Welcome to Student Life!

This is where college happens on the campus of Western Michigan University. Students here have many opportunities to meet new people, join student organizations, work, live and engage in the diversity of campus life.

Student Affairs is here to help students achieve success, both inside and outside of the classroom. Through a variety of resources, students can achieve their career, educational and personal goals, and become active members of the WMU community.

As you navigate the University environment, keep in mind that student success is always our top priority. We hope you will take advantage of the many exciting student life opportunities at WMU.
WMU offers a variety of housing and dining options for students living on campus. Conveniently located close to classes, residence halls and WMU apartments are great places to meet new people and build lifelong friendships.

• A variety of living styles and learning communities tailor your on-campus experience and enhance student success.

• Enjoy the safety of college living in campus Residential Neighborhoods, with instant access to staff and community support.

• Get close to the action! Dining Centers, the Student Recreation Center and the Bernhard Center are all within walking distance and just minutes away.

» wmich.edu/housing

The average GPA of first-year students who live on campus is 20% HIGHER than students living off campus.

92% of students who live in residence halls feel safe.

14 learning communities

2 for transfer students
10 with an academic college connection
2 that bring people together with common interests

Dining on campus

From early morning to late at night, flexible dining choices help students stay healthy so they can focus on academics. Students can rejuvenate between classes or meet up with friends at any of the convenient dining locations.

• WMU Dining Services offers many choices including dining centers, carryout and campus cafés.

• The Bronco Mall on the lower level of the Bernhard Center is home to several national brand food vendors.

» wmich.edu/dining
There are hundreds of ways to get involved in campus life at WMU. A variety of activities and programs help students achieve success through personal and professional development, and to participate in life beyond the classroom.

**Student Engagement** supports over 370 diverse student organizations where students can socialize, develop leadership skills, and become active on campus.

» wmich.edu/activities

**The WMU Signature Program** provides the framework for students to intentionally plan their co-curricular experiences. It provides the vehicle for students to plan, reflect and demonstrate their unique passions and interests. Upon graduation, the Signature pathway chosen by the student will be designated on their diploma and transcript.

» wmich.edu/signature

**The Bernhard Center**, located in the heart of WMU, is the vibrant community center for campus life. The center serves as the living room of the University where people gather to meet friends, shop, participate in cultural activities, study or just relax in lounge areas.

**The Student Organization Center** is designed for student engagement and provides a central collaborative space for Registered Student Organizations on the main floor of the Bernhard Center.

» wmich.edu/studentcenter

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2017-18 by the numbers

**11,750** unique individuals logged into Experience WMU, our engagement platform

**64,190** event participants were tracked through card swipes, rosters and sign-up sheet uploads

**379** Registered Student Organizations

**Fall 2018**

**5,539** number of students participating in a WMU Signature designated experience
Cultivating healthy lifestyles, minds and bodies is critical to student success. WMU students will find a variety of health-related services on campus designed to support physical, emotional and personal well-being.

**Sindecuse Health Center** serves students with board-certified clinicians who specialize in college health care. A full-service pharmacy serves the campus community.

**Counseling Services** is staffed by licensed counselors dedicated to helping students make safe and healthy choices.

**Health Promotion** programs are available to supplement a student’s college education.

> wmich.edu/students/health

**University Recreation** encourages healthy lifestyle choices, team building, leadership skills and positive social interactions.

- The Student Recreation Center is a progressive modern facility filled with many energizing activities.
- Group fitness programs, intramural sports, aqua fitness classes and personal training are just a few options to keep bodies and minds in peak condition.

For a challenge, climbing clinics on the 45-foot climbing wall will help improve strength and endurance.

> wmich.edu/students/recreation

### 2017-18 by the numbers

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<td><strong>HEOES</strong> students, faculty and staff have been trained in bystander intervention.</td>
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Career and Student Employment Services empowers students to develop the skills necessary for reaching their career goals. Through career advising, and learning about career pathways, WMU students get ready for the world of work or service after graduating.

Career and Student Employment Services partners with employers to offer career development opportunities for students and alumni. Through campus employment, internships and a focus on practical experience, students build professional skills and gain hands-on experience.

- Services and programs focus on career development, exploring options and finding employment.
- Career Advisors assist students with self-assessment, occupational research and job search strategies.

Handshake is a web-based resource to help students with their employment search. Students use the web features to search and apply for jobs, sign up for interviews and events, or to publish their resume online.

» wmich.edu/students/employment

2017-18 by the numbers

11,127 students were served through career programming, career advising and employer engagement activities

91% of WMU graduates were actively engaged within three months of graduation

Active engagement includes full-time employment, part-time employment, military service, volunteering full time or continuing education.
Character and citizenship

Student Affairs is committed to guiding students to become responsible citizens and future leaders. Campus resources are available so students can lead successful and purposeful lives with civility and compassion.

Every student is encouraged to grow academically, culturally, personally and spiritually. Through learning and discourse, WMU students become engaged citizens who act with high ethical standards beyond the classroom.

Student Conduct strives to foster student learning and personal development by creating an educationally purposeful, disciplined and caring community. Staff work collaboratively to forge a responsive and ethical academic community, balance individual student rights and responsibilities, and promote civility and effective citizenship.

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Diversity and inclusion

Diversity and inclusion are supported, affirmed and celebrated at WMU. The University community is committed to integrating diversity into all facets of campus life, and encourages students to grow and develop through active involvement. Programs and services are purposefully designed to support diverse environments that enhance learning and personal development.

Students here will find many opportunities to embrace cultural differences through campus organizations and programs that advance the values of diversity, multiculturalism and good citizenship.

» wmich.edu/students/diversity

1,300
students engaged in the Walks of Life sociocultural activity hosted by the Office of Student Engagement during Fall Welcome last year.

Services for students

The Invisible Need Project is a multi-faceted initiative intended to serve students with unmet needs, while strengthening the culture of giving at WMU. The project engages the entire campus community, encouraging all faculty, staff, administrators and fellow students to come together to help students in need. The WMU Food Pantry is located in the Office of Student Affairs in the Faunce Student Services Building.

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Family Engagement serves as a contact point, liaison, and an information gateway for parents, guardians and family members of WMU students. Family members are welcome to join the WMU Family Connection network to receive up-to-date news and information about campus activities.

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Hilltop Village

Western Michigan University’s redevelopment work is underway to re-imagine the entire southern portion of main campus. The area that runs along Stadium Drive will transform into a state-of-the-art campus gateway presenting a dynamic new campus experience. The Hilltop Village construction plans include a new student center and dining facility, student housing and other mixed-use facilities.

NEW

ARCADIA FLATS
• New housing complex projected to open fall 2020
• Located close to the academic core of campus
• Innovative housing with multiple living options
• Apartment-style units for upper-level and graduate students
• An integrated living environment connected to the larger community
• 197 units, accommodating 353 residents

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NEW

STUDENT CENTER
Projected opening Fall 2021
• Located in the heart of WMU’s Main Campus
• An architecturally distinctive and vibrant student-focused design
• Built to encourage social engagement and co-curricular activities in a welcoming and inclusive environment
• Offering convenient spaces and customer-oriented retail options

DINING CENTER
Located within the new WMU Student Center
• Offering a variety of exceptional and healthy dining experiences
• Restaurant-style environments serving prepared-to-order options
• An inviting fast-casual atmosphere that encourages community
• Multiple service and seating options designed for diverse guests

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