Originally the Wabash library, Detchon Center is now the site of classrooms, language laboratories, and the academic departments of the Classics, Latin, Greek, and Modern Languages. The International Hall is a gathering spot for speakers and students alike.

Hays Science Hall houses the biology and chemistry departments and the Global Health Initiative. It includes flexible lecture, research and lab spaces, and infrastructure to support leading-edge science programs. Together with the renovated Goodrich Hall, the facilities put Wabash students at the center of the hands-on revolution in scientific education and understanding.

The most colorful spot on the Wabash campus is the Senior Bench. Dedicated in 1905 as the Thompson Bench, this landmark remains the exclusive property of the Senior Class. Fraternities compete to paint the bench in their house colors overnight throughout the academic year, while special events such as Homecoming and Commencement prompt the Sphinx Club to cover the Bench in Wabash scarlet.

The Fine Arts Center is home to the academic departments of music, speech, theater, and art. It houses two exhibition galleries and numerous studios for painting, ceramics, photography, and digital video. Ball Theater and Salter Concert Hall are used for student performances, as well as productions by visiting artists.

Baxter Hall, the academic home of the Social Sciences Division, is where Wabash men study economics, history, political science, and psychology. Made possible through gifts from the Baxter Foundation and other friends of Wabash, the building was constructed in 1964. Lovell Lecture Hall is a popular speaking venue for guest lecturers.

Pioneer Chapel is the focal point of campus life. Built in 1928 as a memorial to the pioneers of Indiana, the Chapel remains the place where members of the Wabash community gather for various activities including Chapel Talk, a weekly tradition of public speeches by faculty and other distinguished guests invited by the Sphinx Club.

The Arch is at the center of one of the College’s long-standing traditions. No student walks under it—legend has it that any student who does will not graduate—until receiving his diploma. As a result, the graduating class at Commencement concludes the ceremony by walking under the Arch together, celebrating and appreciating the traditions Wabash men hold dear.

The Frank Hugh Sparks Center has served as the Wabash student union since 1954. It has rooms for group meetings, and its Great Hall serves as the main dining hall for independent students. The lower floor houses the bookstore, the Scarlet Inn snack bar, campus catering services, and the campus mailroom. In the southeast corner patio sits Wally’s, a new pub-style restaurant and casual gathering space.

Founded in 1970, the Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies provides cultural, educational, and social programs designed to help its members develop leadership skills. The institute maintains an African-American studies library and contains classroom, study, and recreational spaces. The MXI’s membership and participation in its various programs is open to all Wabash students.

Built in 1959 and expanded in 1991, Lilly Library has a collection of more than 227,000 books and periodicals, to go with microforms, an educational technology center, a game lab, and computer centers. It’s also home to the 1832 Brew Espresso Bar, which offers a full espresso bar and snack and drink menu.