

Introduction

Western Michigan University is a dynamic, student-centered research institution enrolling more than 26,000 students from across the United States and nearly 100 other countries. Founded in 1903, it is nationally recognized and internationally engaged.

- U.S. News & World Report lists WMU among the nation's top 100 public institutions.
- The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education places WMU among the 76 public research institutions with high research activity.
- Phi Beta Kappa, America's most prestigious academic honor society, includes WMU among the 97 public institutions to which it has granted chapters.
- National rankings place WMU among the top 50 public schools in terms of total enrollment and the top 70 in terms of international enrollment.
- Intel recognizes WMU as a leader in wireless computing by ranking the University second on its most recent list of the 100 "Most Unwired College Campuses."

WMU is the fourth largest research university in Michigan, conducting \$30-\$40 million in externally funded research each year. Dedicated to delivering high-quality academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, it offers 242 degree programs through seven degree-granting colleges: Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Education, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Fine Arts, Haworth College of Business, and Health and Human Services.

A wide variety of those offerings, which include 141 bachelor's programs, 29 doctoral programs and 71 master's programs, have earned a national or international reputation. Enhancing the University's robust academic environment is a rich array of research institutes, business/industry collaborations, study-abroad programs and internship opportunities as well as some of the finest instructional and fine arts facilities in the Midwest.

In addition, the Extended University Programs division conveniently brings numerous undergraduate, graduate and professional programs to more than 2,000 Michigan residents each year through the Office of Lifelong Learning and Education* and branch campuses in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor (WMU-Southwest), Grand Rapids, Holland, Lansing, Muskegon, South Haven and Traverse City.

WMU is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL, 60602-2504, telephone 800-621-7740.

* Formerly known as Office of Kalamazoo and Statewide Programs