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Welcome to WMU

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to our WMU community.

Western Michigan University is committed to parents and families as valued partners in your student’s educational process and Parent and Family Programs is here to serve you! Our services and programs are designed to assist you as together we support your student’s growth, personal development and overall success.

Parent and Family Programs provides information and resources about the campus relevant to your student’s college experience, as well as sponsors events for students and families. We are active within the University community and readily accessible to help with any concerns you may have.

I encourage you to visit the website at www.wmich.edu/parents, a great starting point for a wealth of information useful to you throughout your student’s college years. Also, activate your free membership to the WMU Family Connection. As a member, you will receive e-newsletters with tips and advice, important dates reminders, and campus updates. We also offer a discount program for various area hotels, restaurants and retailers.

I look forward to meeting you and to helping you help your student have a successful and rewarding experience at WMU.

Warm regards,

Shari Glaser
Director, Parent and Family Programs
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Thanksgiving recess (noon)

23 24

Thanksgiving (residence halls remain open with reduced services)

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Classes resume

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Final examination week

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Fall 2011 semester ends
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Alma Mater

Western we sing to you,
Brown and Gold,
Western we bring to you,
faith untold.
You challenge and inspire;
your hope is our desire.
We sing to you our Alma Mater,
Brown and Gold.

Fight Song

Fight on, fight on for Western;
Take the ball, make a score, win the game.
Onward for the Brown and Gold;
Push 'em back, push 'em back, bring us fame.
Fight on, fight on for Western;
Over one, over all, we will reign.
Fight, Broncos fight!
Fight with all your might.
Western win this game!
Worried about how your student will manage money?

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Students have to figure out a lot of stuff when they go to college. For those of us whose youth is the (distant?) past we can sometimes forget that being a college student isn’t a walk in the park! First year students are leaving behind a familiar and often very comfortable environment. They must cope with the loss of high school friends and family time. Students have to learn how to be a part of a whole new environment and figure out where things are, what the rules are, and how to behave. They confront all kinds of new opportunities to make friends and most have at least some fear that they won’t fit in or make connections with their peers.

They have to figure out how to manage a lot of different elements: time, money, academics, freedom, and most importantly themselves! Further, they try to figure all this out without your constant presence and active guidance. Even the most together students find the developmental maturation process in the early college years to be stressful. Many students become periodically overwhelmed, especially in the first couple of semesters.

So how can you help? One of the greatest challenges parents and guardians face is how to appropriately support their son or daughter as they enter college. Here are
some suggestions from veteran parents:

- **Listen** to your student and provide supportive encouragement
- **Encourage** self-reliance (but be a safety-net when things are really rough)
- **Praise** accomplishments soundly and attempts enthusiastically
- **Keep them informed** about life back home and family events
- **Encourage** active involvement with on-campus activities and groups
- **Stay connected:** email may be a better way to connect with less verbal students than phone calls. By the same token, try to lessen over-reliance by decreasing contact when over-dependency may be an issue
- **Discuss** your expectations for your student before starting college and continue the conversation as the weeks/months progress
- **Help** your student connect to resources when needed. Urging and assistance may be needed in locating and accessing counseling, advising, and special services

Remember that while your student is facing the challenges of a new phase of life, so are you. Expect that it might be a little rough for you to adjust to the changes too and give yourself permission to feel all the emotions that come when a child goes to college. Remember to find your own support. Re-connect with family, friends, interests, and hobbies.
What’s one of the surest ways to ensure academic success?

Academic Advising

Encourage your student to develop a relationship with WMU’s academic advisors. Advisors may be faculty, staff, administrators, graduate students or peer educators and advising at WMU will take many forms. Depending on the program of study, students may have more than one academic advisor. For instance, a student may have a curriculum advisor, major advisor, and minor advisor. Each college advising office assists students in making connections to the appropriate advisor or advising office.

Advisors provide students with information and guidance as it relates to program/curriculum requirements, academic policies/procedures, and various academic issues and concerns. Advisors evaluate transfer courses for applicability to programs of study, assist with course selection, and refer students to support systems, informational resources, and individuals. Ultimately, students are responsible for their own education and meeting with an advisor each semester is the best way to stay on track.

ADVISING OFFICES

College of Arts & Sciences
2318 Friedmann Hall
(269) 387-4366
www.wmich.edu/cas/advising

College of Aviation
2210 Kohrman Hall
(269) 387-0347
www.wmich.edu/aviation

Haworth College of Business
2130 Schneider Hall
(269) 387-5075
www.wmich.edu/business/advisingadmissions

College of Education and Human Development
2504 Sangren Hall
(269) 387-3474
www.wmich.edu/coe/admissions

College of Engineering & Applied Sciences
E 102 Parkview
(269) 276-3270
www.wmich.edu/engineer/advising.htm

College of Fine Arts
2132 Dalton
(269) 387-4672
www.wmich.edu/cfa

Frostic School of Art
2104 Richmond Center for the Visual Arts
(269) 387-2440
www.wmich.edu/art/admissions/advising/index.php

Dept. of Dance
3123 Dalton Center
(269) 387-5845
www.wmich.edu/dance

School of Music
2132 Dalton Center
(269) 387-4672
www.wmich.edu/music/undergraduate/index.html

Dept. of Theatre
1103 Gilmore Theatre Complex
(269) 387-3210
www.wmich.edu/theatre

General University Studies
1315 Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-4156
www.wmich.edu/offcampus/program/35-General_University_Studies.html

College of Health & Human Services
2125 CHHS Building
(269) 387-2656
www.wmich.edu/hhs/admissions-advising.htm

International Student Services
B2425 Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-5890
http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/502/2

Lee Honors College
(269) 387-3230
www.wmich.edu/honors/current/advising.html

Exploratory Advising
1275 Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-4410
www.wmich.edu/unv
Bronco Express

Bronco Express representatives answer billing, financial aid, cashiering, and basic registration questions. Located on the main floor of the Bernhard Center, this service offers students a convenient, year-round spot to take care of everyday university business.

STUDENTS CAN:

• apply for financial aid or pick up the appropriate forms
• check on the status of a financial aid application
• confirm dates of financial aid disbursements
• make appointments to see a financial aid counselor
• receive unofficial transcripts and ask basic registration questions
• check account balances and get clarification on charges
• make payments on accounts

Bronco Express is open Monday- Friday and no appointment is necessary. The phone number is (269) 387-6000.
Campus Housing

Residence Life provides a variety of services for on-campus students. Most students live in the residence halls, but there are also campus apartments for upperclass and graduate students, and students with families. Living on campus offers convenience, the benefit of a community of peers, a safe environment, and support for the challenges associated with being a busy college student.

When students have problems or questions, student and professional staff are easily accessible. They help with everything from how to get involved on campus to tips for living with a roommate to referrals for campus services. In the residence halls, there is a resident assistant (RA) who lives on each floor. RAs, who are upperclass students, are responsible for creating a floor community through hall activities, assisting students with personal and academic concerns, and helping in emergency situations.

A full-time professional hall director, typically assisted by a graduate student, manages each residence hall. The hall director lives in the building and is responsible for student staff supervision, facilities management, crisis intervention, and creating an environment supportive of education and self-discovery.

The opportunity for an outstanding on-campus experience awaits your student.

Visit www.wmich.edu/housing, call (269) 387-4735, or e-mail RL-staff@wmich.edu.

Residence Hall Opening & Closing Dates

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Career Planning Guide for Parents and Families

The career development process can be exciting, frustrating and life-changing; sometimes all at once. We encourage you to support your student and participate in the process.

Encourage your student to visit Career & Student Employment Services for these services

- Register for BroncoJOBS, an online resource for campus jobs, internships and career-related events
- On line career and academic planning assessment tools
- Occupational information
- Resume workshops and events such as Practice Interview Day and career fairs
- Individual career advising with professional advisors

Partner with the WMU community

- Participate in campus activities and visit when possible
- Use the parent resources available at WMU
- Meet faculty, staff, advisors and academic deans
- Offer jobs - summer jobs, internships, co-op and entry level positions for current students and graduates

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

Be a career mentor

- Share your career stories (good and bad) to help your student see the career path is not straight and unique to each person
- Tell your student what you see as his or her strengths, accomplishments and gifts
- Learn the majors at WMU and the career paths available
- Take your student to work with you for a day
- Teach the value of networking; point out the existing network of family, friends and others who may provide career insights; summer jobs or internships
The Center for Academic Success Programs

The Center for Academic Success Programs (CASP) helps students succeed at WMU. CASP consists of six entities: the Academic Skills Center, Writing Center, Exploratory Advising and the Alpha Program, Intellectual Skills Development, the TRiO Student Success Program, and the Advocacy Office for Military and Veteran Affairs.

All CASP services are FREE to WMU students.

The Academic Skills Center (ASC) key programs include:

- **Course Tutoring**: Small group sessions that allow students to review class material, ask questions, prepare for exams, and clarify class concepts.

- **Supplemental Instruction**: Guided study sessions for challenging classes, such as chemistry and accounting. Sessions are led by tutors who have previously taken and excelled in a particular course.

- **College Success Seminars**: Hour-long seminars to help students improve reading strategies, time management, and other skills needed for college success.

The Writing Center offers individual sessions teaching how to make better choices about texts for classes, work, or personal needs. Consultants help students improve drafting, organizing, and proofreading abilities, write for different audiences, and much more.

**Exploratory Advising** is the temporary advising home for first-year students who enter WMU without a declared major. Advisors offer personalized academic advising and assistance with career exploration. Exploratory Advising also includes the **Alpha Program**, a special admissions program for select students.

CASP houses the TRiO Student Success Program, a federally-funded program for first-generation college students, and the Intellectual Skills Program, responsible for reading, writing, and mathematics placement testing.

The Office of Military and Veteran Affairs is dedicated to those students transferring to WMU from military service, and serves as an advocate for veterans returning to college and students who are currently deployed.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/casp](http://www.wmich.edu/casp), stop in Ellsworth Hall, or call (269) 387-4411.
University Counseling and Testing Center

Students are faced with many challenging situations and important decisions while attending college. They will engage in career planning and become involved in social and personal situations that may leave them feeling confused, dissatisfied or distressed. The inherent stresses of university life are likely, at some point, to interfere with academic achievement and personal growth. The University Counseling and Testing Center (UCTC) helps students deal effectively with many of these concerns.

Counseling and Testing Center services are intended to assist students. Sometimes simply sharing thoughts and feelings in confidence with a good listener who is objective can be helpful for students facing important decisions and/or life difficulties. At other times, counseling involves providing students with, or directing them to, certain types of information and helping them understand that information in relationship to their situation. UCTC assists students with a variety of issues including:

- Academic direction and goals
- Major and/or curriculum choice
- Self-confidence
- Assertion
- Loneliness
- Coping with stress
- Depression and/or anxiety
- Coping with a death or other losses
- Career goals
- Traumatic stress
- Concerns regarding sexuality
- Interpersonal problems
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UCTC is staffed with professionally licensed counselors and psychologists. Both personal and career counseling assistance is available free of charge to all actively enrolled WMU students. There is a nominal fee for career testing services. UCTC faculty are also available to consult with students and parents when they have questions or concerns.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/counseling](http://www.wmich.edu/counseling) or call (269) 387-1850.
Excellent Food for Excellent Minds

WMU Dining Services

WMU Dining Services offers many flexible options for on and off campus students designed to support academic success.

From early morning to late at night, students can enjoy expansive menu selections at any of the five residence hall dining rooms on campus. Dining rooms serve continuously throughout the day, so students are assured nutritious and tasty food. In addition to our regular menu, each dining room also offers a specialty menu, adding further variety and cuisine options.

To compliment the residence hall dining rooms, WMU Dining Services operates six Campus Cafés located in academic or student activity buildings on campus. Campus Cafés accept cash or Dining Dollars, and they are a great place to grab a quick snack on the way to class, or to enjoy a full meal with friends.

Supporting student achievement is the first priority of the WMU Dining Services. We help students stay healthy to pursue academic and personal goals.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/dining](http://www.wmich.edu/dining) for more information.
WMU has a Critical Incident Response Planning committee that meets regularly. Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG) provide emergency management response and recovery should a critical incident occur at WMU.

Ranging from tabletops and drills to functional exercises with full-scale components involving community emergency organizations, disaster exercises test our response and recovery activities. Each exercise involves a debriefing, evaluations by all involved and an After Action Report that summarizes the exercise findings, identifies the accomplishments and the shortfalls, and provides recommendations.

Most WMU buildings also have trained emergency preparedness volunteer teams. The volunteers provide leadership and direction during fire evacuation and tornado shelter exercises.

The WMU hot line is (269) 387-1001. Although rare, if weather conditions result in closing WMU, the information is immediately posted on the hot line as well as on the WMU home page at www.wmich.edu. These two sources will also be updated should a campus emergency occur.

Visit www.obf.wmich.edu/safety or call (269) 387-0678.

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What is The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)?

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student’s education records. When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending a postsecondary institution regardless of age, FERPA rights transfer to the student.
- Parents may obtain directory information only at the discretion of the institution.

Non-directory information (grades, gpa, etc.) may be obtained if the student grants parents authorized user access or by a signed consent form. You can read a summary of this law at www.wmich.edu/registrar/FERPA

What information is considered directory information at Western Michigan University?

- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- WMU email address
- Curriculum and major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Enrollment status (full/part time)
- Degrees/Awards received
- Most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of athletes

Authorized User Access

WMU students have the ability to grant access to third party individuals to view certain academic and financial aid information. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), student financial and academic records may not be shared with a third party without written consent.

- Access to this information can only be granted by the student and the student has the right to revoke this access at any time.
- Access to this information is restricted to what is available in this system and has been authorized by the student. It does not allow University faculty or staff to release information.
- Adding an authorized user is considered a written consent that an individual may view certain student academic and financial aid information as well as make payments on behalf of the student.
- For further information on how a student grants this access, see: www.wmich.edu/registrar/authorized_user_student.html.
- For information on how parents can use this access after it is granted, see: www.wmich.edu/registrar/authorized_user_thirdparty.html.
First-Year Experience Programs

Three unique programs, one common goal: Student Success!
New Student Orientation, Fall Welcome, and First-Year Seminar make up the WMU FYE Programs.

First-Year Experience’s purpose is to support students as they develop new social networks, adjust to the academic rigor of college, and learn about the opportunities and resources at WMU. Participation in each of the three programs is important because they build upon each other, helping students get involved and adjusted. Students engaged in campus life are statistically more likely to graduate from college in comparison to students who may not be involved.

The FYE staff works closely with a number of programs and departments that serve first-year students. Participation in each of the three programs is a requirement for many of our first-year students, including Exploratory Advising, Alpha students, Seita Scholars, Diversity and Multiculturalism Scholarship students, TRiO students, and Kalamazoo Promise students.

1. **New Student Orientation**: The first official exposure to the University as a WMU student. During orientation, students and parents, guardians or adult mentors receive helpful curricular and co-curricular information. Students learn about academic advising, register for the first semester of classes, meet other students, and participate in fun and social activities. Parents, guardians, or adult mentors have opportunities to informally and formally meet with faculty and staff from across the University.

2. **Fall Welcome**: A four-day transition program designed to strengthen the bond between first-year students and our WMU community. Students move into the residence halls before the semester officially starts, become familiar with the campus and local community, and attend numerous programs and activities to prepare for the start of the fall semester.

3. **First-Year Experience 2100 (FYE)**: The perfect way to connect with the University, continue to build lasting relationships, and strategize for future success at WMU and beyond. FYE 2100 is a semester-long two-credit hour class designed specifically with first-year students in mind.

We want your student to experience success at WMU, and FYE is as easy as one, two, three.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/fye](http://www.wmich.edu/fye) or call (269) 387-2167.
The Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University is an integral part of the WMU community. LHC students study in every discipline and take advantage of a diverse and rich array of courses to deepen and develop their major and minor fields of study. The Honors College provides an environment where each student grows through personal relationships with other students and faculty, academic challenges, and opportunities for leadership.

For incoming freshmen, admission to the Honors College is by invitation. High school students who are accepted to WMU will receive an invitation to join the honors college if they have an ACT composite score of at least 26 and a GPA of 3.6. Students who can demonstrate a rank within the top 10% of their high school class also are welcome to join.

Students may be admitted at other stages of their academic career. Currently enrolled students at WMU who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better may submit an application for admission. Those students who join the Honors College as current WMU students need a minimum of 4 semesters to complete their coursework and thesis.

Similarly, transfer students also are welcome to apply for admission (with supporting materials) if they carry a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Those students who transfer from an institution of which the Honors College has a reciprocal agreement are granted automatic admission into the honors college.

Visit www.wmich.edu/honors or call (269) 387-3230.
Multicultural Affairs serves as an information resource on the role and value of diversity in education for WMU, and for the greater Kalamazoo communities. Multicultural Affairs focuses on:

- Events and programs that promote cultural awareness
- Support for student organizations
- Networking opportunities
- Mentor and peer mentor programs
- Academic tutor referrals
- Academic progress monitoring
- Employment and internships
- Scholarship information

Multicultural Affairs strives to ensure that all students are given the full opportunity to discover and develop their talents, interests, and unique potential, and to provide a learning-centered environment that presents the context for intellectual, cultural, professional, and personal growth during the college experience. Through programs, services, and initiatives that address cross-cultural competency and personal empowerment, Multicultural Affairs fosters community development, leadership, and a campus climate that respects and appreciates the history, culture, and traditions of all students.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/multicultural](http://www.wmich.edu/multicultural) or call (269) 387-4420.
Good health is essential to academic success.

That’s why Sindecuse Health Center offers lower cost, quality care. Our board certified clinicians provide prompt, convenient service for illness or injury – ensuring your student will be able to perform his or her best. And we’re not just for students who are feeling ill; we have many valuable preventive health services, such as nutrition counseling and massage therapy, to enhance their college careers. Students requiring assistance to transition their medical care from home to Sindecuse can consult with a clinician.

Services include:

- acute illness and injury care (by appointment or walk-in)
- immunizations and allergy shots
- family planning/contraceptive services
- prescription and over-the-counter drugs at our full-service pharmacy
- lab and x-ray services
- physical therapy and athletic training

- medical social work (for crisis intervention, financial and insurance concerns, patient advocacy, and short-term counseling)
- psychiatric services (comprehensive)
- mental healthcare
- peer education and wellness workshops (programs that support students in making healthy, safe decisions)

We understand cost is an important matter regarding health care. All students are eligible to receive care at the health center, whether or not they are insured. We participate with many insurance plans, and will submit claims to all insurance companies. Michigan Medicaid and the Health Plan of Michigan are also accepted. In addition, coverage may be purchased through WMU’s Student Health Insurance Program – just visit our website to learn more. For a complete list of participating plans, visit www.sindecuse.com/insurance.

Visit www.sindecuse.com or call (269) 387-3287.
Student Activities & Leadership Programs enhances student learning by engaging students in educationally purposeful and diverse co-curricular experiences, inspiring excellence in student leadership development, and offering programs outside of the classroom. Services include:

- Coordinating major campus wide events like Bronco Bash, Homecoming and Fall & Spring Into the Streets
- Advising and providing support services for registered student organizations
- Coordinating campus wide leadership development programs
- Supporting Kanley Memorial Chapel and religious activities
- Connecting students with volunteer opportunities within the local community
- Advising and providing resources for fraternity and sorority chapters and governing counsels

With almost 300 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), there are a number of ways in which your student can get involved at WMU. Student organizations include:

- Academic and Professional
- Faith and Spiritual
- Fine and Creative Arts
- Sports and Recreational
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Special Interest
- Media
- Honorary
- Cultural and International

Student life is an important and dynamic component of the collegiate experience and we encourage students to become active members of our WMU community.

Visit www.wmich.edu/salp or call (269) 387-2115.
Disability Services for Students is committed to assisting students with disabling conditions in their pursuit of educational and career goals, as well as personal development. Services include:

- Class scheduling assistance and priority registration
- Academic adjustments/accommodations
- Campus and community liaison, referral and advocacy services
- Campus accessibility information
- Access to adaptive computer equipment
- Handi-Van transportation

Visit www.wmich.edu/disabilityservices or call (269) 387-2116.

The Associate Vice President for Student Affairs is committed to:

- Fostering student learning and personal development.
- Promoting an inclusive and welcoming campus environment.
- Providing an on-line student concern form, www.wmich.edu/studentaffairs/concernform.html and responding to information provided by students, staff and faculty regarding students whose behavior may be concerning.
- Offering support for students with mental health concerns through the Associate VP and the case manager/social worker.

Visit www.wmich.edu/studentaffairs/associatedean or call (269) 387-2150.

Visit www.wmich.edu/disabilityservices or call (269) 387-2116.
The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) enhances student learning and personal development by creating an educationally purposeful, disciplined, and caring community. OSC staff educates students and the campus community on student rights and responsibilities. The conduct process is focused on promoting character development, citizenship, civility and diversity.

- Alleged violations of the student code are processed through an educationally based process.
- OSC staff collaborates with the Professional Concerns Committee within Faculty Senate to manage and facilitate the academic integrity process. OSC provides training for faculty and student members of the Academic Integrity Hearing panels.
- OSC staff provides training for administrative hearing panel members, the University Appeals Board, and student conduct boards.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/conduct](http://www.wmich.edu/conduct) or call (269) 387-2160.

The University Ombudsman is an intervention agent and impartial person who helps students, faculty and staff resolve academic and non-academic concerns. The Ombudsman:

- Listens and discusses questions or concerns.
- Provides information to answer questions or assists in making connections with other resources.
- Explains the University's policies and procedures and how they may affect the concern.
- Follows up with to make sure the concern is resolved.
- Recommends changes in the institution that will make it more responsive to every member of the community.

Visit [www.ombudsman@wmich.edu](http://www.ombudsman@wmich.edu) or call (269) 387-0718.
Studying tropical biology in Belize, Arabic in Alexandria, engineering in China or political science in Cape Town are a few of the study abroad options students can learn about at Western Michigan University’s Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

Today’s employers are keenly interested in hiring internationally aware candidates prepared to join the global workforce of the 21st century. Studying abroad allows students to earn academic credit toward their degrees while gaining cultural understanding of a country. Foreign language students can greatly advance their speaking and reading skills through a language-intensive study abroad program.

All financial aid can be applied to study abroad programs and numerous scholarships are available, including the President’s Grant for Study Abroad supported by an endowment that offers up to $11,000 for students planning to study a foreign language overseas. More than $400,000 in scholarships was awarded to students enrolled in WMU study abroad programs in previous years.

Many WMU study abroad students upon returning home describe their overseas experiences as life-transforming—personally and intellectually:

The Haenicke Institute Study Abroad office is located in Ellsworth Hall and information sessions and walk-in advising are available Monday-Friday.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad), call (269) 387-5890, or email study-abroad@wmich.edu.
University Recreation

Western Michigan University is devoted to providing facilities, programs and services that promote the total development of our students and employees in pursuit of a healthy lifestyle. University Recreation responds to the thousands of students, faculty and staff members who utilize the Student Recreation Center (SRC) daily to attain this goal. The SRC includes basketball courts, indoor soccer area, volleyball, aerobic room, three story climbing wall, a weight training room, an indoor track and a recreational pool.

University Recreation offers personal training, sport leagues, sport clubs and group exercise, utilizing equipment and facilities designed to promote health and well-being. We support education by providing students the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities that help reduce stress, while strengthening their bodies.

Employment opportunities are available for students seeking leadership roles and the development of a productive healthier campus.

Visit www.wmich.edu/rec.
The **Western Edge** is a strategic plan for promoting student success and keeping the quality of education offered by WMU affordable. The **Western Edge** reflects Western’s commitment to building a culture that puts students first. There are five independent components to the **Western Edge**:

1. **Retention scholarship** - students who maintain a 3.0 or better GPA and who earn 30 credits from WMU in their first academic year on campus will receive a $500 scholarship when returning the following fall to WMU. That financial incentive, coupled with the University’s commitment to keep tuition affordable, helps support students to degree completion.

2. **Enhanced academic advising** helps move students smoothly and quickly through their degree programs.

3. **Graduation compacts** will ensure courses are available when students need them to prevent delays in completing programs.

4. **Fixed room and board rates** for up to four years for students who opt to stay in campus residence halls.

5. **Academic opportunities** - a number of other for-credit opportunities will be offered to help students graduate with necessary skills and experience, keep academically involved and excited about preparing for the future.

The only component of the **Western Edge** that requires students to sign up is the graduation compact. Other Western Edge components are automatic just by being a student at WMU.

Visit [www.wmich.edu/edge](http://www.wmich.edu/edge), call (269) 387-2000, or e-mail [ask-wmu@wmich.edu](mailto:ask-wmu@wmich.edu).
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Welcome to Kalamazoo!

Strategically located midway between Chicago and Detroit, Kalamazoo County began as a small fur-trading post founded by Titus Bronson in the late 1700s. Like many Michigan cities, Kalamazoo’s name was adapted from an Indian word, “kikalamazoo”, meaning boiling water. Water has long been a vital component in Kalamazoo’s major industries including papermaking and agriculture, which have helped the area grow and prosper.

Some of the many famous products manufactured in Kalamazoo include Checker Cabs, Gibson guitars, Kalamazoo Stoves, Stryker hospital beds and Shakespeare fishing rods and reels. In the late 1800s, W.E. Upjohn moved to Kalamazoo and created The Upjohn Company, which is now part of Pfizer Corporation, the world’s largest pharmaceutical company.

Bronson Park, named for founder Titus Bronson, is the traditional center point of Central City. Surrounded by churches, Bronson Park features monuments to war veterans, an Indian (burial) Mound and the historic marker commemorating Abraham Lincoln’s only public speech in Michigan in 1856. Festivals, concerts and cultural events encourage visitors to linger among the lush flowers and trees.

Kalamazoo is home to five institutions of higher learning including Michigan’s oldest college, Kalamazoo College.

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Davenport University and Cornerstone University infuse the community with more than 31,709 students, ensuring a vibrant college-town atmosphere.

The National Register of Historic Places includes several buildings on the campus of Western Michigan University: the Psychiatric Hospital Water Tower, a 175-ft Queen Anne style landmark, the Gatekeeper’s Cottage, The Oaklands, Montague House and 11 buildings on East Campus. Famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright built Usonian style homes in the late 1940s, located at Taliesin and Parkwyn Drives and in the city of Galesburg.

One of the original “safe houses”, the Underground Railroad Home was built in 1835 by Kalamazoo County’s first doctor, Nathan Thomas. This small Greek Revival home hid former slaves en-route to freedom in Canada.
Hot Spots in Kalamazoo

On a visit to downtown Kalamazoo, you may find yourself strolling through one of the city’s six historical districts:

- **East End**, featuring the creative renovation of old railroad buildings into nightclubs, antique stores, coffee shops and microbreweries.
- **South Town**, an eclectic mix of downtown neighborhoods, retail business and the elegant campus of Bronson Hospital.
- **Haymarket**, offering the latest in food and entertainment, surrounded by the classic architecture of the past.
- **Arcadia**, a district that brings art, festivals, music, history and education together.
- **Bronson Park**, surrounded by stately churches, celebrations, art shows, summer concerts and holiday displays.
- **Kalamazoo Mall**, anchored by the stylish AAA 4-Diamond Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites is the historic Kalamazoo Mall, the first outdoor pedestrian mall in the United States, featuring parades, sidewalk sales, Art on the Mall, Mixer on the Mall, and more.

No matter what time of year you visit Kalamazoo, you will find a wealth of cultural entertainment offerings, from classical to jazz, from avant garde theatre to traveling Broadway shows. With 10 live performing theatres and unique concert venues, Kalamazoo is a magnet for big-name, touring artists and musicians.
**Important Facts, Phone Numbers & Links**

**Discover Kalamazoo**
141 E. Michigan Ave.
Suite 100
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Toll-free: (800) 888-0509
www.DiscoverKalamazoo.com
generalinfo@discoverkalamazoo.com

**Travel Michigan Statewide Information**
(888) 78-GREAT

**Information Radio Station**
Tune into AM 530 for ongoing events in Kalamazoo County during your visit.

**Information Line**
For up-to-date information on what's happening in and around town, call the Visitor Information Line toll-free at (800) 888-0509 to speak to one of our friendly information specialists, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Website**
Log on to www.DiscoverKalamazoo.com to find information about our calendar of events, one-of-a-kind attractions, accommodations, restaurants and more.

**Visitor Information**
To obtain visitor information or maps, contact Discover Kalamazoo at (800) 888-0509 or visit our visitor information centers located at 141 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 100 or the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport. You can also visit any of our hotel's front desk information racks after hours.

**Wireless Internet Access**
Available throughout the entire downtown area.

**Kalamazoo Store**
"Yes, There Really is a Kalamazoo" souvenirs are available at Discover Kalamazoo Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Browse through our gift shop, community information, or watch our visitor video to discover what the region has to offer. Visit our online store to view available souvenirs at www.DiscoverKalamazoo.com

**LOCATION**
Kalamazoo County is located in the heart of the Great Lakes region, midway between Chicago and Detroit at the intersection of I-94 and US-131.

- Area: 576 square miles
- Lowest point: 700 ft. above sea level
- Highest point: 1,000 ft. above sea level

**AMENITIES**
- Over 300 eating establishments
- 83 lakes with public access
- 69 public parks
- 22 public golf courses
- 5 wineries
- 3 brew pubs
- 3 ski resorts
- 2 state game areas
- 1 tobogganing park

**AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES**
The climate is pleasant with four distinct seasons each year ranging from fall's vibrant foliage to spring's lush greenery. Kalamazoo enjoys lake effect weather which is cooling during the warmer months and provides for a milder temperature during the cooler months.

- May: 72 degrees F
- July: 85 degrees F
- October: 63 degrees F
- February: 35 degrees F
- Annual Snowfall: 70 inches
- Weather: www.wwmt.com

**POPULATION**
- Kalamazoo County: 240,720
- City of Kalamazoo: 75,312
- City of Portage: 45,679

**POLICE/MEDICALCARE**
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**Borgess Medical Center**
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601 John St., Kalamazoo
(269) 341-7654
www.bronsonhealth.com

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13326 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg
(269) 649-2321

**WORSHIP**
Kalamazoo is home to more than 275 churches, synagogues and mosques. For a complete list of area houses of worship, visit Discover Kalamazoo at www.DiscoverKalamazoo.com.
Getting to Kalamazoo

MAPS ON FOLLOWING PAGES

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

From I-94 Eastbound
At exit #74, turn north onto U.S. 131, go 2.8 miles, follow the directions listed below for U.S. 131.

From I-94 Westbound
At exit #74, turn north onto U.S. 131, go 2.8 miles, follow the directions listed below for U.S. 131.

From U.S. 131
At exit #36, turn east onto Stadium Drive. Drive 2.8 miles; turn left onto Oliver Street. Cross railroad tracks, turn right onto Western Ave; turn left onto West Michigan Ave and proceed up the hill. The Seibert Administration Building is located on the left at the top of the hill; the Bernhard Center is located on the right directly across the street from the Seibert Administration Building. Metered parking is just beyond the Bernhard Center.

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6. Slight right at I-94 BR East
7. Take the ramp onto I-94 East
8. Take exit 92 toward Springfield/ Battle Creek
9. Merge onto Climax and Battle Creek Rd/I-94-BR, Continue to follow I-94-BR
10. Continue on Columbia Ave W.
11. Turn left at Helmer Rd S/M-37
Glossary of Common Terms

Academic advisor – A faculty or professional staff member trained to help students select courses and plan programs of study for degree or program completion.

Academic dismissal – Dismissal from an academic unit or program for not maintaining the required grade point average (GPA). Dismissal indicates that a student is no longer admitted to the University and may not register.

Academic standing – The status of a student determined by the student’s grade point average (GPA).

Academic Year – The period during which school is in session.Western has four separate enrollment periods and for financial aid purposes, the academic year begins with Summer II and runs through Summer I. Summer II: July through August Fall: August through December Spring: January through April Summer I: May through June

Board – A term used for the meal plan (as in, room and board) at the University. Class or credit hour load (Undergraduate) The number of credit hours carried by a student each semester or session. A first semester freshman may not enroll for more than eighteen hours of work except by special permission, which is seldom granted unless the curriculum demands it. The normal maximum load for the summer sessions is nine hours.

Class standing – A classification based on the number of credit hours earned which indicated the level of a student. Freshman: a student credited with 0-25 hours inclusive. Sophomore: a student credited with 26-55 hours inclusive. Junior: a student credited with 56-87 hours inclusive. Senior: a student credited with 88 or more hours.

College – An administrative division of the University housing one or more academic departments or schools.

Corequisite – A course that must be taken at the same time as another course.

Credit hour – A unit of academic credit. One credit hour usually represents one hour of class time per week.

Credit load – The total number of credits for which a student registers during a semester or session.

Curriculum – A complete program of studies, as defined by a college, leading to a baccalaureate (undergraduate) degree.

Dean’s list – A public announcement at the end of fall and spring semesters listing students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 in at least twelve semester hours of course work.

Dependent – For your child to be considered your dependent, you must provide more than half of their support. If your child does not live with you, the other parent and you may not both claim the child as a dependent. For other persons to be considered your dependent, they must live with you and you must provide more than half of their support.

Disbursement – Disbursement is the release of financial aid toward your school account for payment of tuition, fees, room and board, and other school charges.

Drop – An official procedure for withdrawing from individual courses without removing registration from all courses. The deadline for the last day to drop a course without academic penalty (grade of “W” is on the transcript) is noted each semester or session on the Academic Calendar. Students who do not follow the official procedure when dropping a class will receive a grade for the course.

Elective – A course will count as credit toward a degree, if approved by the advisor, but is not a specified requirement in the program’s course requirements.

Financial Aid – Money provided to the student and the family to help them pay for the student’s education. Major forms of financial aid include gift aid (grants and scholarships) and self help aid (loans and work).

Financial Aid Package – The financial aid package is the complete collection of grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study employment from all sources (federal, state, institutional, and private) offered to a student to enable them to attend the college or university.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for all federal aid including the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Federal College Work Study (FCWS), Federal Direct Student Loans (FDS/FDU), Federal Direct Parent Loan (PLUS) and all other need-based aid.

Good standing – A designation that signifies that a student is eligible to continue, to return, or to transfer elsewhere. It implies good academic standing; that is, an overall GPA of 2.00 or better for undergraduates, 3.00 or better for graduate students.

Grade point – The numerical value given to letter grades. For example, an “A” is equivalent to 4 points per semester hours. A “BA” to 3.5 points, a “B” to 3 points, “CB” to 2.5 points, “C” to 2 points, “DC” to 1.5 points and “D” to 1 point. An “E” or “X” is equivalent to zero points.

Grade point average (GPA) – A student’s scholastic average computed by dividing total grade or honor points by total credit hours attempted.
Graduation audit – A formal, required evaluation of the student’s academic record and program of study to determine the student’s eligibility for graduation. The audit, initiated by a student’s application for graduation, determines whether all University, degree, and program requirements have been met satisfactorily.

Hold – A restraint placed on a student’s ability to register for courses as a result of an unfulfilled monetary obligation or other action by the University.

Honor points – A numerical value of the letter grade and credit earned in a course, determined by multiplying the grade point earned in the course by the number of credit hours for the course.

Honors – Designation indicated on the college degree and transcript to reflect outstanding scholarship. Honors are conferred upon graduating students who have displayed a high level of performance during their University career. Recipients of honors receive their degrees: Cum laude—when their grade point average is 3.50 to 3.69, inclusive. Magna cum laude—when their grade point average is 3.70 to 3.89 inclusive. Summa cum laude—when their grade point average is 3.90 to 4.0 inclusive.

Incomplete – A temporary course grade (“I”) granted by an instructor when illness, necessary absence, or other reasons beyond the control of the student prevent completion of course requirements by the end of the semester or session. A student must be passing the course to be eligible for an “I”. An “I” is not given as a substitute for a failing or low grade. Incomplete grades will convert to an “X” if not removed within one calendar year, or sooner if so stipulated by the instructor.

Interdisciplinary – Designating a combination of subject matter from two or more disciplines within a course or program.

Internship – Work in a firm or agency related to a student’s major program and/or career plans. Usually involves earning college credit and may involve receiving payment.

Major – A concentration of related courses generally consisting of thirty to fifty semester hours of credit.

Minor – A concentration of courses generally consisting of a minimum of twenty semester hours of credit.

Part-time student – An undergraduate student who takes fewer than twelve hours during a semester or fewer than six hours during a session.

Portfolio – A collection of work (e.g., paintings, writings, etc.) which may be used to demonstrate competency in an academic area.

Prerequisite – A requirement, usually the completion of another course, which must be met before a student may register for a course.

Probation – As a condition of admission: Probationary admission may be granted by a department to a student who does not meet all normal requirements for regular admission. The probationary student may then establish eligibility for regular admission by completing satisfactorily the specified departmental prerequisites declared in the letter of admission.

Proficiency – A General Education requirement. Each undergraduate candidate must show proficiency in four (4) areas: college-level writing; baccalaureate-level writing; college-level mathematics or quantitative reasoning; enhanced proficiency (one of the six options).

Registration – The process of enrolling in and paying tuition and fees for courses each semester or session.

Scholarship – Financial assistance to students awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Financial need may or may not be a factor.

School – A single-discipline organizational unit which has an identification in the public mind beyond that of a department. Schools may have significant subdivisions such that students will apply for admission and take degrees through the subdivision rather than through the central unit as a whole.

Semester – A unit of time, 15 weeks long in the academic calendar at WMU. The semesters occur in the fall and the spring.

Student employment – Part-time jobs made available to students with financial need through federally-funded program (Work Study) and to students without need through the Student Employment Office.

Transcript – A copy of a student’s permanent academic record at a particular institution. The transcript, at minimum, lists all courses taken and credit hours and grades earned.

Transfer credit – Credit earned at another accredited institution and accepted toward a WMU degree. Grades earned at another institution do not transfer and hence do not affect the WMU GPA.

Tuition – The amount of money which must be paid for courses based on the number of credits for which the student registers.

Withdrawal – An official procedure for withdrawing from a course or from the University. Deadlines for the last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty (grade of “W” is on the transcript) is noted each semester or session in the Schedule of Course Offerings publication and on the WMU academic calendars website. Students who do not follow the official procedure when withdrawing from a class will earn the grade of “X” for that course; the “X” grade carries no honor points and affects the GPA in the same manner as an “E” or failing grade.

X Grade – The symbol “X” on a student’s transcript indicates that the student has never attended the class or has discontinued attendance and does not qualify for any other grade, including an “I” grade. The “X” will be computed into the student’s grade point average as hours attempted with zero honor points.
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