoor track (1/8 mile).
- The Omni gym, where students can play hockey, soccer, badminton and dodge ball, is also located upstairs.
- The Aquatics Center houses a recreational lap pool, leisure pool, whirlpool, hot tub, sauna and sun deck. The Exercise Center houses cardio and weight machines.

**Students: Name one thing you can do at the Student Recreation Center.**

**Exit the Recreation Center and cross Piedmont Avenue. Walk into the Student Center, which is across the street. Stop in the atrium by the piano.**



## Fun Facts

- The Atrium where you are standing is a lounge space and wireless hot spot (most student buildings on campus are wireless).
- Around the corner is the Courtyard, one of the main dining facilities on our campus. The Courtyard offers Burger King, sandwiches, pasta, and Einstein's Bagels.
- Internet stations and the Student Center Information Desk are also located around you. The Information Desk provides discounted tickets for students at many Atlanta area attractions.
- There is a life-size Bronze Panther in Unity Plaza located outside of the entrance opposite of where you walked in. The statue was a gift to the university by the Alumni Association in 2004 to celebrate the Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is GSU tradition to **rub the Panther's nose** before sporting events and exams for good luck!

**Students: What is the statue found in Unity Plaza? Name the GSU tradition.**

**Walk upstairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and walk along the hallway. At the end of the hallway, head outside of the doors and cross the bridge. You will enter the University Center.**

- **The University Center**, like the Student Center provides many offices and services for GSU students. The **Urban Life Building** connects with the University Center to your left. Urban Life houses the College of Law and the College of Health and Human Sciences. Departments within the College of Health & Human Sciences include Nursing, Criminal Justice, and Social Work.

**Take a right and walk down the hallway of the University Center.**

The **University Bookstore** will be the next stop on your right. Here you will find textbooks, general reading, supplies, PC software, and GSU apparel. Be sure to look inside!



Across from the bookstore is the **Panthers Club** food court, which offers a wide range of choices such as Chick-Fil-A, "home-cooked" food, sandwiches, salads, Freshens yogurt and smoothies, and Starbucks coffee. Next to the Panthers Club is the **Panther Place Lounge**, which is a space for students to relax or catch up with friends on campus.

**Students: What can you purchase at the Bookstore?**

**Head back downstairs and go down two flights of stairs to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Go through the double doors.**



On your left, you will see **Auxiliary and Support Services**. This office sells parking permits, MARTA cards (discounted rates per month for faculty, staff, and students), and meal plans. It also coordinates Panther Cards, which serves as a student ID, security pass, and Panther Cash debit card. Below Auxiliary and Support Services is **Panther Pizza**, which has great pizza and pasta.

**Turn around and walk through the next set of four doors.**

On your left you will see **University Career Services**. This office assists students and alumni with interviewing skills, resume writing, on-campus ad professional job listings, and job placement.

On your right is the home of **88.5 FM WRAS**, the largest student-run radio station in the U.S. at 100,000 watts. Other student media resources are located on this floor, such as **the Signal**, which is the weekly campus newspaper and **GSTV**.



Walking down the hall and around the corner to the left you will see **Cinefest**, GSU's student-run movie theater, which has been in operation since 1991. Cinefest screens a wide variety of films for the community including newly released movies, cult classics, foreign films, documentaries, independent films and Atlanta premieres. Admission is free with Panther Card.



### Students: What is Cinefest?

**Next to the restrooms, there is a stairway. Head upstairs to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the University Center (walk one floor up). Walk through Panther Place Lounge, down the stairs, and out the doors to the left. Here you should cross Courtland Street and walk through the white gates into Library Plaza.**



### Students: Where do the white gates lead?

**Walk through the plaza and stop at the fountain with the blue paw prints. While at the fountain, look at the libraries. You may only enter with a Student ID.**

**Library North** is the brick building to the left. **Library South** is the building connected to it across the street, with the large, glass windows.

### **Fun Facts**

The library has seen over one million visitors, owns approximately 1.5 million volumes, and collects roughly 2,200 additional items a month. It also holds nearly 8,000 journals, magazines, and newspapers; and more than 16,300 e-journals.

**Walk past the fountain, walking away from the Libraries. General Classroom Building should be on your left. Walk straight into Sparks Hall. Stop outside of the Student Advisement Center.**

 **Fun Facts**

**Sparks Hall** used to house the library when collections only totaled 150,000. **Kell Hall** (entrance to the left of you) used to be the Ivy Street Parking Garage, hence the ramps within the building. Kell Hall has core science labs, a computer lab, a tutoring lab, US Post Office, and Starbucks.

**Walk right in Sparks Hall, away from Kell Hall. Keep walking down the hall and take a left at the end.**

You will see the **One Stop Shop** ahead on your right and left. This all-encompassing office is “the front door” for the **Registrar, Financial Aid** and **Student Accounts**. This is also where accepted students should go for enrollment services related questions. **Student Accounts**, located on the bottom floor, is where students can go and pay bills.

**Walk to the end of the hall and stop.**

There are classrooms and administrative offices in the building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors, including the **Departments of Anthropology and Geosciences. Financial Aid** and **Student Accounts** are located downstairs on the first floor.

Next to you is the **Office of Undergraduate Admissions**, where students who have admissions related questions or who have applied and are waiting for an acceptance decision should come for questions.

**Students: What is the last stop on the Panther Hunt?**

**This concludes your self-guided Panther Hunt.**

We hope you enjoyed your visit today at Georgia State University! For further questions, contact the Welcome Center at 404-413-2063 or [tourguide@gsu.edu](mailto:tourguide@gsu.edu) or stop by Suite 134 of Dahlberg Hall, just across the street upon exiting Sparks Hall through the doors in front of you.

**GO PANTHERS!**