

Career and Student Employment Services

Career and Student Employment Services offers comprehensive career development and employment services for WMU students and alumni. Services include career advising, resume and cover letter advice, centralized job listings on the Internet, career development workshops and several annual campus job fairs.

- On campus jobs are available for enrolled students only. Competition is steep, as many students keep campus jobs through to graduation. Average campus wage: \$7.00 per hour.
- Working part-time (on or off campus) while enrolled teaches students to manage time and prioritize tasks. The average student will earn \$6,760 annually working 20 hours per week.
- Students who qualify for Michigan or Federal Work Study can work on campus or in a non-profit agency in the Kalamazoo area to earn their award. Apply for Work Study as part of the comprehensive FAFSA forms.
- The course Career Development & Exploration (UNIV 102) is recommended for anyone choosing a major and is open to all students. Highlights include personality and work-environment assessments.
- The average 2006 starting salary for an undergraduate from WMU was \$32,000. (Based on student reported salaries from the Graduate Survey, March 2006. Eighty percent of students reported working in Michigan upon graduation.)

- www.BroncoJOBS.wmich.edu web resources include job openings for students and alumni, upcoming job fairs in the Midwest, and resources for interviewing, resume preparation and networking.

Disabled Student Resources and Services

Disabled Student Resources and Services provides for nearly 800 students who have identified themselves as having disabilities. Disabilities include but are not limited to:

Chronic illness – allergies, cancer, cardiac, MS, fibromyalgia, etc.
Cognitive issues – ADHD, LD, traumatic brain injury, etc.
Emotional/psychological – depression, anxiety, bi-polar, etc.
Physical – hearing, vision, mobility
Temporary – surgeries, broken bones, etc.

- Participates with the Multipurpose Enabling Technology Laboratory (METL). METL is a computer lab with adaptive equipment to assist students with a variety of disabling conditions. Approximately 30 students use this service.
- Arranges on-campus transportation for students with mobility issues. The Handi-van, managed by Metro Transit is a wheelchair lift equipped vehicle that operates on campus during the fall and winter semesters for approximately 20 students.
- Provides alternative format for textbooks and other printed materials. Formats include enlarged print, Braille and scanning services, which allow students access to screen readers and font size manipulation. Scanned 290 books for 40 students.

