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Western Michigan University is a dynamic national institution that was founded in 1903 as a teacher-preparation school and has grown to become one of Michigan's 5 research universities. A student-centered institution, it builds intellectual inquiry, investigation, and discovery into its academic programs, yet remains focused on providing personal attention and preparing both undergraduate and graduate students for success in work and life.

Recognition: WMU is nationally recognized and internationally engaged.

- The Carnegie Foundation classifies WMU among the nation's fewer than 200 research universities.
- *U.S. News & World Report* names WMU among the top 100 public institutions in the nation and the top 30 in the Midwest.
- The *Princeton Review* includes WMU on its annual online list of the Best Midwestern Colleges.
- Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society, has chosen to grant chapters to WMU and fewer than 100 other public institutions.
- *Military Times* ranks WMU 16th on its list of the country's 101 best schools for military veterans.
- The Sustainable Endowments Institute in 2011 lauded WMU as a campus trendsetter in a groundbreaking national report that outlines how some colleges around the country are saving millions in operating funds by using innovative green financing models.
- Facilities management personnel in higher education and the corporate world recognize WMU as a national leader in campus energy conservation and regularly come to WMU to learn best practices.

Size and scope: With an enrollment of more than 25,000 students, WMU ranks among the country's 100 largest higher education institutions. Its campuses encompass more than 1,200 acres and 150 buildings, and feature some of the finest instructional and performance spaces in the Midwest. Yet, WMU has the second leanest administrative staffing levels of any of Michigan's 15 public universities.

The university's main campus is located close to downtown Kalamazoo and includes a growing Oakland Drive Campus that has become a hub for health and human services programs and direct-service clinics. WMU's highly rated engineering college and thriving Business Technology and Research Park are based 3 miles away at the Parkview Campus, while its nationally known aviation college is based at the W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek, Michigan. Both the aviation campus and BTR Park are components of 2 Michigan SmartZones.

WMU has long met the state's regional needs for higher education and career development programs, and continues annually to serve thousands of Michigan residents through its Online and Lifelong Learning offices, as well as its regional sites in Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Metro Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Muskegon, and Traverse City.

Academic programs: WMU shapes its academic programs so that its graduates are immediately ready to add value to their work places and communities. Degrees are granted through 7 colleges: Arts and Sciences, Aviation, Haworth College of Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Fine Arts, and Health and Human Services. In addition, the Lee Honors College serves as an intimate home for exceptionally talented undergraduates, while the Graduate College assists those pursuing advanced degrees.

WMU offers the second largest number of undergraduate programs of any public university in Michigan. Students may choose from 239 programs, including 140 at the bachelor's level, 69 at the master's level, and 29 at the doctoral level. Many of these offerings are nationally or internationally recognized, such as those in accountancy, aviation, blindness and low-vision studies, creative writing, education, experimental atomic physics, evaluation, graph theory, jazz studies, medieval studies, paper science, and the performing arts.

Faculty: The university's faculty is comprised of 866 full-time teachers, 524 part-time instructors, and 848 graduate assistants. These scholars are dedicated to providing quality teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, advancing the university's public service mission, and creating knowledge, as well as putting it to work in daily life.

Despite its size and complexity, WMU has a 19 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio, and two-thirds of all undergraduate classes have 30 or fewer students. Additionally, full-time professors teach most undergraduate as well as graduate classes, and underclassmen have ample opportunities to work closely with faculty researchers and artists.

Student support: WMU creates an environment for its students that is at once challenging and supportive. A wide range of resources and services focus on the academic and career success of

students, and several offices are dedicated to meeting the special needs of such select groups as first-year students, transfer students, military veterans, youths who have aged out of the foster-care system and underclassmen who are undecided about their majors.

The university operates 13 residence halls, 5 full-service dining facilities, one carry-out dining facility, 6 cash-dining operations, and 4 apartment complexes. The residence halls offer various financial discounts and form a network of educational communities that engage students in learning and personal development. The apartments offer a more independent on-campus living arrangement in housing staffed and policed by WMU. This arrangement is preferred by upperclassmen who previously lived in a residence hall and still want the convenience of living on campus as well as students who have families, come from overseas, and are studying at the graduate level.

WMU also recognizes that college is a time for students to have fun and develop their individual skills and interests. Educational, social, and recreational opportunities abound through hundreds of student organizations, fraternities and sororities, professional groups, intramural and club sports, and fitness and wellness programs. The university also has nationally recognized arts programs, a lively cultural calendar, and 16 NCAA Division I, Football Bowl Subdivision teams in the Mid-American Conference and Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

International perspective and diversity: The university is home to a diverse, culturally rich student body that includes 1,260 international students from 94 other countries. Minority students also are well represented, making up 13 percent of the student body, while graduate students account for 20 percent. Nearly 89 percent of all students are Michigan residents.

WMU infuses the campus learning environment with a global perspective. It offers scores of study abroad programs in some 2 dozen countries and access to overseas study opportunities in almost every other country through linkages with universities and organizations around the world. On campus, WMU is home to several international study centers, a variety of international and foreign-language programs, and a fully accredited intensive English language program for international students.

Research: WMU researchers are advancing knowledge across the state and around the globe. A growing amount of their funded research is the product of partnerships with business, industry, and government in areas such as nanotechnology, homeland security, and the life sciences. These collaborations enhance classroom instruction and career opportunities for students, as well as foster economic development in Michigan while building the state's 21st-century knowledge base.

Cost: WMU's relatively low cost (www.wmich.edu/registrar/tuition) makes it one of the best higher-education values in Michigan. The university ranks 10th in tuition and fees among the state's 15 public universities, yet is one of the 5 universities in the state to have earned the Carnegie Foundation's research designation.

WMU awarded more than \$271 million in financial aid in 2009-2010, offers one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs at a public university in the United States, and regularly introduces initiatives to keep its costs low. Recent initiatives have included the Western Edge (www.wmich.edu/edge), which not only freezes room-and-board rates for those living in the residence halls and provides retention scholarships, but also saves students money by helping them stay on track so they can graduate in 4 years.

<i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>
On-campus	22,860	22,623	23,096
Regional sites and online education	3,928	3,616	3,692