



**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

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**Benefits and Rates  
Summary  
Power Plant Employees —  
MSEA**

**Annual Leave Accrual Rates**

Service Credit	Annual Leave Accrual Rate*	Annual Leave Accrual per 80 hours paid**
0-1 years/0-12 months	.0462	3.7
1-5 years/13-60 months	.0462	3.7
5-8 years/61-96 months	.0577 (.0693)	4.6 (5.5)
8-10 years/97-120 months	.0577 (.0770)	4.6 (6.2)
10-15 years/121-180 months	.0770 (.0846)	6.2 (6.8)
15-20 years/181-240 months	.0770 (.0930)	6.2 (7.4)
20+ years/241 months or more	.0930 (.0962)	7.4 (7.7)

1. Maximum total accumulation is 240 hours.  
 2. Regular part-time employees accrue annual leave on a prorated basis.  
 3. Payoff of accumulated annual leave hours occurs upon discharge, termination, resignation or retirement.  
 \* All MSEA employees who accepted employment with the University at the time the ownership of the plant was transferred from the Department of Mental Health to Western Michigan University will accrue annual leave at the rate shown in parenthesis.  
 \*\* Accrual per pay period rounded to the nearest tenth.

**Sick Leave Accrual Rate**

Accrual Rate	Maximum Total Accumulation
•4 hours per pay period (based on 80 hours paid) •Maximum calendar-year accrual: 104 hours (13 days)	2080 hours (260 days)

**Leaves of Absence**

Leaves of Absence Available to Power Plant Employees	
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave	Bereavement Leave
Personal Leave (Unpaid)	Military Leave
Sick Leave (Unpaid)	MSEA Office Leave (Unpaid)
Court-required Service	

Note: Eligibility requirements vary by type of leave; please refer to MSEA contract for details.

**Long Term Disability Insurance (Optional)**

Benefit	Maximum	Benefit Becomes Payable	Premium	
66-2/3% of base salary	\$3,000 per month	On the 31 <sup>st</sup> day of disability or on the first day after exhaustion of all accrued sick leave, whichever is later	WMU contributes 50% of the premium	
<b>Cost Formula:</b> (Your annual base salary) x 0.00842 = Employee Annual Cost				
<b>Examples</b>				
Annual Salary	Premium Factor	Employee's Annual Cost	—Approximate Deduction—	
			18 Pay Periods	26 Pay Periods
\$20,000	0.00842	\$ 168.40	\$ 9.36	\$ 6.48
\$25,000	0.00842	210.50	11.69	8.10
\$30,000	0.00842	252.60	14.03	9.72

These examples show the employee's premium share.

### Group Health Insurance

1. Refer to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Benefit Guide for further details.
2. Employee contributions for health insurance are made on a pre-tax basis through payroll deduction.
3. This table shows employee contributions.

#### Community Blue PPO Administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Level of Coverage	Employee's Annual Cost	Approximate Deduction 26 Pay Periods
Single	\$ 215.54	\$ 8.29
Double	2,155.38	82.90
Family	3,079.11	118.43

### Flexible Spending Accounts (Optional)

<b>Health Care Flexible Spending Account</b>	Can be used to pay for medical expenses not covered by health insurance, such as (but not limited to) deductibles, prescription co-pays, office visits, dental and orthodontic procedures, and laser eye surgery.
<b>Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account</b>	Can be used to pay for eligible dependent care expenses, such as for the care of a child under the age of 13, or a disabled spouse, parent, or older child.

1. Employees may participate in either or both of the above plans.
2. Funds used to pay for qualified expenses are not taxed. You save FICA, federal, and state income taxes on these expenses.
3. A pre-determined amount of money is deducted from your gross pay (before taxes) and set aside to reimburse you for incurred expenses.
4. According to IRS provisions, funds left in the account at year-end are not refundable to the employee.

### Retirement Contributions to FICA and TIAA-CREF

<b>Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA)</b>	Amount of employer (WMU) contributions determined by federal legislation.
<b>Teachers Insurance Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF)</b>	11% of total gross earnings is contributed by WMU to the participating employee's retirement account.

1. Power Plant employees have a five-year vesting period in the TIAA-CREF plan.
2. Under the current MSEA contract, eligible University retirees may continue to receive health insurance for themselves and their eligible dependents. Please refer to the MSEA contract for more details on these and other retirement benefits.

### Tax-Deferred Savings Plan (Optional)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You may contribute to these optional 403(b) and 457(b) tax-deferred savings plans through payroll deduction.</li> <li>2. Funds are deducted from gross pay (before taxes), accumulate tax-free, and are not taxed until received as income after retirement.</li> <li>3. Several investment options are available.</li> <li>4. Contact Sanford Financial Services at (269) 488-6900 for information, to enroll, or for investment counseling.</li> </ol>
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## Life Insurance

### \$35,000 Basic Life

1. Provided at no cost to eligible MSEA employees while on active or paid leave of absence status.
2. Refer to MSEA contract for further provisions.

### Additional 2 Life (Optional)

1. You pay 100% of the premium.
2. Coverage amount is a choice of either one or two times your annual base salary, rounded to the next higher thousand.
3. Cost Formula:  $(\text{Coverage Amount}/1000) \times (\text{Monthly Premium Factor}) = \text{Monthly Premium}$

Age Group	Monthly Premium Factor Per \$1,000 of Coverage Amount	Example
< 25	\$ 0.06	<b>Example</b> Employee age 27 with annual base salary of \$35,000 may choose a coverage amount of either \$35,000 or \$70,000. Employee's rate per \$1,000 of coverage is \$0.08. If \$70,000 coverage amount is selected, employee's monthly cost is $(70,000/1000) \times 0.08 = \$5.60$ . Annual cost is $\$5.60 \times 12 = \$67.20$ .
25 - 29	0.08	
30 - 34	0.09	
35 - 39	0.10	
40 - 44	0.21	
45 - 49	0.23	
50 - 54	0.48	
55 - 59	0.53	
60 - 64	1.06	
65 - 69	1.09	
70 - 74	1.11	
75+	1.12	

### Holidays

Independence Day	2 days at New Year
Labor Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Thanksgiving	Good Friday
Friday after Thanksgiving	Memorial Day
2 days at Christmas	Employee's Birthday

### Longevity Bonus

The Longevity schedule found in Appendix C of the agreement between MSEA and WMU will be used during the life of the agreement. Longevity will be paid based upon this schedule in a lump sum.

## Additional Benefits

- **Travel Accident Insurance**, including accidental death and dismemberment insurance, is automatically provided to you when traveling on University-authorized business.
- **Workers' Compensation Insurance** protects you against loss of income due to work-related injuries or illnesses.
- **Unemployment Compensation**. WMU is a covered employer under the Michigan Unemployment Agency (MUA).
- **Direct Deposit**. Your payroll checks can be directly deposited to your accounts at financial institutions.
- **Credit Unions**. You are eligible to join the Allegis Credit Union or the Educational Community Credit Union.
- **Parking**. A parking permit is part of your benefits package.
- **Performing Arts and Athletics**. You may buy individual or season tickets at a discount for performing arts events at the University's theatres. You may also buy athletic season tickets at a discount. Please contact the appropriate box office and the Athletic Ticket Office for details.
- **Tuition Discount**. Regular benefits-eligible full-time and part-time employees are eligible for a 100 percent discount on tuition and certain required fees for courses taken at the University.
- **Tuition Remission**. The current spouse and dependents of regular benefits-eligible full-time employees may receive a 75 percent remission of tuition and certain required fees for undergraduate courses taken at the University, to a maximum of 183 attempted undergraduate credit hours for each participant. Tuition remission is also available to individuals designated by the employee under the University's Designated Eligible Individual program.
- **WMU Bookstore discount** of 10% on purchases of \$1 or more.
- **University Libraries** and library services are available to employees with a valid Bronco (ID) card.
- **Sindecuse Health Center** offers acute and preventative care, pharmacy, lab, physical therapy, nursing services, and health promotion services.
- **Fitness and Exercise**. The University offers you a variety of fitness opportunities and facilities, including Health Promotion & Education classes and programs, the Zest for Life fitness program, open lap swim at Gabel Pool, open ice time at Lawson Ice Arena, membership options at West Hills Athletic Club, and membership at the Student Recreation Center. Contact the appropriate office or facility for details and costs.

### Please note:

1. For detailed information concerning any of the employee benefits listed, please refer to Human Resources' Policies/Procedures Manual, the MSEA contract, or contact Human Resources at (269) 387-3620.
2. This information is subject to legal documents that pertain to each benefit plan and policies, procedures, contracts, or collective bargaining agreements. These documents are controlling as to the availability and amount of benefits. This summary is not a legal document.