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Online tour gives a glimpse of campus life

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For those who'd like a view of the Oakland University campus before visiting in person, the OU Web site has an online **campus tour**. The tour features 360-degree views and allows the viewer to rotate the image in all directions and magnify it to see specific details.

The areas featured in the tour include:

- Education and Human Services Building
- Kresge Library
- Meadow Brook Hall
- Natatorium
- Pioneer Food Court in the Oakland Center
- Recreation and Athletics Center
- Science and Engineering Building
- University Student Apartments

"The online tour definitely gives students a good feel for the campus," said Dawn Awbry, director of **New Student Programs**. "The major areas of the campus are represented. It shows our newest facilities, the library, residence halls and food court. The view of Meadow Brook Hall provides a historical context for the university, and it's the gem of our campus."

"The tour is nice for those who are far away and may not be able to visit the campus, and good for transfer students, since campus tours aren't part of their orientation. It's a great enhancement to the OU Web site, and I'm sure students will reap the benefits from it."

In-person campus tours, which are given year-round, are led by student ambassadors and allow students and parents to take a closer look at OU's 1,441-acre campus. The Admissions Office schedules campus tours Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Special Saturday tours also are offered. The next Saturday tours are March 15 and April 19 at 10 a.m. Campus tours also are included in new student and parent orientations between June and August.

Future students also can attend Fall Preview Days for a campus tour and an academic and resource fair. And during **Grizzly Days** on March 25 and 31, high school sophomores and juniors can meet OU faculty and staff, tour the campus and explore the secrets of a successful college search. Space is limited and reservations are required for Grizzly Days. To secure a spot, use the convenient online reservation system, which is located on the **Future Students** Web site, or contact the Admissions Office at (248) 370-3360 or (800) OAK-UNIV.

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