Career and Student Employment Services

“What can I do with my major?” “How do I get an internship?” “What skills are employers looking for in new graduates?” Our office helps students discover career choices. In addition, we help new graduates identify job opportunities, and track where they land after graduation. Here are a few of our services:

- The Career Zone: a drop-in resource center open Monday-Friday and staffed by career coaches
- Career counseling: individual appointments with professionals to discuss your unique career questions
- Workshops covering relevant job search and career planning topics throughout the year
- Job fairs: major-specific and campus-wide events for students to connect with employers for networking
- Job listings: internships, summer jobs, part-time and full-time jobs, and an application system through BroncoJOBS
- Industry information sessions, employer panels and campus interviewing by recruiters

Employers have identified key skills needed in college graduates, and students gain these through campus employment, community service, work study and part-time jobs. Building skills pays off in the end; the average 2014 starting salary for an undergraduate was $45,000. (Based on student-reported salaries from the Post-Graduation Activity Report.) More than 70% reported working in Michigan after graduation.

Visit wmich.edu/career, stop in Ellsworth Hall, or call (269) 387-2745 to introduce yourself.

University Recreation

University Recreation (UR) is committed to creating healthy environments that engage students and the university community in learning and personal development. As the administrating unit of the Student Recreation Center (SRC), the department caters to a diverse population of internal and external patrons, as well as regional and state organizations.

University Recreation continues to contribute to WMU’s ability to recruit and retain students, faculty and staff by offering programs and services that meet the needs and expectations of this constituency.

During 2014, over 376,000 accesses were recorded through the turnstiles where the campus community engaged in some form of leisure activity. Ninety-five percent (95%) of survey respondents indicated they used the SRC more than once per week. Through a survey assessment, students using the SRC noted the following top three changes about themselves: more energy, less stress, and greater self-esteem. Students also indicated that their use of the SRC assisted them with healthy choices/habits, confidence, appreciation of diversity and time management.

University Recreation employs six professional staff, six graduate assistants, and 200 student employees who support our mission for creating positive, healthy and active lifestyles through recreational programs and services.

- Over 1,500 fitness classes with 15,438 participants were tracked in various fitness and wellness programs by UR in 2014.
- Intramural Sports offered 35 different leagues and tournaments ranging from flag football to racquetball, with nearly 6,000 participants. Intramural Sports played 2,000 games with 70 officials for 700 teams. There were over 2,400 climbing wall participants, with 1,200 being resident hall participants in the 2013-14 academic year.
- The SRC is 240,000 square feet of activity space that also accommodates a series of rentals and special events. In 2014, there were 2,128 tours of the SRC with 23,064 visitors.
- The SRC is in operation 102 hours a week in the fall and 108 hours a week in the spring. The Seelye Center is open 25 hours a week for sport clubs and intramural sports.
- The SRC is the host site for the WMU Health and Wellness Expo, Special Olympics, Science Olympiad, Campus Classic, Relay for Life, high school grad bashes, post proms, youth futsal and many other community events.