



College of Arts & Sciences

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Enrollment, Fall 2009

Undergraduate	4,948
Graduate	1,163
Total	6,111

Minority students	850
Minority student %	14%
International students	294

Degrees Awarded, 2007-08

Bachelor's	1,112
Master's	255
Doctoral	56
Total	1,423



\$28.5 million chemistry building (opened 2007)

Total Alumni 55,557

Staff, Fall 2008

Faculty	371
Student/Faculty Ratio	16 to 1
Staff	110
Graduate Assistantships/Fellowships	510

Financial Aid, Fall 2008

Total Financial Aid Awarded	\$18,929,269
Number of Students Receiving Aid	3,193

Grants, 2008-09

Number of Grants Received	84
Total Value of Grants Received	\$7,684,100

College of Arts & Sciences Leadership and Departments

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College of Arts and Sciences Fast Facts

- The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is the largest of six academic colleges at Western Michigan University, and holds appointments for nearly 45 percent of the University's faculty.
- With 27 departments in three major divisions, as well as interdisciplinary departments and institutions, the College is the most diverse academic unit within the University.
- The College of Arts and Sciences offers more than 130 majors, minors and programs.
- The College generates 55 percent of WMU's total number of student credit hours, which yields an estimated \$85 million in tuition for the university.
- Two CAS faculty have been awarded Fulbright Awards. One will conduct research and work with graduate students at the University of Jyväskylä in Jyväskylä, Finland in 2010. The other has been selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in Germany at Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, where he will lecture in the field of international economics with an emphasis on international trade and foreign direct investment.
- A Department of Physics faculty member recently was awarded a grant for \$3 million to carry out "Ultrafast Research" at the Stanford Free Electron Laser at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center on the campus of Stanford University.
- The Director of Advising for the College of Arts and Sciences and a Foreign Languages faculty member received the 2009 Lee Honors College Distinguished Service Award. The award is in recognition of their commitments of time and talent to the University's honors students. It is the highest prize that the College awards.
- Nineteen of 20 of WMU's 2009 prestigious Presidential Scholars are College of Arts and Sciences students.
- Between 2004-2009, CAS granted an average of 55 Ph.D. degrees each year—enough degrees alone to qualify WMU as a Carnegie Research University.
- The Department of History at WMU gained national attention for efforts related to student success. The Organization of American Historians and the American Historical Association have published reports based on the department's efforts.
- The College of Arts and Sciences has become home to a Confucius Institute, providing new Chinese language and cultural studies options for WMU students and faculty and dramatically expanding international opportunities for area K-12 schools and local businesses.
- A Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad grant will fund "Cultural Connections: A Transnational Curriculum Development Project," which is a trans-disciplinary initiative spearheaded by a CAS Africana Studies faculty member. The project will be carried out in West Africa.
- The College of Arts and Sciences will join with University of Malta to launch a collaborative degree program—a dual Master of Arts in Criminology, Law and Public Policy—to be taught at that Mediterranean nation's flagship university.
- The Core-Plus Mathematics Project, a long-term Western Michigan University effort to develop and support implementation of a high school mathematics curriculum that will meet the nation's current and future needs, has been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as an exemplary program, and was singled out by the Business Higher Ed Forum for inclusion on its web site.