

BSC
Orientation



**BIRMINGHAM
ESSENTIALS**





BSC TERMS 101

THE ATRIUM

The area on the first floor of Norton before getting to the cafeteria. It is where tables are set up for check-ins and events.

ART ANNEX

An art building where graphic design and 2D classes are generally held.

RES QUAD

The open area that all of the dorm buildings surround.

ACADEMIC QUAD

The area that all of the academic buildings surround where the Bell Tower is located.

NORTON

The building that has the Post Office, the Bookstore, the Caf, the Atrium, Norton 2nd Floor, and Bruno Great Hall.

SECOND FLOOR OF NORTON

Norton Theater and Student development are located on this floor.

BRUNO GREAT HALL

The third floor of Norton. A ballroom space where big events are held.

"ROCKSTAR" PARKING

Parking spots located in the circle around the residence halls. Ask your OL about this.

CAMPUS CAT

One of the many campus cats that hang around campus.

THE ROW

The row of fraternity houses at the front of the school.



COMMON HOUR

One hour block of time on Tuesdays and Thursdays where no classes occur. Students use this time to meet with organizations and attend lecture and arts credits.

NORTON CIRCLE

The circular unloading area in front of Norton's second floor entrance.

INTRAMURAL FIELD

The field across the lake and near the Ecoscape.

ECOSCAPE

A garden-like area that was a dumping ground and has been repurposed. It contains an herb garden, a pavilion, a treehouse, and more.

THE AMPHITHEATER

The stage and step in front of the Hill music building.

THE UNDERGROUND

The black box theater in the College Theatre.

MAIN STAGE

The main auditorium-like theater in the College Theatre.

GINGKO GO

Link under MyBSC that shows number of Panther Bucks and culture credits.

KRULAK INSTITUTE

Center for internships, study abroad, and service-learning.

CULTURE CREDITS

Lecture and Arts Credit. Prior to graduation, you are required to attend 24 Explorations Lectures and Arts events held on campus, an average of 6 per year. Transfer students must attend three per semester you attend BSC.

CULLEN

Cullen Daniel Hall

MAGGIE

Maggie Daniel Hall

NORTH

Bill and Lyndra Hall

OL

Orientation Leader

RA

Resident Advisor

THE ATTIC

Restaurant above C-Store

THE LIB

Library

THE CAF

Cafeteria

C-STORE

The Cellar





FUN THINGS IN BHAM

PEPPER PLACE FARMERS MARKET

On Saturday mornings during the warm months, there is a large farmers market downtown. Birmingham officials block off the district for the vendors, and there are a lot of different vendors selling food, flowers, artwork, and vegetables with good music!

BIRMINGHAM BARONS BASEBALL GAME

The Birmingham Barons are a Minor League Baseball team based in Birmingham, Alabama. While the games themselves are exciting to watch, the Barons' stadium is located in the heart of downtown, and the typical ballpark food has been replaced with local restaurants' best menu items. At the end of every game, the Barons put on a spectacular firework show! Our student programming board, Quest II, often gives BSC students free tickets.

BIRMINGHAM ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Birmingham is fortunate to have its own zoo, housing nearly 1,000 animals! A few of the more famous animals include sea lions and rhinos. The Birmingham Zoo has pledged to help save endangered species from six continents. Some BSC organizations even volunteer at the zoo periodically. The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham are an incredible place to relax, go on a walk, and photograph beautiful plant life. The entire garden is over 67 acres, so there are always new areas to explore!

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART

The BMA has one of the finest collections of art in the entire Southeast. Whether it is a world-renowned painting or local sculptures, the works of art at the BMA are fantastic. It is free admission, but you can donate to the museum if you would like to support your local art museum. Stop by to check out their newest exhibition, "Expanding Darshan"!

MCWANE SCIENCE CENTER

McWane Science Center goes beyond being a children's museum. It's a place to rediscover your inner child while exploring hands-on exhibits from nail beds to stingrays. At \$15 a person, it's a great way to get off campus and have fun while getting to know your new hallmates!





THE VULCAN

The Vulcan statue is the symbol of Birmingham, and it reflects our history involving the iron and steel industry. The statue itself is the largest cast-iron statue in the world, and you can even take an elevator or stairs up to the top to have a perfect view of Birmingham! At night, the Vulcan is lit up with a variety of colors to further highlight the nickname of Birmingham--the Magic City!

CONCERTS

There are a lot of concert venues in Birmingham. They range from small concerts at places like Tin Roof, medium concerts at Workplay and Iron City, to large concerts at the BJCC. There are even places for outside concerts like the Oak Mountain Amphitheater. Recently, Birmingham has hosted major names like Billie Eilish to smaller bands like Phoebe Bridgers and Mt. Joy.

CIVIL AXE THROWING

Civil Axe Throwing is a unique experience in the Avondale district where people learn to throw and compete in axe throwing competitions. You are instructed by a Team Leader on the proper mechanics and then free to safely compete against your party!

TOPGOLF

Imagine a mixture between golf and bowling! Topgolf is less than two miles away from campus, and it's a super fun place to hang out with a group off-campus. Topgolf has a weekly college night: It's a \$15 cover charge, which includes your golfing games, food, and drink. If you're not into golf, you can still go for trivia nights and amazing food.



RAILROAD PARK

Railroad Park is a 19-acre open park in downtown Birmingham. It celebrates the industrial and artistic heritage of the Magic City, and it is a great space to hang out with friends. You can take your enos and relax on the posts, or you can bring a blanket and have a picnic with your friends.

SHOPPING

The Summit is an incredible outdoor outlet that has both corporal and local stores to shop. In addition to the incredible shopping, the Summit also has a movie theater and amazing restaurants, such as Taco Mama, the Cheesecake Factory, and Urban Cookhouse. It is the best outlet to spend an entire Saturday with your friends: shopping, watching a movie, and dining out.

HIKING

There are so many fun places to hike in Birmingham: Moss Rock, Red Mountain Park, Ruffner Mountain, and Turkey Creek. Most of these places are free to hike, but you can leave a donation if you would like to support your local trails and conservation efforts. Also, you can check out the individual locations and see what additional experiences they offer.

RUNNING TRAILS

The Lakeshore and Jemison running trails are about ten minutes from campus, and they both offer water fountains on the trail and beautiful scenery. The Jemison running trail runs through a botanical garden while the Lakeshore trail runs through the Homewood Shades Creek Greenery.



BEST IN BIRMINGHAM



COFFEE SHOPS

Caveat, O' Henry's, Seeds, Red Cat, Revelator, Filter

BREAKFAST / BRUNCH

Homewood Bagel, The Essential, Big Bad Breakfast, First Watch, Roots and Revelry, Original House of Pancakes, Alabama Biscuit Co.

BIRMINGHAM CLASSICS

Jack Brown's, Paramount, Yo' Mama's, Niki's West, Hattie B's, Post Office Pies, Taco Mama, Urban Cookhouse, Eugene's

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

Taj India, Blue Pacific, Red Pearl, Giuseppe's, Okinawa, Red Sea, Eli's Jerusalem Grill, Chez Fon Fon, Iguana Grill

FRESH OPTIONS

Greenhouse, Real and Rosemary, City Bowls, Kale Me Crazy, Chopt, Farm Bowl + Juice Co.

DESSERTS

Big Spoon Creamery, Jawanda's Sweet Potato Pie, Cookie Dough Magic, Steel City Pops, Hero Doughnuts, Continental Bakery



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