

## **Introduction**

Western Michigan University is a dynamic, student-centered research institution enrolling nearly 25,000 students from across the United States and more than 80 other countries. Founded in 1903, it is nationally recognized and internationally engaged.

- The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education designates WMU as one of the nation's 76 public "research universities with high research activity."
- U.S. News & World Report names WMU among the top-100 public institutions in the nation and the top 30 in the Midwest.
- The Princeton Review includes WMU on its annual online list of the Best Midwestern Colleges.
- Phi Beta Kappa has chosen to grant chapters to WMU and just 96 other public institutions.
- Intel places WMU second on its list of America's most wireless college campuses.

WMU is the fourth largest research university in Michigan, conducting nearly \$40 million in externally funded research each year. Dedicated to delivering high-quality academic programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, it offers 237 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 66 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 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 St, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL, 60602-2504, telephone 800-621-7740.