Career and Student Employment Services

“What can I do with my major?” “How do I get an internship?” Our office helps students find jobs and discover career choices. In addition, we help new graduates connect with potential employers 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 advising: individual time with professionals to plan your career steps.
• Workshops: relevant job search and career planning topics throughout the year.
• Job fairs: major-specific and campus-wide events for students to connect with employers.
• Job listings: campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, part-time and full-time jobs.
• Industry information sessions, employer panels, and campus interviewing by recruiters.

Employers look for students with proven work skills. Students can gain these through campus employment, work study, and part-time jobs. Building skills pays off; the average 2015 starting salary for an undergraduate was $45,000. (Based on student-reported salaries from the Post-Graduation Activity Report.) More than 70 percent reported working in Michigan after graduation.

Visit http://www.wmich.edu/career, stop in to Ellsworth Hall, or call (269) 387-2745 to meet our team.

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 administering 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 2017, over 326,000 accesses were recorded through the turnstiles where the campus community engaged in some form of leisure activity. Ninety-seven percent 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 areas of growth and improvement: self-confidence, interpersonal skills, and academic performance. Students also indicated that their use of the SRC assisted them with healthy choices/habits, communication skills, appreciation of diversity, and time management.

University Recreation employs six professional staff, seven graduate assistants, and 150 student employees who support our mission to cultivate transferable skills through recreational programs and facilities that prepare the University for a positive, healthy, active life.

• Over 1,500 fitness classes with over 13,000 participants were tracked in various fitness and wellness programs by UR in 2017.
• Intramural Sports offered 30 different leagues and tournaments, ranging from flag football to racquetball, with nearly 4,500 participants. Intramural Sports played 1,100 games with 30 officials for nearly 6500 teams. There were over 1,200 climbing wall participants, with one third being resident hall participants in the 2016-17 academic year.
• The SRC is 240,000 square feet of activity space that also accommodates a series of rentals and special events. In 2017, there were 2,229 tours of the SRC with 27,455 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 Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament, Science Olympiad, Relay for Life, club sports, high school grad bashes, post proms, youth futsal, and many other community events.