WMU Residential Neighborhoods
The NEW Generation of University Living

The college residential neighborhood is a unique home away from home experience that is intentionally designed to support student success. Living on campus is the best way for new and returning students to become engaged in college life, form diverse social networks, and easily participate in academic activities and learning opportunities. By establishing strong social and academic connections, campus residents are more likely to develop a sense of belonging and achieve their educational goals.

Four Residential Neighborhoods:

- Every neighborhood offers unique features inspired by the surrounding environment.
- Neighborhoods each have distinctive features with a combination of residence halls, apartments, dining facilities, academic services and cultural resources.
- Neighborhood areas appeal to different and overlapping student populations.

Advantages:

- Provides a seamless living experience for residents.
- Collegiate environments facilitate academic success and encourage social development.
- Staff members and intentional programming help students become engaged.
- Services include educational support, health and wellness facilities, and recreational opportunities.
- Offers safe, vibrant living and learning environments where students can succeed.

Valley Residential Neighborhood

Where
Located on the northern part of campus near Goldsworth Valley Pond.

Who
Primarily designed for new and first-year students.
Goldsworth Valley Apartments house single students and couples.

Housing
Includes six residence halls, and Goldsworth Valley Apartments.
Seven specialized academic communities, three interest-based communities and a transfer hall.
Academic success center, tutoring and advising within residence halls.

Dining
Includes three Valley Dining rooms, Schneider Café, and a new Dining Center opening in 2016.

Focus
Introduces students to campus and helps them connect with University life.
Addresses challenges that new students commonly experience in higher education.

Activities
Game and fitness rooms, plus Mug Shots coffee house in Britton/Hadley.

Close to
Haworth College of Business, and Sindecuse Health Center.
Intramural sports fields, tennis courts, and the Goldsworth Valley Pond green-space.
Free Bronco Transit bus service, adjacent parking lots.

Center Residential Neighborhood

Where
The Center Neighborhood is at the heart of campus just north of the student center.

Who
Focused on the first-year student experience and recruitment.
Henry Hall houses the Aviation academic learning community.
Western Heights is a progressive new residential complex that opened fall 2015.

Dining
A full-service dining room on the north side of the Bernhard Center includes the Marketplace Grill.
The Bernhard Center Café and Market is located in the Bernhard student center.
Food vendors and a coffee shop are downstairs in the Bronco Mall.

Focus
Programming focus is on community development, social engagement, and connecting students to the WMU campus community.

Activities
Encourages student involvement, drawing on the amenities of the Bernhard student center nearby.
Athletic and recreational facilities, student organizations, entertainment and support services.

Close to
Residents are close to Ellsworth and Sangren halls, tennis courts and Student Recreation Center.
**South Residential Neighborhood**

Where  Located on the southern edge of main campus close to Stadium Drive and Ring Road.
Who  Predominantly sophomore level students and above, with some first year, upper-level and returning students.
Housing  Includes three residence hall complexes, and the Elmwood Apartments. Residence halls are grouped into the Big Four and the Little Three complexes. Home to the Second Year Experience and Transfer Student communities. The Elmwood Apartment complex is a common choice for families, international students, graduate students and upperclassmen.
Dining  The full-service Bistro3 dining room features modern décor and unique food concepts. Burham Dining room includes the Extreme Greens specialty menu. A Carryout dining service option is available in Draper/Siedschlag.
Focus  Helping the more experienced student explore the next stages of their educational careers.
The Little Three communities host events and programs to address common second year issues like peer-to-peer networking, career exploration, internships and studying abroad. The Big Four complex includes the Fine Arts House, sound-proof practice rooms and studio space for dance, theatre and art students. Many student athletes live in the Big Four where it is easy to engage in campus activities and events.
Activities  Features social programs designed to bring students together such as open mic nights, barbeques and video game tournaments.
Close to  Near recreational and sports facilities, the Chemistry building, and easy access to Waldo Library.

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**West Residential Neighborhood**

Where  Located near the WMU west entrance, close to Howard Street and West Michigan Ave.
Who  Designed for upperclassmen and graduate students.
Housing  Consists of the Western View residential complex and community center.
Dining  WMU Apartment meal plans are available to residents who may visit any WMU Dining facility. Within close walking distance to off-campus retailers and food service.
Focus  A perfect choice for students who want to transition toward independent living while staying connected to campus within a safe student-focused environment.
Activities  The new community center offers collaborative workspace for study groups, social spaces for interaction, lounge areas, patios and fitness areas for Western View residents.
Close to  Located near the arts community, several performing arts buildings, and off-campus amenities.

**Future Planning**

*The residential neighborhood concept is a component of a comprehensive housing and dining strategy to create sustainable environments that cultivate student learning and development. Designed as flexible communities that are responsive to changing student needs, the neighborhoods support student academic success with common spaces for social engagement and dining locations that appeal to student tastes. A long-range assessment and improvement plan with targeted improvement phases planned every 5-10 years will impact all residential neighborhood areas across campus through 2035.*
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3 Apartment Complexes

| Goldsworth Valley | Elmwood | Western View Community Center |

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### 15 Living Learning Communities

#### Academic Learning Communities

- **Aviation House**
  - Henry Hall

- **Fine Arts House**
  - Draper/Siedschlag

- **Business Community**
  - Harrison (Valley III)

- **Education Community**
  - Hadley Hall (Valley I)

- **Engineering House**
  - Eldridge (Valley III)

- **Health Professionals Community**
  - Eicher Hall (Valley II)

- **Honors Community**
  - Ackley Hall (Valley I)

- **Honors STEM**
  - Ackley Hall (Valley I)

- **Science Scholars**
  - Garneau Hall (Valley II)

#### Interest-based Learning Communities

- **Second Year Experience**
  - French and Zimmerman Halls

- **Transfer Student Community**
  - Tenzing House – Davis Hall
  - Tenzing House – French Hall

- **Transfer Student Community**
  - Fox Hall (Valley III)

- **Wellness House**
  - LeFevre Hall (Valley II)

- **Magellan House**
  - Garneau (Valley II)

- **Sustainability**
  - Shilling Hall (Valley I)