

The Best of Omaha Restaurants: Admissions Office Suggestions

Old Market

Aromas Coffeehouse & Bliss Old Market Bakery	\$
<i>bakery & coffee shop, custom cakes</i>	L / P
"The cinnamon rolls are amazing. They have two daily lunch options too - a calzone and a salad."	
Block 16	\$\$
<i>home-spun street food, sandwiches, burgers, gyros</i>	KF / L
Tip: Check their Facebook page for the daily special.	
Blue Sushi Sake Grill	\$\$
<i>traditional sushi with an American attitude</i>	GF / KF
"I suggest the Crunchy LA roll - crab, avocado, cucumber, crispy panko, and sweet chili sauce."	
801 Chophouse	\$\$\$
<i>upscale steakhouse classics, including fresh seafood</i>	
Fun Fact: Inspired by the classic 1920's New York Chophouse.	
Hiro 88	\$\$
<i>sushi, Asian fusion cuisine & tapas</i>	GF / P
"The lunch bento box is a great deal! I get the spicy tuna roll and teriyaki chicken."	
Kitchen Table	\$\$
<i>inventive sandwiches made with fresh ingredients</i>	L
Tip: Check their Facebook page for sandwich specials.	
Nicola's Italian Wine & Fare	\$\$
<i>laid-back osteria featuring familiar pasta, meat, and fish dishes</i>	L / P
"Great classic Italian food with a gorgeous outdoor garden-style patio."	
Plank Seafood Provisions	\$\$
<i>oyster bar & restaurant with a broad seafood menu</i>	GF / KF / P
"Great if you like oysters, great if you don't. Variety of seafood options, and some without."	
Ted & Wally's	\$
<i>old-fashioned, homemade ice cream</i>	KF / L
Tip: Check their Facebook page for today's flavors. Sometimes has a long line, but well worth the wait.	
Twisted Fork Grill & Bar	\$\$
<i>contemporary American inventive comfort food</i>	KF / L / P
"I love the chicken pot pie and chili relleno dishes. Also, they have white truffle risotto as a side. Win."	
Upstream Brewing Company	\$\$
<i>local brewery featuring American varieties</i>	KF / L / P
"Try their homemade root beer!"	

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V. Mertz	<i>contemporary American restaurant emphasizing the use of local produce and meats</i>	\$\$\$
	Tip: Located in the Old Market Passageway's lower level, so you can't see it from the street	D / L / P
WheatField's Eatery & Bakery	<i>family-owned and run, with an extensive menu for breakfast, lunch, and baked goods</i>	GF / KF / L / P
	"The menu is HUGE. Ron's AM Wrap is a great go-to: bacon, sausage, eggs, cheese, and mashed potatoes."	
Zio's Pizzeria	<i>New York style pizza, by the slice</i>	GF / KF / L / P
	"Great lunch specials. You can order by the slice so everyone's happy. Excellent Thai pizza."	

North Downtown

Blatt Beer & Table	<i>elevated bar food, on-tap craft beers, and a seasonal rooftop beer garden</i>	GF / L / P
	Fun Fact: Named after Rosenblatt Stadium, where College World Series was previously held.	
Hook & Lime	<i>modern locale for seafood-centric, Mexican inspired tacos & small plates, cocktails, and tec</i>	GF / L
	One of the newest additions to North Downtown.	
Pettit's Pastry	<i>premier supplier of fresh-baked donuts, pastries, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies</i>	KF / L
	"You can smell Pettit's from a block away - and let me tell you, it's hard to resist."	

Midtown Crossing

Cantina Laredo	<i>Mexican food inspired by the cuisine of Mexico City, with a modern twist</i>	KF / P
	"Great patio with a variety of food options."	
Delice European Bakery & Café	<i>pastries, brunch, lunch, and many options for flavored lattes and coffees</i>	L / P
	"Nice location to eat lunch or grab a coffee and take a walk around Midtown."	
The Grey Plume	<i>seasonally-driven, contemporary cuisine from locally-grown produce and livestock</i>	D / L
	Fun Fact: Ranked as the greenest restaurant in America.	
Ugly Duck Ramen	<i>Japanese Americana street food</i>	KF
	"Great place to grab some authentic ramen."	

Blackstone

Archetype Coffee	<i>craft coffee shop with a modern, industrial feel, emphasizes natural flavors</i>	L / P
	"Best espresso I've ever had." "I highly recommend this spot if you're looking for the real deal in coffee."	

Coneflower Creamery	\$
<i>comfy, modern parlor offering handmade ice cream from local ingredients</i>	KF
One of Blackstone's newer additions, this is quickly becoming a staple for local ice cream	
The Crescent Moon Alehouse	\$\$
<i>burgers, wings, local & regional beers</i>	KF / L
Tip: Order a Reuben here, just blocks from where it was created (Blackstone Hotel).	
Mula	\$\$
<i>street-style Mexican cuisine, handmade tortillas</i>	L
"New to the Omaha scene - love it! Fresh, updated twist on Mexican..reminds of tapas."	
Nite Owl	\$\$
<i>burgers and snacks with a twist</i>	P
"Order the Big Frita - half ground beef, half chorizo patty, topped with a fried egg and onion straws."	
Noli's Pizzeria	\$\$
<i>combining traditional and artisan into a New York style slice</i>	KF / L
"You can create custom pizza by the slice. They have great authentic Italian ingredients."	

Dundee

Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob	\$
<i>snug sandwich counter & sidewalk patio serving Middle Eastern specialties</i>	GF / KF
"You can't go wrong with anything from here, but make sure to get curry fries too."	
Avoli Osteria	\$\$\$
<i>simple, thoughtful dishes indigenous to Northern Italy</i>	L / P
"Outstanding cuisine - moderate to high end. Great special date night or special occasion."	
Dario's Brasserie	\$\$\$
<i>European-style restaurant serving simple, hearty food with a French flavor</i>	D / L
"One of the best brunches in Omaha."	
Dundee Dell	\$\$
<i>variety of pub grub, most well known for fish and chips</i>	KF / L
Fun Fact: The most single malt scotches in the nation - 753 and counting!	
eCreamery	\$
<i>ice cream, gelato, and sorbet shop</i>	KF / L / P
Fun Facts: Featured on the TV Show "Shark Tank." They do 80% of their business online!	
Mark's Bistro	\$\$
<i>assortment of comfort dishes with global influences in a homey bistro</i>	GF / P
Pitch Pizzeria	\$\$
<i>coal-fire pizza & Italian cuisine</i>	GF / KF / L

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Amato's	\$\$
<i>breakfast diner, lunch, Italian</i>	KF
"Ricotta mixed berry pancakes - fabulous!" Fun Fact: These pancakes were featured on Man v. Food.	
Jones Bros Cupcakes	\$
<i>bakery & café featuring custom-made baked treats, sandwiches, free-trade coffee, wine, and yogurt</i>	GF / P
Two-time Cupcake Wars participants - first time: 2nd place, second time: winner!	
Mai Thai	\$\$
<i>straightforward cuisine from Vietnam and Thailand in a colorful dining room</i>	
Tip: home of the original Chicken Mango	
Voodoo Taco	\$\$
<i>wicked good tacos with exotic, fresh ingredients</i>	L
"Smoked Brisket Taco! To die for." "If nothing is ever spicy enough, get the Raspberry Scorpion sauce."	

West Omaha

Dante Ristorante Pizzeria	\$\$
<i>Italian food including wood-fired certified Neapolitan pizzas</i>	L
Vera Pizza Napoletana restaurant (made the way it is made in Naples, Italy).	
Don Carmelo's Pizzeria	\$\$
<i>New-York style pies, plus red-sauce pastas, toasted subs, and calzones</i>	KF / L
Fun Facts: The Magistro family immigrated from Sicily in the late 1950s and brought their recipes with them. The family can also boast of their CU alum as well!	
Pig & Finch	\$\$\$
<i>top-quality food with a friendly pub atmosphere, American dishes with a European twist</i>	D

Other Spots Around Town

The Drover	\$\$\$
<i>landmark chophouse specializing in steaks marinated in whiskey, then grilled to order</i>	L
Looking for a classic Omaha steakhouse? This is a great place to choose.	
Gerda's German Restaurant & Bakery	\$\$
<i>homey, old-fashioned fixture delivering traditional German eats and baked goods</i>	KF / L
Tip: Known for Gerda's Reuben sandwich on freshly baked German pumpernickel and her pan fried chicken.	
Gorat's Steakhouse	\$\$\$
<i>local fixture offering steaks, salads, and sandwiches in an old-school atmosphere</i>	L
Fun Fact: Warren Buffet's favorite place to eat in Omaha.	
J. Coco	\$\$\$
<i>seasonal menus rooted in tradition, showcasing natural ingredients with a modern twist</i>	L / P
Fun Fact: The building used to be a beloved neighborhood grocery.	

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- Jacobo's Mexican Grocery, Bakery, and Tortilleria \$
this deli counter serves up some of the best tamales and enchiladas you can find C / KF / L
 Tip: To go orders only - no seating in the grocery store. Cash only.
- La Casa Pizzeria \$\$
legendary pizza and pasta since 1953 GF / KF / L
 Fun Fact: Currently 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 C / KF / L
 "Great place for breakfast at any time - it's served all day, every day."
- Lo Sole Mio Ristorante \$\$
family-run kitchen dishing up traditional Italian plates in a low-key location KF / L
 Fun Fact: Run by the Losole family, a play on words of the Italian love song "O Sole Mio."
 Tip: No reservations, so plan ahead.
 "Roasted garlic and bread served before each meal is amazing!"
- Lot 2 Restaurant & Wine Bar \$\$\$
New American fare made from local ingredients D / L
- Mother India \$
traditional Indian cuisine, fresh-baked naan KF / L / P
 Tip: Limited seating inside, so be prepared to wait or turn it into a picnic.
- Stella's \$
down-to-earth staple known for hand-pressed burgers served on napkins KF / L
 Frequently listed as Omaha's best burger.
 Fun Fact: Compete to eat the Stellanator (6 burger patties, 6 fried eggs, 6 pieces of cheese, 12 pieces of bacon, lettuce, tomato, fried onions, pickles, jalapenos, peanut butter, a bun AND an order of fries in 45 minutes. The current record is 3 minutes and 40 seconds. Beware, only 4% of people have succeeded.
- Sweet Magnolia's Bake Shop \$
made-from-scratch bakery KF / L
 "Order the scones. If you don't like scones, you will quickly change your mind after trying one of these.
 Baked fresh daily - and they sell out quickly so don't wait!"

Still having a hard time deciding? Ask the Admissions Front Desk for a collection of menus to help you choose!

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