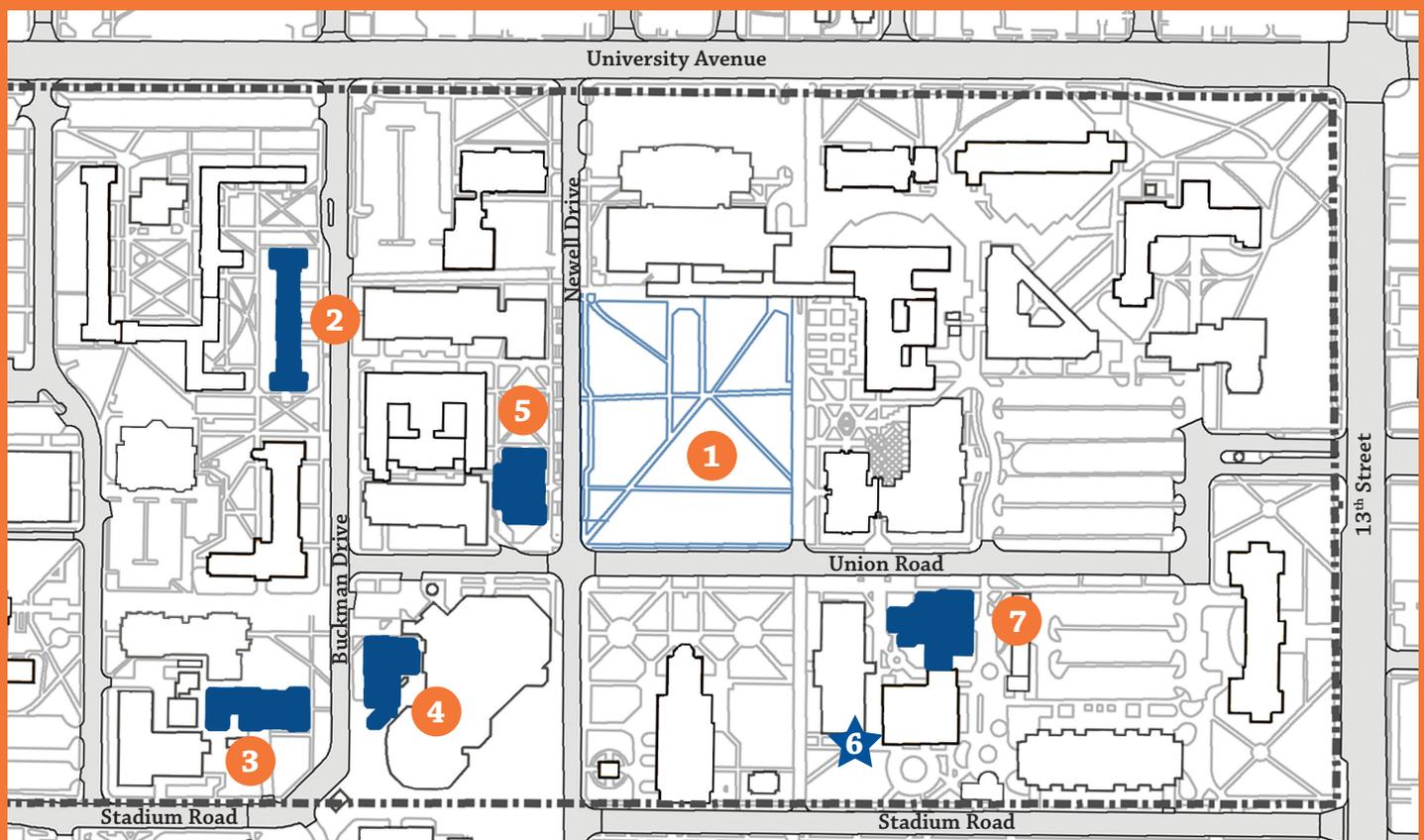


A Land Grant History Walking Tour

campus buildings tell the story of UF's land grant legacy



1. UF's campus green, named **The Plaza of the Americas** in 1931, was originally planned as the entrance to the university.
2. In 1906, campus consisted of **Buckman Hall** and Thomas Hall. They housed dormitories, dining rooms, classrooms, and administrative offices, all dedicated to fulfilling UF's land grant college mandate to provide education, research, and Extension in agriculture, engineering, and military sciences.
3. **Newell Hall**, the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1909, was renovated in '43–44 and named for entomologist Wilmon E. Newell, head of UF's agricultural units. Look for the ironwork sign over the door and the entranceway plaque of painted wood, reflecting wartime shortages during the building's renovation.
4. **Rolf's Hall**, completed in 1927, was the Horticultural Science Building and housed the Agricultural Extension Service. Don't miss the thematic ornamentation: flower plaques along the cornice line and a beehive surrounded by a wreath near the entrance. (The beehive is high up and easiest to spot from across the street in front of Newell.)
5. Cornucopia reliefs above entrances to **Griffin-Floyd Hall** reveal its history. In 1912, this building was UF's College of Agriculture. Inside, find beautiful woodwork and a small portrait gallery in the foyer.
6. **A marker commemorates old Benton Hall**, UF's College of Engineering in 1924. (The current Benton Hall on Center Drive is one of several College of Engineering buildings on today's campus.)
7. A plaque outside **Walker Hall**, 1927, reveals that it was the Mechanical Engineering Building, later named for Colonel E. S. Walker, who taught military science from 1908–1918 and civil engineering from 1920–1936.

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