# Guide for new student visit

* **For out of town/state students**:
  + Quality of life, access to outdoors (ranked 3rd best campus for outdoors activities), safe
* **On campus housing**: ERC (Engineering Residential Community), Honors college (starting in Fall’2017)
* **Department info**:
  + **Curriculum**: strong curriculum supported with large number of faculty (25, up from 8 four years ago), retention in CS 1/2 (85%), Senior design with projects from industry sponsors, MFT results (average score for all graduating students is top 20% in the nation)
  + **Internships**: Around 80% of graduating students have an internship. Show [Boise Software Ecosystem](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en_US&mid=1nNKoUeUyjujd4V6AxXOwGac6AMs) map.
  + **Location**: Show pictures of new downtown building and discuss the distance to many companies where students can intern.. Here are two good ones:
    - [City Center Plaza 1](http://cs.boisestate.edu/~amit/images/CityCenterPlaza1.jpg)
    - [City Center Plaza 2](http://cs.boisestate.edu/~amit/images/CityCenterPlaza2.jpg)
  + **Placement**: Almost 100% placement for graduates. The salary is around $72 on an average in Boise area and with range from $65k to $83k. The number of in-state students is 58% but 85% of graduates stay in the area due to abundance of jobs and quality of life. Students also go to Google, Amazon, Microsoft etc so they are competitive nationally.
  + **Tour**: Show tutoring center, labs classrooms, hangout space, Visualization lab (arrange with Steve)
* **Downtown location info**: Shuttle is available from campus, parking is available in downtown at a rates slightly higher than reserved parking on campus (but permit will work at both places), enclosed and secure bike parking for 200 bikes, city bus.
  + Walking time from new building to center of campus is 15-20 minutes
  + Biking time from new building to campus is around 10 minutes.
* **What can they do to prepare?**
  + Finish AP Calculus if possible (or in summer)
  + Take a CS class in high school (if available but it isn’t necessary)
  + Try out Blockly maze, code.org or Khan academy if you have no coding experience to get a taste of CS but emphasize that CS is much more than coding!
* **Department tour** (optional, 15-30 minutes)
  + See the [separate guide](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10XZSbAPPKmICSXfceWGbQESdcrTxfII1TSYJmVWlaJ0/edit) here.