Omaha
Restaurant Guide
Top recommendations from the Admissions Team
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Hello!

We’re excited to have you on campus and in our wonderful city of Omaha. We have so much to show you, and one of our favorite things to do is explore the diverse, delicious, and numerous restaurants within a couple of miles of campus. Omaha has been ranked a top foodie city and we want to help you narrow down your choices.

Whether you’re looking for steak or sushi, we’ve got you covered. Want somewhere with a patio to enjoy a beautiful day? Looking for somewhere that is kid-friendly? Ask us to help you pick out your best options. Trust us – we love to talk to you about our favorite places to eat.

Bon appétit!

Admissions Team
OLD MARKET

Block 16
home-spun street food, sandwiches, burgers, gyros
Tour guide favorite. Check their Facebook page for the daily special, which is guaranteed to knock your socks off.

Blue Sushi Sake Grill
traditional sushi with an American attitude
Fun atmosphere, great sushi, and frequent happy hour specials.

Craft Sliders
mix and match creative sliders, including vegetarian options.
Be sure to try the fried cauliflower.

Hardy Coffee Co.
locally-roasted coffee and fresh baked goods
Sweets galore, plus savory calzones and scrumptious coffee.

Hiro88
sushi, Asian fusion cuisine & tapas
Delicious bento boxes, tuna poke, and sesame chicken.

Kitchen Table
inventive sandwiches made with fresh ingredients
Check their Facebook page for daily specials. Consistent vegetarian options.

M’s Pub
new American hub serving creative & classic items in a modern setting
M’s Pub was resurrected after a 2016 fire, much to Omaha’s relief. Reservations recommended.

Nicola’s Italian Wine & Faire
laid-back osteria featuring familiar pasta, meat, and fish dishes
Delicious, classic Italian food with a gorgeous outdoor garden-style patio.

Omaha Tap House
gourmet burgers & other elevated pub grub, plus craft beers on tap
More than a dozen burgers on the menu. Enough said.

Orsi’s
authentic Italian pizza and grocery
In business for over 100 years, stop in for pizza or pack a picnic to enjoy in a nearby park or on the road.

Plank Seafood Provisions
oyster bar & restaurant with a broad seafood menu
Great if you like oysters or not. Variety of seafood & delicious options without.

Ted & Wally’s
old-fashioned, homemade ice cream
Daily specials and unique flavor combinations. Sometimes has a long line, but well worth the wait.

The Boiler Room
American/French cuisine. Old building + new cuisine = local favorite
Showcasing both the history of the Old Market and talents of local growers, TBR is a treat on multiple levels.
Twisted Fork Bar & Grill
contemporary American food with a cowboy twist
“I love the chicken pot pie and chili relleno dishes. Also, try the white truffle risotto as a side.”

Upstream Brewing Company
local brewery featuring American varieties
Plenty of options for everyone. Try their homemade root beer!

V. Mertz
contemporary American restaurant emphasizing the use of local food
Located in the Old Market Passageway so you can’t see it from the street.
(Dinner only).

Zio’s Pizzeria
New York-style pizza, by the slice
Great lunch specials. Excellent Thai pizza and calzones.

Blatt Beer & Table
elevated bar food, on-tap craft beers, and a seasonal rooftop beer garden
Named after Rosenblatt Stadium, where College World Series was previously held.

Hook & Lime
seafood-centric, Mexican-inspired tacos, small plates and tequila
Fantastic carnitas and mahi mahi tacos.

Lighthouse Pizza & Fries
custom & specialty pies
This pizza joint serves up 9” slices and fries piled with toppings.

Pettit’s Pastry
premier supplier of fresh-baked donuts, pastries, cakes, and cookies
What may be lacking in flair is more than made up for as soon as a fresh doughnut melts in your mouth.

Rally Coffee Co.
coffees, teas, and assorted menu items
This small batch coffee classic makes their own flavorings in house. Stop by for terrific seasonal options all year round.
MIDTOWN CROSSING

Culprit Café
relaxed cafe and bakery serving artisan bread, coffee, breakfast, sandwiches & other light eats
Delicious breakfast sandwiches and a great place to study, too!

Modern Love
swanky vegan comfort foods, made with love and a modern twist
It’s a vegan restaurant, but there is something for everyone.

BLACKSTONE

Archetype Coffee
craft coffee shop with an industrial feel, emphasizes natural flavors
“Best espresso I’ve ever had. I highly recommend this spot.”

The Blackstone Meatball
industrial bar/eatery with creative meatball dishes & handmade sides
A menu that revolves around meatballs. Yes, please.

Cheeseburgers
guess what they specialize in?
Burgers – hot dogs – chicken fingers rounded off with fries and a shake or malt.

Coneflower Creamery
handmade ice cream from local ingredients
Tour guide favorite & a staple for local ice cream.

Crescent Moon Alehouse
burgers, wings, local & regional beers
Order a Reuben, just blocks from where it originated (Blackstone Hotel).

Early Bird
elevated breakfast, brunch, and cocktails 7 days a week
Get brunch every day of the week. Recommended to call ahead.

Mula
street-style Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas
Fresh, updated twist on Mexican reminiscent of tapas.
Noli’s Pizzeria
combining traditional and artisan into a New York style slice
Great authentic Italian ingredients. Get the garlic knots!

Stirnella
stylish gastropub with exposed brick & communal tables, serving elevated American & global cuisine
Menu is designed to be ordered family-style, but can be eaten separately.

The Switch Beer & Food Hall
small but unique spot worth finding
Diverse offerings from local chefs and food entrepreneurs including a NY deli, authentic Venezuelan street food and pickled fried chicken (trust us, it’s good!)

DUNDEE

Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob
snug sandwich counter serving Middle Eastern specialties
You can’t go wrong with anything from here, but make sure to get curry fries too.

Avoli Osteria
simple, thoughtful dishes indigenous to Northern Italy
Outstanding cuisine - moderate to high end. Great special date night or special occasion.

Dario’s Brasserie
European-style restaurant serving simple, hearty food with a French flavor
One of the best Sunday brunches in Omaha. Limited hours, but worth looking up.

Good Lookin’
“Best part of your day café”
Great breakfast sandwiches and homemade pastries. Breakfast, brunch and lunch on Wed – Sun.

eCreamery
ice cream, gelato, and sorbet shop
Featured on the TV Show “Shark Tank.” They do 80% of their business online!

Pitch Pizzeria
coal-fired pizza, & Italian cuisine
From pizza to pasta to brunch, you can’t go wrong with anything from Pitch. Reservations recommended.
AKSARBEN

Herbe Sainte
Cajun and Creole fare and drinks
Delicious jambalaya, étouffée, and grits. Weekend Brunch.

Inner Rail Food Hall
the place to go when no one can make up their mind on what to have.
Nine vendors ranging from authentic Nepalese street cuisine to sushi to New York pizza to bobo. Good spot for vegetarian and vegan options with both indoor and outdoor seating.

Jones Bros Cupcakes
bakery & café featuring baked treats, sandwiches, and coffee
Two-time Cupcake Wars participants (1st and 2nd place)!

Mai Thai
straightforward cuisine from Vietnam and Thailand
Home of the Original Chicken Mango.

Voodoo Taco
wicked good tacos with exotic, fresh ingredients
“Smoked Brisket Taco! To die for. If nothing is ever spicy enough, get the Habanero Lightning sauce.”

OTHER SPOTS AROUND OMAHA

Acadian Grill
Southern kitchen serving comfort food with a variety of influences Expand your palate with a blend of French and soul food.

Jacobo’s Mexican Grocery, Bakery, and Tortilleria
this deli counter serves up some of the best tamales & enchiladas around
To go orders only - no seating in the grocery store. Cash only. Be sure to get some tamales, and extra chips & salsa!

J. Gilbert’s
wood-fired steaks and seafood. Serves Midwestern raised, USDA Prime Black Angus beef cooked over an open wood-fire grill. Delivers a fine-dining meal in a down-to-earth atmosphere.

Greek Islands
you know you want to shout it. OPA! An Omaha favorite for over 30 years, this is THE place in town for Greek cuisine, including beverages and desserts.

La Casa Pizzeria
legendary pizza and pasta since 1953 Run by the third generation of Patane family members, still at the original location.
Lisa’s Radial Café  
*classic breakfast & lunch diner close to campus*  
Great place for breakfast. Open early morning to 2 pm every day. breakfast.  
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Lo Sole Mio Ristorante  
*family-run kitchen with traditional Italian plates in a low-key location*  
No reservations, so plan ahead. Roasted garlic and bread served before each meal is amazing!

Salween Thai  
*some like it hot – go for a level 5 or above.*  
A favorite of CU students for the great food at good prices and generous portions. Choose your spice level, 1-10. The Pad Thai is always a winner.

Stella’s  
*down-to-earth staple known for hand-pressed burgers served on napkins*  
Frequently listed as Omaha’s best burger.

Sweet Magnolias Bake Shop  
*made-from-scratch bakery*  
Order the scones. Baked fresh daily - and they sell out quickly so don't wait!

Taco Co  
*las recitas son de su abuela.*  
On the main street in the Benson neighborhood. Puffy shell tacos and sides that you can order family style.
OMAHA STEAKS

We frequently get asked where to go for the best steak in Omaha. Let’s start off by saying that there are essentially two types of Omaha steakhouses.

The classic steakhouses in Omaha are typically family-owned and were centered around the Stockyards, or in Little Italy, and could be categorized as Italian steakhouses.

As Omaha’s culinary scene evolved, so did the steakhouses. You will now find several new venues, especially close to campus and downtown Omaha. These steakhouses have a more formal ambiance than their older counterparts.

Ask an Omahan which is better and spark a debate. Here are some of our favorites, but know that wherever you choose, you won’t be disappointed with the taste of an Omaha steak.

801 Grill
steaks, burgers & comfort foods abound in a neighborhood atmosphere
A casual spin-off from 801 Chophouse. Dinner hours only.

801 Chophouse
sharp, white-tablecloth spot serving a menu of upscale steakhouse classics including fresh seafood
Yes, you can find an 801 Chophouse in cities other than Omaha, but only in five, so we’ve included it on the list as it is a recurring favorite in the Big O.

Brother Sebastian's Steak House & Winery*
choice cuts delivered by staff dressed as monks in cozy digs

Cascio’s Steakhouse*
storied family-owned bar & grill offering steaks, pizza & Italian fare
Old-school place that never fails to deliver. Generations of the Cascio family have kept this steakhouse a perennial favorite in Omaha. Open Wed.-Sun.

*iconic Omaha steakhouse
**The Committee (Blackstone)**
A return to the art of the chophouse
High-end, contemporary dining in historical digs. Memorable dishes combined with Blackstone district history. You’ll want to take your time and really enjoy all this place has to offer. Reservations recommended.

**The Drover***
landmark chophouse specializing in steaks marinated in whiskey then grilled to order in rustic digs
Well-known for their whiskey filet and old-school salad bar, it’s worth the short drive from campus to find The Drover. Reservations recommended.

**Gorat’s Steak House***
local fixture offering steaks, salads & sandwiches in an old-school environment
Warren Buffet’s choice for steaks in Omaha - do you need more than that? Some gluten-free options are available.

**Johnny’s Café***
1922 chophouse with a throwback feel highlighting Midwest beef, including steaks aged on-site
Local, family-run steakhouse. The décor is a treat (Not to be confused with Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse.)

**Mahogany Prime Steakhouse**
upscale chophouse chain branch presenting prime beef & seafood in a white-tablecloth dining room
Often listed as one of the top fine dining experiences in Omaha. Dinner hours only, closed Sunday. Reservations recommended.

*iconic Omaha steakhouse*
OTHER NOTABLE COFFEE HOUSES

13th Street Coffee
*espresso beverages, baked goods & gelato in an airy cafe setup featuring rotating art on the walls.*
Much like Central Perk, this hang out spot right off Old Market is a favorite. 100 percent have to try the cannolis.

Bad Seed
*relaxed coffee shop offering choice espresso drinks & pastries in a lofty space with hanging plants.*
An indoor jungle-this plant/coffee shop combo is a popular study spot for Creighton students. Make sure to try their shaken espresso and perhaps get a moss ball too.

Myrtle and Cypress
*coffee, teas, and pastries made with care for you using natural sweeteners and locally sourced ingredients.*
This homey coffee shop nestled in the Gifford Park neighborhood feels like home. With comfy couches and a large patio, you can't go wrong.

Zen Coffee
*“good vibes, great coffee, amazing community”*
Zen is a Creighton staple. There's nothing better than here with a Honey Bee Latte in hand.

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