1. The Campus Theatre. The tour begins in downtown Lewisburg where, across from the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University bookstore on Market Street, you will find the Campus Theatre, one of a handful of art deco theaters built in the early 1940s that remains in operation. The theatre hosts classroom screenings for Film/Media Studies courses.

2. Cap and Dagger House. Cap and Dagger is the theatre student club’s special interest house. Cap and Dagger has existed at Bucknell for more than 100 years with a mission to promote high standards in the achievement of the dramatic arts.

3. The Stadler Center for Poetry. Bucknell Hall is the home of the Stadler Center for Poetry. Founded in 1988, the Stadler Center is a professional literary arts center offering a wide range of programs and residencies for emerging and established poets and writers. The Stadler Center is also home to West Branch literary magazine.

4. Art Building. Home of the Department of Art and Art History, the Art Building houses Art History classrooms as well as Photography, Digital Media and Drawing studios.

5. Samek Art Gallery. Located on the third floor of the Elaine Langone Center, the Samek Art Gallery features innovative exhibitions that focus primarily on the art of our time; organizes diverse and interdisciplinary programming of noteworthy art, artists, scholars and critics from around the U.S. and the globe; and is open to the public seven days a week during the academic year, with the exceptions of University recesses and between exhibitions.

6. The Bucknell University Press. Located in the lower level of Taylor Hall, Bucknell University Press has been publishing in the arts, humanities and social sciences since 1968. The University Press produces a cutting edge scholarship in monographs and collections of essays, made with care and attention to artistic design.

7. The Griot Institute for Africana Studies. Located in Roberts Hall, The Griot Institute is devoted to the interdisciplinary exploration of the African diaspora using narrative as a focus.

8. Tustin Building. The Tustin Building is home to the Acting and Dance studios, the Tustin Studio Black Box Theatre and the Department of Theatre and Dance classes and performances.

9. Vaughan Literature Building. This building houses the multi-use spaces of Trout Auditorium and C. Willard Smith Library, along with the Department of English’s Creative Writing and Film/Media Studies concentrations.

10. Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library. The Special Collections/University Archives of the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library offer an abundant array of original and primary sources that support the academic and administrative needs of faculty, students, staff and visiting scholars. The Bertrand Library has a collection of approximately 120,000 books and other media related to the arts.

11. Harvey M. Powers Theatre and the Department of Theatre and Dance. Coleman Hall is home to the Harvey M. Powers Theatre, through the entrance on the Academic Quad, and the Department of Theatre and Dance, which occupies the south side of the building. The theatre was originally constructed in 1969 and boasts some of the best academic theatre facilities and technology in the country.

12. The Sigmund and Claire Weis Center for the Performing Arts. Professional and campus music, dance and theatre events as well as lectures, convocations and other functions are held in the 1,200-seat Weis Center, an architecturally striking and acoustically exceptional performance hall.

13. The Sigfried Weis Music Building. Completed in 2000, the Music Building houses the Department of Music’s Natalie Davis Rooke Recital Hall, classrooms, music library, practice rooms, student lounge, and music faculty studios, allowing students exceptional opportunities to pursue their musical interests.

14. McDonnell Amphitheatre. Located behind the McDonnell Residence Hall, the amphitheatre is an outdoor space available for performances and arts events.

15. Rooke Chapel. Designed in Georgian colonial style, Rooke Chapel is the setting for campus worship, weddings, and celebrations. The Christmas Candlelight Service is an annual highlight. The chapel’s Reuter organ, one of the largest in central Pennsylvania, fulfills the functions of both a church organ and a concert instrument, capable of authentically reproducing the music of any period.

16. Art Barn. Located across Route 15, this cow barn on the west campus provides more than 10,000 square feet of painting, printmaking and sculpture studio space for the Department of Art and Art History.

A Walking Tour of the Arts at Bucknell University
Welcome to Bucknell University!
The Arts are flourishing at Bucknell, and we invite you to enjoy our beautiful campus and community by taking a walking tour of some of our arts facilities and programs. Follow along the campus map to discover Arts. Everywhere.