The Campus

Albright College is located in a residential section of Reading, Pa., on a 118-acre campus at the foot of Mt. Penn. Reading is a city of 80,000 in a metropolitan area of 250,000. Albright is one hour from Philadelphia and the Pocono mountain ski resorts, two hours from Baltimore and three hours from New York City and Washington, D.C.

Albright's location provides the perfect balance between the excitement of the city of Reading, with its numerous cultural opportunities, professional athletic teams and renowned outlet stores, and the recreational and sporting opportunities of southeastern Pennsylvania.

Facilities

**Residence Halls**

- Albright Court, Krause Hall, Smith Hall
- Albright Woods Apartments
- Albright Woods, Smith and Walton Halls - The First Year Experience
- Albright Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- Administration

**Athletic Facilities**

- Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel
- Center for the Arts
- V. Lester and Maryann Pushman Cottage
- Sylvan Chapel
- Campus Center
- Albright Learning Center
- Multi-Faith Center
- Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being
- The Bollman Center
- Scholl LifeSports Center
- Max Mohn Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- The First Year Experience
- Mohn Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- The Bollman Center
- Scholl LifeSports Center
- Max Mohn Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- The First Year Experience
- Mohn Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- The Bollman Center
- Scholl LifeSports Center
- Max Mohn Hall Honors Housing
- North Hall Suites
- The First Year Experience
• Joseph E. Gable Health Center
  Counseling and Personal Growth Center
• Office of Public Safety
• Office of College Relations
• Center for Computing and Mathematics

Academic Facilities

• Harry V. Masters Hall
• Alumni Memorial Hall
• The Science Center / Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science
• Selwyn Hall
• Teel Hall
• Center for Experiential Learning
General Facilities

F. Wilbur Gingrich Library

The Gingrich Library provides information, instruction and other services for the College community's teaching and research needs. Our collection provides the foundation for research and study on all disciplines taught at the College. The reference and general collections of more than 250,000 books, periodicals, microforms and audiovisual materials support both the curriculum and general interests.

Digital resources include an electronic book collection and databases from major database vendors, including EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, Pro-Quest, Lexis-Nexis and WilsonWeb. These sources connect to more than 100 different book, journal and newspaper databases and provide access to tens of thousands of online, full-text journals.


All students have complete access to the Gingrich Library catalog, electronic books, and all of its electronic databases from on-campus, in the residence hall or off-campus. Students can request, free of charge, almost any book or article through our interlibrary loan system. Librarians are always ready to answer questions and help students find materials-in person, by e-mail or by phone. Student reference assistance is available 24/7 through the College’s participation in the AskHerePA services.

The Audiovisual/Educational Technology Department lends audiovisual equipment and maintains a computer-training laboratory in the library.

The Holocaust Library and Resource Center collects Holocaust-related materials in various formats. The Special Collections Department includes rare and important local and historical materials as well as the College Archives, which preserves the institutional memory. The Curriculum Library and the Children's Book Collection support the College's education programs.

The Library/Administration building was constructed in 1963 with a major addition in 1975. It can accommodate up to 300 library researchers at tables, individual study carrels and casual seating. In addition to a wireless network, the library maintains group study rooms. The lobby area provides access to additional tables, chairs, vending machines and Internet ports.

The Gingrich Library is a member of Lyrasis, OCLC, Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania (ACLCP), Pennsylvania Academic Library and Research
Consortium, Inc (PALCI), the AccessPA interlibrary loan network, Libraries Very Interested in Sharing (LVIS) and AskHerePA, a 24/7 reference service. As a member of ACLCP, a consortium of more than 20 college and research libraries, the library can provide reciprocal borrowing and direct access to their millions of volumes.

The Gingrich Library is an integral part of the academic experience. The staff gives highest priority to assisting students in their use of information and the library.

Administration Building

The basement and first floor of the shared library and administration building contain College administrative offices, library offices, the Writing Center, academic support offices, a classroom, and the College radio station, WXAC.

Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel

The chapel auditorium seats 925 for religious and cultural programs. Faculty offices and classrooms occupy the ground floor.

Center for the Arts

This facility provides modern spaces for instruction and exhibition of the arts; classrooms; studios; and offices for the performing arts and the music, art and theatre departments. The building features the Freedman Art Gallery, Roop Recital Hall and Wachovia Theatre. The structure itself is a work of art. The building, outdoor sculpture, plaza, and landscape are a fusion of architecture, art, and interior and exterior spaces. The plaza is a fine resource for outdoor student activities.

V. Lester and Maryann Pushman Cottage

This white stucco farmhouse house, which dates back to 1800, is home to the Alumni Relations Office.

Sylvan Chapel

Once a springhouse, this small chapel is open for personal meditation and small devotional groups. This chapel is furnished with a rustic pulpit and 12 benches from the Jacob Albright Memorial Church in Kleinfeltersville, Pa.

Campus Center

This hub of student activity contains the campus center dining hall, student lounges, bookstore, snack and coffee bars, bowling lanes and recreation areas.

Albright Learning Center

The Albright Early Learning Center, located on Kutztown Road about a mile from the College, provides infant and toddler care, preschool programs, and a full-day kindergarten. The Albright Early Learning Center serves as a training
center for Albright College students in the education program and related fields. Academic departments also use the center for early field experiences, student teaching opportunities, class projects and research studies. It is open year-round.

Multi-Faith Center

1811 Linden Street

Joseph E. Gable Health Center / Counseling and Personal Growth Center

1829 Linden Street

Office of Public Safety

1311 College Avenue

College Relations and Marketing Office

College Relations and Marketing is located at the corner of 12th and Bern Streets in the Camp Building.

Center for Computing and Mathematics

The Center for Computing and Mathematics (CCM) houses Information Technology Services, the Computer Science and Mathematics departments, and classrooms, offices and computer labs. CCM has 68 general-use lab computers and is open for student use 100 hours a week. The computers include Dell desk-top units, running Windows XP with Microsoft Office 2007, Dual Booting Apple iMac units, running both Mac OS X and Windows XP, and Sun Microsystems ULTRA 10 units. All have Internet and printing capabilities, as well as software packages for use in different departments. Additional computer labs/classrooms are located in all of the other academic buildings. Macintosh computers, running OS X can be found in the computer labs located in Alumni Hall.

Information Technology Services provides each student with a network and e-mail account. Albright's Help Desk, located on the second floor of the CCM building, is the point of contact for all network and telecommunication issues.

Academic Facilities

Harry V. Masters Hall

Named in honor of a former Albright president, this building houses academic departments, offices and classrooms; the Johnson Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; the Luther and Erika Brossman Language Laboratory; and the John Boal Douds and Edith Brown Douds Humanities Common Room. This building is served by an elevator.

Alumni Memorial Hall
This hall contains classrooms, offices, computer labs and the English as a Second Language Center.

**The Science Center / Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science**

Historic Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science houses the Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry, and Physics Departments and includes labs, classrooms and lecture halls. In late 2007 the College began construction on its new Science Center, which includes a 42,000-square-foot new addition as well as complete renovation of the existing space and improved handicapped access.

**Selwyn Hall**

This facility houses the Admission Office, Financial Aid Office, Dean of Students' Office, Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs Office, Career Development Center, Accelerated Degree Programs Office, the Center for Community Leadership and faculty offices. A comfortable lounge in the basement, the "Pine Room," serves as on-campus headquarters for Albright's commuter students.

**Teel Hall**

This building houses faculty offices, classrooms, and research and computer labs. The Charles E. Kachel Chapel is on the main floor. An elevator serves this building.

**Center for Experiential Learning and Research (CELAR)**

Located at 1807 Linden Street, the Center for Experiential Learning and Research (CELAR) houses experiential learning programs including the Study Abroad / Study Off-Campus Program, Undergraduate Research Program and the Honors Program. The CELAR offers students a computer lab, a resource library, a study room and comfortable space to meet with other students or faculty to work on research or relax.

[top of page]

**Residence Halls**

All first-year and second-year, full-time students are required to live in campus housing. Coed and single-sex housing is available. First-year students, assuming availability, may reside in the same residences as upper-class students. Albright also has three coed "First-Year Experience" residence halls – Crowell, Smith and Walton Halls.

There are six traditional residence halls. Albright Court, Mohn, Krause, Crowell, Smith and Walton Halls all offer coed living. Mohn and Walton Halls also have all female floors. Mohn Hall is also the academic honors residence hall, provides break housing accommodations for international students, and is available to students of all class years.
There are two residence hall facilities designated as “special interest housing” – North Hall suites and Albright Woods apartments. The apartments are intended mainly for juniors and seniors (though some sophomores may be approved for apartment living), and the suites are intended mainly for sophomores and juniors. Returning students must apply to live in these residence halls during housing selection each spring, and undergo a highly selective point system analysis (based on class year, # of semesters lived on campus, academic record and conduct record) in order to gain approval.

All residence halls and rooms are smoke-free and all rooms have air conditioning.

**Crowell Hall, Smith and Walton Halls - The First Year Experience**

Crowell, Smith (beginning fall ’09) and Walton Halls are a special living community for first-year students that provide an atmosphere to help students meet personal and academic needs. Special programs encourage faculty/student interaction and provide individual academic attention. Crowell, Smith and Walton Halls are also substance-free residence halls. Smoking is not permitted in any residence hall and illegal drugs are prohibited. First-year students are assumed to be under the age of 21 and are not allowed alcohol in any of these residence halls. All students residing in these residence halls must sign a “Substance Free Agreement.”

Selected upper-class students, resident assistants (RAs), live in Crowell, Smith and Walton Halls and serve as mentors offering information and support. Hall activities, discussions, dinners and trips to local attractions contribute to a dynamic living experience.

Students in Albright's Alpha Program for undecided majors living in Crowell, Smith, and Walton Halls may investigate academic interests through interdisciplinary discussions with faculty and Alpha advisers.

The first-year experience in these three residence halls is intended to assist students with their transitions to college, campus living, roommate concerns, homesickness, and other first-year student adjustments.

**Albright Court and Krause Hall**

These two residence halls are traditional-style and coeducational (with an all male floor in Krause Hall). Both Albright Court and Krause Hall are mainly designated for sophomores, juniors and seniors, but freshmen may be assigned to either residence hall based on availability.

**Mohn Hall Honors Housing**

Students who are invited into the honors program and/or are scholar award recipients have a unique living option in Mohn Hall, a residence designated for all honors students. Beginning fall ’09, this residence hall will also accommodate break housing for international students. Resident assistants (RAs), located on each floor, act as resources and sponsor some programming geared toward academic excellence. RAs will also look for ways to integrate academics and cultures by engaging residents in mentor initiatives and
other programming efforts. Mohn Hall offers computer rooms on each floor and includes a social lounge, an individual study lounge and a group study lounge. There are also two additional ground floor common areas unique to this residence hall: one with a kitchen and dining area and the other with an additional social lounge. Upper-class honors students receive preference in this residence hall, but limited spaces are held for new students interested in this option.

**North Hall Suites**

The North Hall suites house upper-class students and also provide break housing accommodations for international students. Each suite houses 12-14 residents in double occupancy rooms, who each share a recently renovated and furnished lounge with combination lock, and a restroom area (3 showers, 3 toilets, 3 sinks) with washer/dryer unit. RAs are housed in four of the 14 suites.

**Albright Woods Apartments**

The Albright Woods apartments house upper-class students. Each apartment houses four students with two double occupancy rooms. Each apartment consists of a bathroom, living room area, storage closet, and a full kitchen complete with a refrigerator, oven and dishwasher. Each apartment is also fully furnished with standard campus furniture. All apartments either have a balcony or porch. Albright Woods is the only residence on campus where students may bring a microwave, toaster, and grills without propane tanks. RAs are housed in four of the 39 apartments.

---

**Athletic Facilities**

**The Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being**

The Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being includes a two-story atrium, cardiovascular fitness room, weight room, group fitness room, conference space, offices and a café. The center offers many options and programs for fitness, health and wellness.

**The Bollman Center**

Adjoining the Schumo Center, the Bollman Center encompasses the gymnasium, Athletics offices, the Red and White Room and locker rooms. The gymnasium has a floor area large enough to accommodate three basketball courts or three volleyball courts. Facilities are available for intercollegiate teams, intramural and club sports, and recreational activities.

**Scholl LifeSports Center**
In the fieldhouse, floor plans provide for either four basketball or four tennis courts separated by netted curtains; a four-lane running oval one tenth of a mile in length with a 60-yard straightaway; pit areas for pole vault and broad jump; apparatus for badminton and volleyball; and provisions for indoor practice for all varsity sports.

The lower level of the two-story structure contains facilities for exercise and therapy, two 30-locker team rooms, men's staff locker room and racquet/handball courts. The corresponding upper level includes two additional team rooms, women's staff locker room, a mechanical equipment room and a multi-use conference room. This building is served by an elevator for the disabled.

**Natatorium**

This is a state-of-the-art, 25-yard, six-lane pool. Accessible to the disabled, it provides indoor facilities for instruction and recreation in aquatics such as swimming and water safety. The building includes two classrooms and an outdoor patio/sun deck.

**Gene L. Shirk Stadium**

Completely rebuilt in 2005, the stadium offers facilities for football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. The home stands on the west side of the field have a seating capacity of approximately 3,000; total seating capacity is 5,000.

**Charles S. Kelchner Field**

The field has an area of five-and-one-half acres for baseball, field hockey and intramurals.

**Tennis Courts**

Six tennis courts are located near the residence halls along North 13th Street.

**Soccer and Softball Fields**

Located in front of North Hall.

**Football Practice and Intramurals Field**

Located west of the stadium.