The Botanic Garden

The Botanic Garden of Smith College fosters environmental and social justice through teaching, and learning about plants, people, and place. The Lyman Conservatory contains a public exhibition gallery, classrooms, and laboratories, as well as work and greenhouse space for student use. Architecturally, it is a cluster of twelve different environmentally controlled greenhouses which contain over 2,500 species of plants illustrating the vegetation of different climates. The botanic garden has sections to illustrate plant classifications and habitat. As you pass through the gardens you will find labeled plant specimens from all over the world. In fact, every plant on campus is labeled.

Sage Hall

Sage contains classrooms, offices and 20 practice rooms, as well as an electronic music studio. It is also home to Sweeney Concert Hall, a performance space that seats more than 600 and is used for faculty and student recitals, lectures and concerts. Earle Recital Hall, located on the lower level of Sage, is a smaller classroom theater which seats up to 120 and is ideally suited for intimate performance occasions.

The Athletic Complex

Ainsworth Gym, Scott Gym, and indoor Track and Tennis Facility. Within these three buildings are two gymnasias, a rowing team room, a small scheduled weight room, and the Olin Fitness Center with over 100 state-of-the-art weight and cardiovascular machines. Students have access to a six-lane, 25 yard pool, five all-wood squash courts, a 24-foot climbing wall, dance studios, four doubles tennis courts, and a 200-meter six-lane track. Over the Lamont Bridge, across the Mill River are 25 acres of playing fields, including a lighted field for evening games, softball fields, 12 lighted outdoor cushion-coated tennis courts, a 5,000-meter cross-country trail and an eight-lane 400-meter track.

Schacht Center for Health and Wellness

Home to Smith College Health Services which provides accessible, quality medical care, mental health care and inclusive wellness education to Smith’s diverse student population.

Mendenhall Center for the Performing Arts

Mendenhall contains the Werner Josten Library, a performing arts library that houses extensive music, theater and dance collections, including a wide assortment of scripts and musical scores and more than 52,000 recordings. Also inside the center are the Berenson Dance studio and the theater’s bell tower, with eight bells that are rung on special occasions. The theater building consists of rehearsal rooms and the main theater, Theater 14, which seats 460, and the smaller Hallie Flanagan studio theater which permits experimentation through the use of movable seats.

Ford Hall

Home to the Picker Engineering Program, computer science, chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology departments, Ford is a compelling, visible statement of Smith’s public identity as a women’s college with strong programs in science and engineering. Ford Hall is named in honor of the lead donor to the project, the Ford Motor Company Fund. With its emphasis on sustainability and energy efficiency through numerous design, construction and operational initiatives, this LEED Gold certified building is at the forefront of energy-efficient architecture.
Neilson Library
The intellectual heart of the campus, Neilson Library advances and celebrates learning. A “learning hub” for campus, Neilson offers classrooms, quiet study and reading rooms as well as expanded space for collaboration, socializing and high-tech work. It features a Digital Media Hub with multimedia equipment and studio space for recording digital content; GIS and gaming labs; and a large, multifunctional Learning Commons where students can work with research librarians, instructional technologists and writing and quantitative learning specialists.

Seelye Hall
Seelye, one of the historic academic buildings on campus, houses classrooms, faculty offices, and a computer resource center. Humanities and Social Science majors call this building home.

College Hall
The main administration building, it is home to the offices of the President, Student Financial Services, the Registrar, Disability Services, Dean of the College, Vice President for Campus Life, and the Class Deans.

Brown Fine Arts Center
Home to the art department, the Center includes Hillyer Hall: Hillyer Art Library, and the renowned Museum of Art. It contains technologically state-of-the-art studios and classroom spaces to teach art history, architecture, and a vast array of studio art media including computer graphics, painting, photography, book arts, sculpture and all manner of printmaking.

Hatfield Hall
This building houses many of the college’s foreign language department offices and classrooms. Smith students can take courses in a wide range of languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish, as well as a variety of other language courses taught within the Five College Consortium.

Wright Hall
Home to the humanities and social sciences departments, this building houses faculty offices and a conference lounge. Wright also contains a 400-seat lecture hall that hosts films and guest speakers. On the main floor, the Boutelle-Day Poetry Center sponsors readings by renowned national and international poets and a library including books from many poets who have given readings at Smith. Wright Hall houses the Center for Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability, the Jandon Center for Community Engagement, and the Lewis Global Studies Center.

The Smith College Museum of Art
houses a spectacular collection of objects and paintings from nearly every period of art history. The collection’s particular strength is in the 19th and 20th century European and American Art. Original works of Copley, Degas, Picasso, Monet, Rodin and many other masters are featured. The Smith museum is often ranked among the top college and university art museums in the country.

John M. Greene Hall
This is the largest auditorium on campus. It seats over 2,000 and hosts college assemblies, concerts and guest speakers. Recent guests have included Roxanne Gay, Tan France, Laverne Cox, and Tārana Burke. The bus stop in front of IMAG is where students catch the Five College Bus to Amherst, Hampshire and Mount Holyoke Colleges and UMass Amherst. Students can take classes, participate in organizations, attend events and socialize on any of the campuses.

Campus Center
This facility is a major hub for student life on campus. It includes a reception area, the college bookstore, the post office, numerous lounges, a game room, a TV room, a performance space, a community art gallery, meeting rooms, student organization offices, the radio station (WOZQ), a resource room free to all students, and an extended-hours café and coffee bar. You will also locate the Office of Student Engagement and the Student Government Association (SGA) here.

The Lazarus Center for Career Development
Located in Drew Hall, this center is an invaluable resource for life and work planning. Here, students and alumnae can participate in workshops, seminars and panel discussions, as well as gain help with writing résumés, networking, and finding internships and summer employment. Inside is an extensive career resource library. The Center is also the home base for Praxis: The Liberal Arts at Work, a unique program providing guaranteed internship funding for every Smith student.

The Helen Hills Hills Chapel
The Chapel is the home of the Center for Religious & Spiritual Life, a hub of diverse cultural and religious learning and expression, spiritual development, and community engagement. The Chapel sponsors over a dozen student religious organizations, and weekly events range from Buddhist meditation to Shabbat dinner.

The Quadrangle
The Quadrangle is the most concentrated area of student housing on campus. Smith’s 41 houses range in size and style. Depending on which house you are assigned, you may have between 10 and 100 housemates. Each house is student-governed and has a sense of community at its core. In most houses, students from all four classes are represented. Each house on campus also has a living room, a study room, a full kitchen or kitchenette, and a laundry room.

The President’s House
The official residence of every Smith College president since 1920, this house is the venue for a variety of events hosted by the president throughout the year. Students are invited for tea and Mountain Day kicks off here!

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