Student Ambassador
Campus Tour Script 2015

Wood Support Services
• Provides many services that a student needs and is centrally located on campus.
  o Card Services, Registrar’s, Financial Aid, Student Employment, Housing, Center for Internships and Career Development (help with writing resume, search for internships, mock interviews, etc.), Study Abroad etc

Library
• Eastern students have access to over 400,000 volumes here, as well as the collections at all 4 CSU libraries and libraries nationwide through inter-library loan system
• Students have access to individual study rooms and group study rooms located throughout the building.
• Every semester you receive $20 (400 pages) of printing funds
  o 1st floor: Curriculum Center
    ▪ Library Café
    ▪ Academic Services Center- For no extra cost, students have unlimited access to the Math Achievement Center and the Writing Center, as well as specialized tutoring in many other subject areas.
    ▪ Advising Center- In addition to their faculty advisors, students can go to their assigned advisor for help with their four-year plan to ensure a timely graduation.
  o 2nd floor (Main Entrance to Library and only entrance): This is where you check out and return books, laptops, study room keys
  o 3rd floor: The 3rd Floor is designated for quiet study
  o 4th floor: Archives

Academic Services Center (Referred to as “The ASC”):
• Extensive, academic support services offer assistance in writing, math and all subjects at Eastern as requested.
• Mathematics Achievement Center, Writing Center, and Tutoring Center are located here. Students can get help for any math course here
  o In the Writing Center, tutors work with writers at all stages of the writing process—from thinking of an idea to final editing—for any class.
  o In Tutoring Services, tutors act as a sort of liaison between professors who teach a course and the subject material, where help is needed.
  o Other services offered by the ASC include learning styles help, time management and good study habits.

Advising Center
• Advising system at Eastern is a two-tiered system composed of faculty advisors and professional academic advisors.
• Students actively participate in their academic planning with an academic advisor, including creating a 4-year plan to ensure our students graduate on time.
• Advisors act as a first point of contact for students
Constitution
• Newest residence hall for first-year students
• Houses 250 men and women within 4-person suites in double bedrooms (at this point explain how whole suite shares a bathroom, shower, and vanity area)
• 2 bedrooms, bathroom, vanity area, central heat and AC
• Cable television access in each room of every res. hall (included in housing fees)
• Computer labs and study lounges on 2-5 floors, game room on the first floor
• Cannot have a microwave in the suite, but they are provided 24/7 throughout the building
• Wireless internet access
• All first-year students are required to be on the silver meal plan

Science Building
• 6-story building, LEED-silver certified energy efficient building, opened in 2008
  o Bioswale filtering system that collects rainwater runoff and is specifically designed to conserve and recycle water as well as simulate a riverbed
• Strengthens Eastern’s commitment to being a green campus
  o Used low-pollution products to build, minimized waste of building materials going to landfill
• First floor has a greenhouse and auditorium; higher floors have academic departments, more classrooms and laboratories
• Focus on cross-disciplinary education and brings focus to the liberal arts curriculum; will help students develop their analytical and creative thinking skills to give students a more realistic, comprehensive, global perspective needed for all 21st century careers
• Undergraduate students have access to specialized equipment and microscopes, including a protein sequencer that analyzes DNA and fingerprints
• We are a liberal arts school and as part of the requirement, students have to take two sciences, one with a lab and one without a lab. Since there are many different courses for this requirement to choose from, students do not have to take the general biology or chemistry class. One class that fulfills this requirement is Astronomy, which takes place in our planetarium on campus.
• All classrooms have state of the art technology (for example, smartboards)

Webb Hall
• *One of the main academic buildings on campus* houses numerous academic departments on 4 different floors
• Right side of building is department offices and professors offices while left side of building you find the classrooms (shaped like an L)
• 4th floor is main computer lab on campus- access to over 100 PC’s and MAC’s as well as the $20 worth of printing and scanning- student technology fee pays for this
• Microsoft Office is available to incoming Eastern students through a free download

Media Center
• (You can stand in front of Wood Services to talk about Wood and Media/Communication)
• Home to Eastern’s Communication Department and houses the TV studio and radio station, 90.1 WECS. Do not have to be a Comm major to be part of either opportunity
• Media Services allows students to rent out multi-media equipment for class projects (video cameras, tripods, etc…) Ex: Do not have to go out and buy a $300 camera
• Photography labs and dark room
• Communication is the third most popular major at Eastern, behind Business and Psychology (most popular majors, if asked)
**Sports Center**
- Eastern participates in NCAA Div III athletics, have **17 different varsity sports**, many of which are national championship winning teams
- Gymnasium seats 3,000 fans and has a state-of-the-art cushion floor
  - Also used for **intramurals** and open gym, every night until 10:00pm
- **NCAA regulation sized pool**, open to student use whenever a lifeguard is on duty and the women’s swim team is not using it for practice or a meet
- Lower level of the building there is a newly renovated cardio room, weight room, men’s and women’s locker rooms, window to rent out recreational equipment, racquetball courts, squash court and dance studio
- Liberal Arts Curriculum requires all students to take one health and wellness course, **students also have the option to take 8-week activity courses to fulfill this requirement**

**Burnap/Crandall**
- Traditional style residence halls with **open community atmosphere**
  - Recommended for students who prefer a small town feel. The design of the building allows for you to meet everyone and get involved from day one. If you’re more shy, this may be a better option
- **Cleaning staff that comes in daily** to maintain shower and bathroom facilities
- Students are each allowed to bring a personal size refrigerator but no microwaves in the bedrooms; microwaves are available 24/7 throughout each building
- Wireless internet access throughout building
- **Cable television** access in each room (included in housing fees)
- Three rooms in each of these buildings are triples (far end rooms), all rest are doubles
- Each can house up to 90 men and women
  - Crandall has two floors of women and one floor of men
  - Burnap has two floors of men and one floor of women
- Laundryview.com, can see a virtual image of your hall’s laundry room, find out if there are available washers and dryers and when your laundry is finished
- Traditional styles in South Campus are Burr and Winthrop

**Hurley**
- Main dining hall on campus for all students, generally open 7am-7pm
- **To go boxes** are a quick and easy option for when you’re in a hurry or have a late class
- Wide variety of food including locally grown produce and vegan options
- Many options are made fresh to order for you (sandwiches, omelets, etc.)
- All first-year students living on campus and upperclassmen living in suite-style housing are required to be on the silver meal plan (**unlimited dining, $125 in dining dollars** and 6 guest meals)
- Other meal plan options include 150 block, 120 block (required for Occum residents), 75 or 50 block meals

**Mead**
- Houses about 400 first-year men and women in **5 person suite-style housing** (stress that all rooms will have 5 students in them)
- Two bedrooms (one with 3 people, one with 2), bathroom, vanity area, pantry area, common living space
- Central heat and AC, cable TV in each room (included in housing fees)
- Study lounge, TV lounges, game room, laundry facilities, work-out room, wireless internet access
Student Center
- The hub of scholarly activity on campus and strengthens Eastern’s mission as a liberal arts university
- Lower level offers **workout facility** with over 60 pieces of state of the art equipment; open **generally** same hours as Student Center; no charge to students, faculty and alumni
- Unity Wing which includes Intercultural Center, Women’s Center, Pride Room and student activity space
- Student Government Association: If you want to create a club beyond the 72 we already have, you just need a few signatures from students and an advisor and SGA will give you funding
- **Campus Activity Board**: Explain what they do—discounted trips, most events on campus (concerts, comedians, hypnotists, dance parties, free movie nights)
- Upper level has the Café with two-sided fireplace and pullout stage for open mic and coffee house events, Theatre, Betty Tipton Room, multiple presentation and meeting rooms, Food Court (can use Dining Dollars here as well), general seating area with another pullout stage, and the University Bookstore which is operated by Barnes and Noble
- Wireless internet inside and outside on the patio areas

Student Center Upper Level
- In front of bookstore: It’s affiliated with Barnes and Noble, so if you happen to have a gift card, you can use it here.
- You can buy your textbooks new or used, rent them, or purchase e-textbooks
- There are also plenty of school supplies and other things students may have forgotten

New Fine Arts Center
- Opening Spring 2016
- 400 seat theatre (symphony space)
- Separate Black Box theatre
- New art gallery
- Painting studios, digital art and design studios, vocal/choir rooms, dance studios
- Meeting/performance spaces
- Houses Visual Arts, Music and Theatre Departments

Early Childhood and Family Development Resource Center – **will have separate tours here**
- Room for up to 91 children, including pre-school rooms, toddler rooms and one infant room
  - Lottery system is used to determine who gets the spaces
  - Students from all different income levels, 1/3 high financial need, 1/3 moderate financial need, 1/3 no financial need
- First walk in to the “Marketplace” where there is a community library, teacher resource room and space for a nurse, doctor and social service workers
- Gardens outside building tended to by Eastern students and students at the Center
- HPE Dept comes in to do gym class every Monday, including yoga
- Total of 16 student employee positions in the building, preference given to ECE majors and those with prior experience in a daycare-type setting. Students can also volunteer here.
- Cameras in the classrooms can be controlled from other side of building for research purposes
- Eastern students have opportunity to participate in research alongside their professors
**Important Points to Remember:**

- Eastern is primarily an undergraduate institution with about 4,300 full time undergraduates, 62% of whom live on campus
- Freshmen class of about 950 students, 90% living on campus
- Total population of over 5,300 adding in part time and graduate students, making Eastern the smallest of the 4 CSUs (Central, Southern and Western). We are also the most residential of the CSUs
- Shuttle Service: stops at every bus stop around campus on a 15 minute loop. You can download an app for your smartphone that gives a live view of where the shuttle is.
  - A shuttle also runs in the evening for nearby Eastbrook Mall (Kohl’s, Asian Bistro, Papa Gino’s, JC Penney), Wal-Mart, bowling alley, etc. On Saturdays, it goes three times to Buckland Hills shopping and restaurants in Manchester
- **Eastern is the only public liberal arts university in Connecticut**
  - Emphasis on learning inside and outside of classroom through on campus housing, community service projects, on campus job opportunities, clubs and activities, interdisciplinary curriculum, study abroad and National Student Exchange Programs
- Very diverse student body with students coming from all over the country and the world--our students are not just from Connecticut, which makes Eastern different from traditional state universities!!
- **Eastern is committed to being a green campus building energy efficient, LEED certified buildings and renovating older buildings to run more efficiently** (High Rise has new geothermal heating system which uses groundwater to help heat building and water)
- **16:1 student to faculty ratio, 95% of classes are 40 students or less, average class size is 24 students, no large lecture halls, no TAs or GAs used to teach courses**
- **ACCOUNTING MAJORS:** Eastern students rank #1 in Connecticut for passing the CPA exam on the first try
- **MATH MAJORS:** Eastern graduates the second highest numbers of students with a math degree each year, only behind UCONN which is more than 5 times our size!
- **SCIENCES:** Yale accepts more students from Eastern than from any other school in the world to their Cellular and Molecular Physiology graduate program each year

**Talk about why you chose to come to Eastern and your experiences here.**

*Remember, positive experiences always leave a better impression than a negative experience.*

Finally, remember that your tours are going to change depending on your group. Always wear a smile!! 😊