From the East and North
At the northeast edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go east around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 west for about six miles to the 31st Street exit, which is past the downtown area. You will see a sign that says “Exit 6, Drake University.” Exit I-235 at the 31st Street exit and turn right (north). Travel approximately six blocks on 31st Street to the stoplight at University Avenue. At University Avenue, turn right and go one block and you will see the Olmsted Center parking lot (53) on the left (north) side of University. Reserved parking for admission visitors is located on the south side of the lot. Cole Hall, Office of Admission (13) is located one block east of the Olmsted Center parking lot.

From the West and South
At the southwest edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go east around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 east to the 31st Street exit in Des Moines. Be sure you have passed the 63rd Street exit. Exit at 31st Street and turn left (north). Travel approximately six blocks on 31st Street to the stoplight at University Avenue. At University Avenue, turn right and go one block and you will see the Olmsted Center parking lot (53) on the left (north) side of University. Reserved parking for admission visitors is located on the south side of the lot. Cole Hall, Office of Admission (13) is located one block east of the Olmsted Center parking lot.

Drake University’s campus is a smoke-free environment.