CAMPUS LIFE
The Division of Student Affairs

Student Affairs fosters involvement, growth, and development in safe, healthy, and inclusive learning environments. All of the programs and services within the division are intentionally designed to support the academic mission of the University, create and sustain optimal learning environments both in and outside of the classroom, and provide appropriate challenge and support for students. A vital component of WMU, Student Affairs helps to guide the development of students into responsible citizens and future leaders.

Residence Life

Residence Life strives to create living-learning environments where students learn, grow, and develop into successful members of the University community. Learning is woven into all aspects of the residence life experience through programs, academic resources and services, opportunities for involvement, and living-learning themes.

Residential learning communities exist in most halls, including academic learning communities connected to WMU academic colleges. Specialized housing also exists for transfer students.

Opportunities for involvement and leadership development are numerous and include attending hall programs, holding leadership positions in the hall, and serving on campus-wide residence life committees.

Approximately 4,800 students live in the 12 residence halls on campus. Each hall offers a different living option, whether it is suite-style or traditional community option, upper class-only halls, extended quiet hours, or Super Singles. Approximately 800 students live in on-campus apartments. The brand new Western View Apartments opened in August 2011 and house up to 327 upper class and graduate students in one, two, three, and four bedroom apartments, with both furnished and unfurnished options available. Western View Apartments. Phase II opened in August 2013 and provides 142 additional beds to students.

Slated to open in Fall 2015, an innovative, new residence hall is now under construction in the center residential neighborhood.

For more information about Residence Life, please visit www.wmich.edu/housing or call (269) 387-4735.

The Student Media Group

The Student Media Group at Western Michigan University is comprised of the Western Herald, WIDR FM, and the Young Broadcasters of Tomorrow (YBOT). These student-run organizations offer unique and valuable opportunities for students to involve themselves in all areas of the local multi-media environment.

Western Herald

Since 1916, the Western Herald has been WMU’s primary media source for students. The Western Herald serves to inform students about sports, local and national events, and arts and entertainment. The Western Herald is available in print and online (www.westernherald.com), via its mobile app, email newsletter and social media.

The student staff at the Western Herald is primarily responsible for conducting journalistic research, writing, editing, photographing, and reporting on campus and local news. Employment and volunteer opportunities are available.

89.1 FM WIDR

WIDR FM is WMU’s student-run, noncommercial radio station. Established in 1953, WIDR FM provides a distinctly alternative music and programming experience 24/7/365 at 89.1 FM and online at www.widrfm.org.

The student staff at WIDR FM is primarily responsible for overseeing on-air DJ shifts, producing promotional recordings for airplay (grants, liners, PSAs), reviewing and acquiring new music, and organizing events. Employment and volunteer opportunities are available.

Young Broadcasters of Tomorrow (YBOT)

The Young Broadcasters of Tomorrow (YBOT) is a student-run media group dedicated to involving students interested in video production, editing, reporting, and more. Created in 2012, YBOT produces video designed to keep WMU students informed on current events, local and national news, and other areas of interest. Content by YBOT is distributed on its website, www.ybotconnects.com.