

KCAI Recommendations

We invite you to explore Kansas City's vibrant community with a list of our favorite restaurants, galleries, museums and other great gems!

Vegan Options = V | Vegetarian Options = VG | Gluten Free Options = GF

KCAI CAMPUS AREA

Galleries & Museums

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| H&R Block Artspace | | 16 E 43rd | 816-561-5563 | KCAI owned gallery, BFA exhibition (Wed-Sat) | Free |
| Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art | | 4420 Warwick Blvd | 816-561-3737 | Modern and contemporary collection (closed Mondays) | Free |
| National Toy & Miniature Museum | | 5234 Oak St | 816-333-9328 | Largest collection of antique toys & miniatures | \$ |
| The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art | | 4525 Oak St | 816-561-4000 | World-class encyclopedic museum (closed Tues) | Free |

Restaurants

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| Café Sebastienne | | Inside Kemper Museum | 816-561-7740 | Contemporary art and cuisine | \$\$ |
| Thou Mayest Coffee Roasters | | Inside Nelson-Atkins | (816) 844-7829 | Contemporary art and coffee | \$\$ |
| Ragazza | | 4301 Main St | (816) 960-4744 | Neighborhood Italian restaurant and wine bar | \$\$ |
| Rozzelle Court Restaurant | | Inside Nelson-Atkins | 816-751-1299 | Dine in a 15th century Italian courtyard | \$\$ |
| Winstead's | | 101 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd | 816-753-2244 | Steakburgers & shakes since 1940 | \$ |

COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA www.countryclubplaza.com

6 blocks west of campus. Oldest outdoor shopping mall in the country.

Restaurants

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| Bo Lings | V | 4701 Jefferson St | 816-753-1718 | Chinese please! | \$\$ |
| Cheesecake Factory | | 4701 Wyandotte St | (816) 960-1919 | American cheesecake restaurant | \$\$ |
| Chuy's (Tex-Mex) | | 209 W 46th Terrace | (816) 931-2783 | Chain Tex-Mex restaurant | \$\$ |
| Crows Coffee | | 304 E 51st St | 816-820-7502 | Artisan coffee | \$ |
| Eggtc. | V VG | 5107 Main St | 816-561-0116 | Great breakfast food, open early | \$\$ |
| Minsky's Pizza | VG GF | 5105 Main St | 816-561-5100 | Pizza, sandwiches, and calzones | \$\$ |
| Mission Taco | | 5060 Main St | (816) 326-2706 | Taco joint | \$ |
| Pizza 51 | VG | 5060 Oak St | 816-531-1151 | Giant slices with fresh ingredients | \$\$ |
| SPIN! Pizza | GF VG | 4950 Main St | 816-561-7746 | Neapolitan pizza | \$\$ |
| The Mixx | V VG | 4855 Main St | 816-756-2300 | Healthy lunch option | \$\$ |
| Rye Plaza | | 4646 Mill Creek Pkwy | 816-541-3381 | American comfort cuisine | \$\$ |

Shopping

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|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|--------|
| HMK | | 4710 Broadway St | 816-931-4555 | Hallmark founded in 1910 | \$\$ |
| Made in KC | | 306 W 47th St | (816) 718-0806 | Clothing, apparel, art, food and drink! | \$\$ |
| Renner's Fine Boots & Shoes | | 4632 Wyandotte St | 816-561-0740 | Selling and repairing boots since 1927 | \$\$\$ |

WESTPORT www.westportkc.com

Less than a mile northwest of campus.

Restaurants

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|---------------------------|----|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------|
| Beer Kitchen | V | 425 Westport Rd | 816-389-4180 | Honest food & carefully selected beer | \$\$ |
| Broadway Café | V | 4106 Broadway St | 816-531-2432 | Kansas City Roasting Company | \$ |
| Char Bar | | 4050 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-389-8600 | Smoked meats, BBQ & vegetarian options | \$\$\$ |
| Cupini's | | 1809 Westport Rd | 816-753-7662 | Italian in laid back setting | \$\$ |
| Donutology | GF | 1009 Westport Rd | 913-828-4177 | Traditional & inventive doughnuts | \$\$ |
| Filling Station | | 1010 Westport Rd | 816-960-6448 | Local coffee garage & sandwiches | \$ |
| Green Room Burgers & Beer | VG | 4010 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-216-7682 | Relaxed atmosphere with tabletop games | \$ |
| Jerusalem Café | VG | 515 Westport Rd | 816-756-2770 | Middle Eastern cuisine | \$\$ |
| Kobi Q | VG | 425 Westport Rd | 816-702-8844 | Koren BBQ staples and inventive sushi | \$\$ |
| Moti Mahal II | | 4113 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-931-7775 | Cuisine of India | \$\$\$ |

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| Rudy's Tenampa Taqueria | | 1611 Westport Rd | 816-931-9700 | Traditional Mexican food & seafood | \$\$ |
| Shio Ramen Shop | | 3605 Broadway Blvd | 816-541-3215 | Cozy ramen with housemade noodles | \$\$ |
| Gocha 2 | V | 4111 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-531-9600 | Best loose leaf and bubble teas | \$ |
| Westport Café | | 419 Westport Rd | 816-931-4740 | Paris-style bistro, late-night kitchen | \$\$\$ |
| Westport Flea Market | | 817 Westport Rd | 816-931-1986 | Featured on Food Network. (cash only) | \$\$ |
| Atomic Cowboy | VG | 4144 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-800-7816 | Denver Busicut Co., Fat Sully's, Frozen Gold | \$\$ |
| Shopping | | | | | |
| Arizona Trading Company | | 209 Westport Rd | 816-960-0200 | Trendy vintage clothing | \$ |
| Boomerang | | 3900 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-531-6111 | Vintage decade thrift | \$\$ |
| Bunker | | 4056 Broadway | 816-561-7407 | Hipster shop selling top brands | \$\$\$ |
| Mid Coast Modern | | 314 Westport Rd | 816-599-4574 | Fun gifts cards and interior decor | \$ |
| Mills Record Company | | 4045 Broadway Blvd | 816-960-3775 | Local record company | \$ |
| Normal Human | | 827 Westport Road | 816-326-8067 | Local screenprinted wears & wares (open Fri-Sat) | \$\$ |
| Pryde's Old Westport | | 115 Westport Rd | 816-531-5588 | Kitchen supplies | \$\$ |
| Records with Merritt | | 1614 Westport Rd | 816-585-7366 | Local record store | \$\$ |
| Reset KC | | 8 Westport Rd | 816-299-9941 | Vintage shirts & cool kicks | \$\$\$\$ |
| Wonderland Vintage | | 309 Westport Rd | 816-674-9645 | Hybrid hair salon and vintage store | \$\$ |

WEST 39TH STREET DISTRICT www.39thstreetwestkc.com

1.5 miles from campus.

Restaurants

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------|---|--------|
| Aladdin Café | VG | 3903 Wyoming St | 816-531-5982 | Mediterranean & Greek cuisine | \$\$ |
| Fric & Frac | | 1700 W 39th St | 816-753-6102 | Best Philly sandwich | \$\$ |
| Friends Sushi & Bento Place | | 1808 W 39th St | 816-753-6666 | Fresh Japanese cuisine | \$\$ |
| Genghis Khan | | 3906 Bell St | 816-753-3600 | Cozy, casual Mongolian grill | \$\$ |
| Jazz | | 1823 W 39th St | 816-531-5556 | Louisiana kitchen | \$\$ |
| Meshuggah Bagels | | 1208 W 39th St | 816-330-6016 | Authentic handmade, boiled bagels | \$\$ |
| Miami Ice | | 1624 W 39th St | 816-561-5600 | Ice cream and frozen yogurt | \$ |
| Room 39 | | 1719 W 39th St | 816-753-3939 | Local gourmet, breakfast lunch and dinner | \$\$\$ |
| Tiki Taco | | 1710 W 39th St | 816-489-3686 | Local taco shop | \$ |

Shopping

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|--------------------|--|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Donna's Dress Shop | | 1410 W 39th St | 816-931-0022 | Locally designed fashion | \$\$\$ |
| Prospero's Books | | 1800 W 39th St | 816-531-9673 | Charming second-hand bookstore | \$\$ |

THE BOULEVARD

3 miles northwest of campus. Vibrant local Hispanic neighborhood.

Restaurants

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| Boulevard Brewing Company | | 2501 Southwest Blvd | (816) 474-7095 | Tasting room and beer bites | \$ |
| Empanada Madness | | 906 Southwest Blvd | 816-503-6931 | Great service with a home style touch | \$\$ |
| La Bodega | | 703 Southwest Blvd | 816-472-8272 | Tapas and lounge | \$\$ |
| Ponak's | | 2856 Southwest Blvd | 816-753-0775 | No-frills Mexican specialties | \$\$ |
| Rico's Tacos Lupe | | 802 Southwest Blvd | 816-472-0738 | Inexpensive, delicious street tacos | \$ |
| Taqueria Mexico | | 910 Southwest Blvd | 816-221-1399 | Low key traditional Mexican fare | \$\$ |
| The Roasterie | | 1204 W 27th St | 816-931-4000 | Specialty producer of coffee & tea | \$ |
| Tropicana | | 830 Southwest Blvd | 816-221-0192 | Ice cream, desserts, and fruit | \$ |

Entertainment

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|---|--|------------------|----------------|---------------|------|
| Boulevard Brewing Tours and Recreation Center | | 2534 Madison Ave | (816) 701-7247 | Brewery Tours | Free |
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CROSSROADS ART DISTRICT www.kccrossroads.org

4.5 miles north of campus. Eclectic boutiques, one-of-a-kind restaurants, artist studios, and galleries.

| Restaurants | | | | | |
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| Anton's | | 1610 Main St | 816-888-8800 | Sustainably focused American tavern | \$\$\$ |
| Brewery Emperial | | 1829 Oak St | 816-945-9625 | Wood fired food and housemade beers | \$\$ |
| Café Gratitude | V VG | 333 Southwest Blvd | 816-474-5683 | Local /organic / vegan | \$\$\$ |
| Chances Social | | 419 E 18th St | 816-471-7333 | Cozy, mellow hangout | \$ |
| Grinder's | | 417 E 18th St | 816-472-5454 | Featured on Food Network | \$\$ |
| LuLu's Thai Noodle Shop | | 2030 Central St | 816-474-8424 | Neighborhood spot for 15 years | \$\$ |
| Mission Taco | | 409 E 18th St | 816-844-3707 | Taco joint | \$ |
| The Parlor | | 1707 Locust St | 816-875-4813 | Urban food court | \$\$ |
| Los Tules | | 1656 Broadway Blvd | 816-421-9229 | Bright cantina serving tacos and fajitas | \$ |
| Shopping | | | | | |
| Birdies | | 116 W 18th St | 816-842-2473 | Intimate apparel apothecary | \$\$ |
| Hammerpress | | 500 Southwest Blvd | 816-421-1929 | Letterpress & design studio | \$\$ |
| Josey Records | | 1815 McGee St | 816-283-8452 | Largest record store | \$\$ |
| Oracle Natural Science | | 115 W 18th St Suite 107 | 816-982-9550 | Natural science & taxidermy shop | \$\$ |
| Raygun | | 1803 Baltimore Ave | 816-800-0990 | The greatest store in the universe | \$\$ |
| Galleries | | | | | |
| Belger Arts Center | | 2100 Walnut St | 816-474-3250 | Gallery & Belger Art Collection (Tues-Fri) Belger Arts Annual Resident Exhibition 06/03-09/03 | Free |
| Belger Crane Yard Studios & Supplies | | 2011 Tracy Ave | 816-474-7316 | Gallery, ceramic residency studios & supplies | Free |
| Haw Contemporary | | 1600 Liberty St | 816-842-5877 | Emerging contemporary works Wilbur Niewald <i>Still Life</i> 06/30-07/30 Julie Blackmon <i>Midwest Materials</i> 10/07-12/31 | |
| Leedy-Voukos Art Center | | 2012 Baltimore Ave | 816-474-1919 | KCAI student gallery in basement | Free |
| Sherry Leedy | | 2004 Baltimore Ave | 816-221-2626 | Contemporary art gallery 3 Exhibits 06/03-08/20 Ky Anderson 09/02-10/22 | Free |
| The Bauer | | 115 W 18th St | 816-984-8535 | Artist studios and gallery space | Free |
| Entertainment | | | | | |
| Kauffman Center for Performing Arts | | 1601 Broadway | 816-994-7200 | Dual performing arts venue | \$\$\$ |

RIVER MARKET www.kcrivermarket.com

7 miles north of campus. Culturally rich area featuring the historic Farmer's Market.

| Restaurants | | | | | |
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| Blue Nile Café | | 20 E 5th St | 816-283-0990 | Simple Ethiopian cooking | \$\$ |
| Burrito Brothers | | 407 Main St | 816-842-0152 | Fresh ingredients from local market | \$ |
| City Market Coffeeshouse | | 305 Main St | 816-718-3305 | Serving specialty crafted coffee | \$ |
| Corollo's Gourmet Grocery | | 9 E 3rd St | 816-474-1860 | Italian grocery & deli | \$\$ |
| Garozzo's Ristorante | | 526 Harrison St | 816-221-2455 | Where chicken spiedini began! (Italian) | \$\$\$ |
| Habashi House | | 309 Main St | 816-421-0414 | Middle Eastern food, best falafel | \$ |
| Happy Gillis | | 549 Gillis St | 816-471-3663 | Café & hangout, seasonal menu | \$\$ |
| Il Lazzarone | | 412 Delaware St | 816-541-3695 | Authentic Neapolitan pizza, open late | \$\$ |
| Le Fou Frog | | 400 E 5th St | 816-474-6060 | French bistro with New York style | \$\$\$ |
| Opera House | | 500 Walnut St | 816-888-4858 | Coffee & food emporium | \$ |
| The Farmhouse | | 300 Delaware St | 816-569-6032 | Classically creative comfort foods | \$\$ |
| The Local Pig | | 20 E 5th St | 816-200-1639 | Pigwich food truck and butcher | \$ |
| Vietnam Café | | 522 Campbell St | 816-472-4888 | Reasonably priced Vietnamese food | \$\$ |
| Shopping | | | | | |
| Chinatown Food Market | | 202 Grand Blvd | 816-472-6363 | Snacks, collectibles, fish, & produce | \$ |
| River Market Antique Mall | | 115 W 5th St | 816-221-0220 | 30,000 square feet of antiques | \$\$ |

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| Galleries | | | | | |
| Kansas City Artists Coalition | | 201 Wyandotte St | 816-421-5222 | Promoting visual arts in KC (Wed-Sat) Lorrie Eagles 05/18-09/06 | Free |
| Kiosk Gallery | | 1600 Genessee St Suit. #133 | 816-519-7717 | Artist run space | Free |
| Trap | | 525 Gillis St | | Open 3rd Fridays | Free |

THE WESTSIDE

4 miles northwest of campus. Local charm at its finest.

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| Restaurants | | | | | |
| Blue Bird Bistro | VG | 1700 Summit St | 816-221-7559 | Organic, all-natural, sustainable | \$\$\$ |
| Chez Elle | | 1713 Summit St | 816-471-2616 | Creperie and coffee house | \$ |
| Clay and Fire | | 815 W 17 St | 816-569-5533 | Turkish coffee and Middle Eastern brunch | \$\$ |
| Los Alamos Market y Cocina | | 1667 Summit St | 816-471-0450 | Authentic Mexican restaurant | \$\$ |
| Westside Local | VG | 1663 Summit St | 816-997-9089 | Fresh, creative, local dining | \$\$\$ |

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| Galleries | | | | | |
| Mattie Rhodes Art Center | | 915 W 17th St | 816-221-2349 | Holistic approach to community arts | Free |

WEST BOTTOMS www.westbottoms.com

6 miles northwest of campus. Historical warehouse district. Artist studios and antique markets open First Fridays and Saturdays.

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| Galleries | | | | | |
| Haw / Contemporary | | 1600 Liberty St | 816-842-4415 | Local and national exhibitions | Free |
| Hobbs Building | | 1427 W 9th St | | Bi-annual open studio events | Free |
| Kiosk Gallery | | 1600 Genessee St Suite #133 | 816-519-7717 | Artist run space | Free |
| THE BLACK BOX in the West Bottoms | | 1060 Union Ave | 816-533-5565 | Local event and exhibition space | |
| Restaurants | | | | | |
| Campground | | 1531 Genessee St | 816-612-3434 | New American cuisine and crafted cocktails | \$\$\$ |
| Golden Ox | | 1600 Genessee St #110 | 816-842-2866 | Old-school chophouse | \$\$\$ |
| Voltaire | | 1617 Genessee St | 816-472-1200 | Global eatery & purveyor of libations | \$\$ |
| Blip Roasters | | 1301 Woodswether Rd | 816-514-1541 | Local coffee shop and artists space | \$ |
| Shopping | | | | | |
| Good Ju Ju | | 1420 W 13th Ter | 816-421-1930 | Voted best antique store, limited hours | \$\$ |

KANSAS CITY BBQ

Kansas City is home to the best BBQ in the world. You'll believe it after you try our favorites.

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| Arthur Bryant's | | 1727 Brooklyn Ave | 816-231-1123 | Legendary BBQ since the early 1920's | \$\$ |
| Char Bar | | 4050 Pennsylvania Ave | 816-389-8600 | Smoked meats, BBQ & vegetarian options | \$\$\$ |
| Gate's Bar-B-Q | | 3205 Main St | 816-753-0828 | Casual, open late | \$\$ |
| Jack Stack | | 4747 Wyandotte St | 816-531-7427 | Artfully crafted BBQ in the Plaza | \$\$\$ |
| Joe's Kansas City | | 3002 W 47th (KCKS) | 913-722-3366 | Inside a gas station, nationally famous | \$\$ |
| McGonigles | | 1307 W 79th St | (816) 444-4720 | Meat market and deli, BBQ | \$\$ |
| Q39 | | 1000 W 39th St | 816-225-3753 | New concept in BBQ & wood-fire grilling | \$\$\$ |

ART SUPPLIES & RESOURCES

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|------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Artist & Craftsman Supply | | 229 Southwest Blvd | 816-221-5454 | Quality art supplies since 1985 | \$ |
| Brookside Toy & Science | | 330 W 63rd St | 816-523-4501 | Science fair headquarters | \$\$ |
| Cargo Largo | | 12900 E 35th St | 816-350-6101 | Myriad of discounted items | \$\$ |
| Comfort Felt & Foam | | 3021 Cherry St | 816-531-0822 | Buy foam per pound | \$ |
| Crane Yard Clay | | 2011 Tracy Ave | 816-842-1999 | Clay and ceramic supply company | \$\$ |
| Creative Coldsnow | | 808 Westport Rd | 816-531-1213 | Local art store for over 65 years | \$ |
| Electronics Supply Co., Inc. | | 4100 Main St | 816-931-0250 | For all of your electronic needs | \$\$ |

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| Harry J. Epstein Co. | | 301 W 8th St | 816-421-4752 | Wholesale industrial hand tools | \$\$ |
| Mickey's Surplus Store | | 2601 Strong Ave | 913-831-1493 | Military surplus | \$\$ |
| Strausser True Value Hardware | | 910 Southwest Blvd | 913-236-5858 | Commercial industrial supply | \$\$ |
| Super Flea | | 6200 St John | 816-241-5049 | Delightfully offbeat flea market | \$\$ |
| Tandy Leather Factory | | 4420 S Noland Rd | 816-478-7863 | Local leather working materials & tools | \$\$ |

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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|--|--|------------------------|--------------|---|--------|
| American Jazz Museum | | 1616 East 18th Street | 816-474-8463 | Celebrating the American Jazz artform | \$10 |
| Arabia Steamboat Museum | | 400 Grand Blvd | 816-471-1856 | 1856 Steamboat treasures recovered from the Missouri River | \$\$\$ |
| Kansas City Museum | | 3218 Gladstone Blvd | 816-513-0720 | Learn about the history of KC. (open Wed-Sat) | Free |
| National World War I Museum & Memorial | | 100 W 26th Street | 816-888-8100 | Closed Mondays | \$14 |
| Negro Leagues Baseball Museum | | 1616 East 18th Street | 816-221-1920 | Learn about the rich history of African-American baseball | \$10 |
| Union Station | | 30 West Pershing Road | 816-460-2020 | Historic train station with restaurants & other attractions | Free |
| Worlds of Fun | | 4545 Worlds of Fun Ave | | Amusement park | \$\$\$ |
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