

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Questions Frequently Asked by Graduate Students**

**How do I register for classes?**

Students register for classes on-line, through the GoWMU portal. To register for classes, go to Western's homepage ([www.wmich.edu](http://www.wmich.edu)), click on the GoWMU icon, enter your username and password, click on Student Services, and follow the instructions.

You will receive your username and password for the portal, as well as your email account, after you have been accepted to Western. If you have questions regarding your account, please click on the following link <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/students/email.html> and/or contact the Help Desk, which is located on the second floor of the University Computing Center (UCC), at (269) 387-5161 or through their website at <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/helpdesk/>.

**Does Western provide email accounts, and what is my address?**

Western provides email accounts for all students, faculty, and staff. The general form of your address will be: [firstname.lastname@wmich.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname@wmich.edu). You can access your email account through the GoWMU portal, which is located on Western's homepage.

You will receive your username and password for your email account (which is the same as your username and password for the portal) after you have been accepted to Western. If you have questions regarding your account, please click on the following link <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/students/email.html> and/or contact that Help Desk, which is located on the second floor of the University Computing Center (UCC), at (269)387-5161 or through their website at <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/helpdesk/>.

Please note that the University provides a limited amount of "space" for these accounts. Therefore, it is possible for your email account to become "full." In order to prevent this, make sure you "expunge" your messages, rather than simply deleting them, because deleted messages remain in your account.

**How many students in the department have assistantships?**

It varies from year to year, as well as between the MA and PhD programs. Generally, 18 to 22 of the 50 to 60 MA and PhD students in the department have some type of assistantship. By the time full-time students complete their programs, almost all have received an assistantship.

**How long does it take to get through the program?**

Most MA students take between two and three years to complete the entire program (including the thesis), although a number have finished in two years or less. PhD students typically need three to four years beyond the MA to complete all coursework and both area exams. The additional time needed to complete the dissertation varies dramatically, from as short as six months to as long as several years (although in the latter case, usually not while the student is still at WMU).

**Where have recent graduates been hired?**

Recent graduates are serving on the faculty or in research capacities at Sam Houston State University, the University of Michigan, Albion College, Tennessee Technical University, Viterbo College, Valparaiso University, the University of Dayton, Grand Valley State University,

Savannah State University, Long Island University, Hope College, Muskingum College, Central Michigan University, and Pepperdine University.

**How often are required classes offered? How often are electives offered?**

Required classes are usually offered on an annual basis, typically during the same semester each year (i.e., the Proseminar (SOC 600) is offered every Fall semester). Elective classes are offered every year or every other year, depending on demand. Special topics courses and other elective courses are also offered, but not according to a set schedule.

**On what days and at what times are classes offered?**

In order to accommodate student's work schedules, all graduate classes are offered in the afternoon or evening. More specifically, all graduate classes in the sociology department are offered from 4:00 to 6:20 or from 6:30 to 8:50 Monday through Thursday. Classes meet once a week.

**Is it possible to make exceptions or substitutions for required courses or program prerequisites?**

Yes. It requires a formal letter of request to the department's Central Graduate Committee. This letter typically includes a rationale for the exemption, as well as syllabi from previously taken courses, or a description of and rationale for the proposed substitute, including a syllabus and reading list for the desired course. In the case of substitutions, the letter must be submitted before the student completes the desired course.

**How many students are in the MA and PhD programs?**

Currently, there are between 50 and 60 active graduate students. About half of these students are in the MA program, while the other half are in the PhD program.

One of the department's goals is to increase graduate enrollment to 70-80 students, with roughly half in each program.

**Where is the Sociology Department located?**

The Sociology Department is located in Sangren Hall. The faculty and administrators' offices and the departmental mailroom are on the second floor. The Kercher Center for Social Research, which contains faculty offices, is also located on the second floor. The graduate student offices are on the third floor.

**What facilities are available for graduate students in the sociology department?**

Mailroom

The department's mailroom is located in room 2515 of Sangren Hall. Graduate students who are teaching courses in the department will have their own mailbox. All other graduate students will share a mailbox. Each of these mailboxes covers a portion of the alphabet (A-F, G-L, etc.).

Graduate Student Offices

The graduate students have two offices, located in rooms 3202 and 3501 of Sangren Hall. Every student who receives an departmental assistantship or associateship will receive a key to these offices. Graduate assistants who are teaching their own course(s) in the department will have the option to have their own desk; other graduate assistants will be asked to share a desk. Desks are assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) manages these offices. Please let an officer know if there is anything you need, if we have run out of supplies, or if there is a problem with

any of the equipment. Please note that SGSA may not be able to act on your request (at least not immediately) due to time and budgetary constraints.

### **What services and activities does the department and/or the Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) provide for graduate students?**

#### Department Newsletter

SGSA distributes a newsletter at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. This newsletter contains information regarding department events, as well as the deadlines for departmental and university forms and for conference and journal submissions.

#### Email Lists

SGSA relies on email to disseminate information about the department and the university (i.e. policies, events, funding opportunities), especially to those graduate students who are rarely on campus. SGSA also forwards information about job offerings (academic and non-academic), publication opportunities, conferences, and workshops via email. To receive these emails, please contact SGSA ([socgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:socgsa@yahoo.com)).

#### Faculty Meetings

There are usually faculty meetings held every other week at 2pm. The actual dates are posted in the mailroom and outside the chair's office early each semester. They are also posted on-line at: [http://www.wmich.edu/sociology/main/html/200405\\_fac\\_meeting\\_dates.htm](http://www.wmich.edu/sociology/main/html/200405_fac_meeting_dates.htm). Since these meetings center on departmental policy and are useful for professional socialization, graduate students are invited to attend. A SGSA officer will always be in attendance, and he or she will provide a report to other graduate students.

#### Job Talks

If the department desires and is able to hire a new faculty member, there will be a series of "job talks" in which the applicants will present a piece of research to the department. Graduate students are encouraged to attend. Additionally, graduates students may have to opportunity to meet with the candidates. Finally, graduate students can evaluate the candidates, and these evaluations are considered in the hiring deliberations. Becoming involved in this process not only allows graduate students to shape the department, it also provides them with a glimpse of what is involved in applying for an academic position.

#### SGSA/Kercher Series Lectures

Throughout the academic year, there will be several presentations sponsored by the Department and/or SGSA. Some of these will have outside speakers, while others will allow faculty and students to present their research. Some of the renowned sociologists who have presented in recent years are Sandra Harding, Dorothy Smith, Robert Emerson, Jerry Pankhurst, William Chambliss, Stephen Pfohl, and Susan Hekman.

#### Teaching Circle

Once or twice a month, the Teaching Circle will meet. Led by a graduate student, the Teaching Circle addresses various issues relating to teaching undergraduates. Topics of previous meetings have included course standards, preparing a curriculum vita (the academic version of a resume), ethical issues in teaching, working in a small private liberal-arts college, and engaging students in large classes. In addition, the Teaching Circle often provides a forum for graduate student instructors to discuss specific issues and dilemmas they are facing in their classes. These meetings are open to all graduate students and faculty, and food is usually provided.

#### SGSA Meetings

The SGSA meets periodically. These meetings provide graduate students with an opportunity to learn about developments in the Department and the Graduate College, to discuss various issues and concerns, and to plan for future events.

### **Who can I contact if I have questions about the department?**

If you have questions about the department and/or the graduate programs, here are the people to contact:

Dr. David Hartmann (Chair): (269)387-5281, [david.hartmann@wmich.edu](mailto:david.hartmann@wmich.edu)

Sharon Myers (Administrative Assistant to the Chair): (269)387-5270,  
[sharon.myers@wmich.edu](mailto:sharon.myers@wmich.edu)

Dr. Charles Crawford (Graduate Program Director): (269)387-5292,  
[charles.crawford@wmich.edu](mailto:charles.crawford@wmich.edu)

Dr. Ron Kramer (Director of the Criminal Justice Program): (269)387-5284,  
[ronald.kramer@wmich.edu](mailto:ronald.kramer@wmich.edu)

Susan Standish (Graduate Advisor): (269)387-5272, [susan.standish@wmich.edu](mailto:susan.standish@wmich.edu)

SGSA: [socgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:socgsa@yahoo.com)

### **What research opportunities are available for students at Western?**

#### University Libraries

In addition to a main library (Waldo Library), Western has an Education Library and a Film Library (both of which are located on the third floor of Sangren). Western also has the distinction of housing the Archives and Regional History Library, which is located in East Hall on East Campus. The following website has information on all of these libraries:

[www.wmich.edu/library](http://www.wmich.edu/library).

Students can access a large range of electronic resources, including search engines and electronic copies of books and journals, through the library website. If you use Western's network, you will have no problems accessing this information. If you are using another provider or a computer located off-campus, you may need to create a proxy server. To do so, click on "Connecting from off-campus" on the library website and follow the directions.

Western is also part of the Interlibrary Loan System, which enables students to obtain resources that are not held at Western. This service is typically free, though there may occasionally be a small fee.

Graduate assistants can check out materials for the entire semester, while other students can only check out materials for two to four weeks.

#### Computer Labs

There are computer labs in the University Computing Center, in the bottom floor of the Bernhard Center, and on the third floor of Sangren. The hours for each lab are posted each semester. The computers in all of these labs have Microsoft Office, as well as SPSS. Some labs have additional programs (AMOS, SAS, etc.).

In addition, there are two computers in each of the graduate student offices. While these computers are old, they have Microsoft Office programs and SPSS.

#### Research and Travel Support

The department provides support for research and travel, as does the Kercher Endowment. Travel costs can include hotel room costs and plane tickets, while research costs can include transcription, data set access fees, and copying costs. Students who want to request funds from

the Kercher Endowment will need to write a short proposal (1-2 pages), which should include a description of the proposed activity, a rationale for the requested support, and an estimated budget. The student should then submit this proposal to the department's administrative assistant, who will circulate it to the members of the endowment committee for review. The department provides no more than \$600 for a travel request and \$500 for a research request, though there are no limits on the number of times you can apply for departmental funding.

#### The Kercher Center for Social Research

The department houses the Kercher Center for Social Research, which conducts various projects throughout the academic year. Recent projects include community surveys and evaluations of drug treatment court programs in Kalamazoo and across Michigan. Graduate students can become involved in these projects through their assistantship or by contacting the director. More information can be found at: <http://www.wmich.edu/sociology/kercher/index.htm>

#### Collaboration with faculty and students

At any given time, most of the faculty are working on research projects of their own. Graduate students who are interested in participating in these projects should simply contact the individual faculty member. Graduate students who develop their own research projects, either individually or in groups, can ask faculty to collaborate with them or provide assistance on these projects.

In all instances of collaborative research that has the potential to lead to professional presentations or publications, it is a good idea to discuss such things as responsibilities, authorship credit, access to data, etc. early in the process.

#### **What teaching opportunities are available for graduate students?**

Any graduate assistant has the option of serving as a teaching assistant. In addition, students who have completed their MA and have taken the department's Teaching Practicum (or have had recent teaching experience) are encouraged to teach their own classes. Any student can teach the department's introductory or social problems courses, while those with an interest in criminology and/or criminal justice can teach the introductory criminal justice course. Students may also teach elective courses, courses they design themselves (a recent example is Modern Japanese Society), and the core courses in research design, statistics, theory, and criminology (provided these courses are not being taught by faculty). In order to teach these courses, students will have to demonstrate aptitude, which is most commonly done by passing a relevant area exam.

Students who are no longer eligible for an assistantship because they have received the maximum amount of funding (3 years) may also teach a class.

Most classes range in size from 40 to 80 students, with the introductory courses on the higher end of this range. There are one or two classes that have at least 100 students.

Students are not guaranteed a teaching position every semester, largely because of the limited number of available courses offered each semester. With that said, students who wish to teach are usually able to do so in the Fall or Spring semesters. There are typically no openings for student instructors in the summer sessions given the very small number of offered classes.

#### **What resources are available for graduate instructors?**

##### Teaching Practicum

The department offers a course that focuses on the design of sociology courses. In addition to designing a syllabus, students are exposed to assignments, readings, materials, and activities they

could use in their courses. As noted above, students are required to take the Teaching Practicum before they can teach, unless they have had recent teaching experience.

### Teaching Circle

As mentioned above, the Teaching Circle, which is led by a graduate student, is both a forum for discussing issues related to teaching and an opportunity to obtain more information (i.e. new activities and strategies).

### Image and Video Collections

The Film Library, located on the third floor of Sangren, contains numerous informational videos and documentaries. While students cannot browse the shelves, they can search the on-line catalog (<http://www.wmich.edu/library/film/index.php>).

Students can also search for and access images (including artwork) through the Visual Resources Library (<http://www.wmich.edu/library/visual/index.php>), which is located on the second floor of Sangren.

## **What are the first things I need to do when I arrive at Western?**

### Obtain your Bronco Card

All students need to have a university ID card, referred to as a Bronco Card (Western's mascot is a bronco.). You will need to have this card to obtain a university email account, to check out material from the university's libraries, to use the computer labs, to obtain student rates for university activities (i.e. movies, performances, sporting events), to use the student recreation center, and to ride the campus and city buses at no charge.

You will be able to get a Bronco Card as soon as classes start. For the first week or so of the Fall Semester, the Bronco Card staff will be on the top floor of the Bernhard Center from 8am to 8pm. After this time (and for the rest of the academic year), they will be located in their permanent office on the bottom floor of the Bernhard Center. Their phone number is (269)387-6278. There will be a \$2.50 fee, which you can either pay when you receive your Bronco Card or have billed to your account.

### Obtain Your Parking Sticker

In order to obtain a parking sticker so you can park on campus (and at your on-campus residence, if applicable), you must first register on-line. Residential and commuter stickers are \$300 for the year, though you can pay \$150 for a permit that only allows you to park by Lawson Ice Arena. Graduate assistants pay no fee for their stickers, including any residential stickers. To register, go to <http://www.parking.wmich.edu/> and follow the instructions.

Once you have done this, which can be done in the Parking Services Building (2507 W. Michigan Ave.; (269)387-5418), you can pick up your parking sticker. At the beginning of the fall semester, parking stickers will be available at Lawson Ice Area. After this time, all stickers can be picked up at Parking Services.

Western's Parking Services strictly enforce the parking rules, though they are lenient during the first week of classes. Make sure you read the posted signs carefully so that you do not get a ticket.

Graduate students with assistantships can park in any employee ("R" sticker) parking lot, including the lots in front of and behind Sangren. Anyone with a valid parking sticker can park in the lot behind Sangren (the lot closer to Sindecuse Health Center) after 5:00pm Monday through Friday and anytime on Saturday and Sunday. In addition, they can park in the parking structure

located on W. Michigan across from the Student Recreation Center. Parking Services will provide a map detailing other places where it is appropriate for you to park when you pick up your sticker.

### Buy Books for Classes

There are two bookstores located on campus. The WMU Bookstore, the university's official bookstore, is located on the main floor of the Bernhard Center. The University Bookstore is located on the corner of W. Michigan Ave. and Howard. Both sell new and used textbooks, and it may be worthwhile to compare their prices.

Coursepacks are located in one bookstore or the other, depending on the coursepack provider. If the professor used the university's Copy Desk to create the coursepack, it will be available in the WMU Bookstore. If the professor used Dollar Bill (a local company providing copying and coursepack services), the coursepack will be available in the University Bookstore.

Graduate assistants receive a ten percent discount at both stores, provided they have a validation sticker on their Bronco Card. This discount does not apply to coursepacks.

### **What do I need to do if I have moved to Kalamazoo?**

#### Change Your Address

In order to ensure that all of your mail goes to the proper address, go to the Registrar's Office, which is located on the third floor of the Siebert Administration Building. Once you have provided them with your current address, all of your mail from the University will go to that address.

#### Obtain Residency (For Those Who Have Moved to Michigan from Another State)

The Sociology Department strongly encourages out-of-state students to apply for residency. In-state tuition is lower, which means that either you or the department will pay less for your education if you have residency.

While you will not be able to obtain residency immediately, you can familiarize yourself with the requirements. For information, go to the Office of Business and Finance, which is located on the third floor of the Seibert Administration building. Their phone number is (269)387-2365. In addition, the following websites discuss the current policy and application form:

<http://www.obf.wmich.edu/documents/docs/residency.pdf> and  
[http://www.obf.wmich.edu/documents/docs/residency\\_app.pdf](http://www.obf.wmich.edu/documents/docs/residency_app.pdf)

#### Change Your Driver's License and Plate (For Those Who Have Moved to Michigan from Another State)

While you are not required to obtain a Michigan license or plate, you can do so by going to any Michigan Secretary of State office. There are three offices in the Kalamazoo area (the first two are the closest to campus):

5316 W. Main (Maple Hill Mall), 377-3820.

310 N. Rose St., 337-3811

5202 S. Westnedge, 337-3800

Additional information can be found on the Secretary of State's webpage:

<http://www.michigan.gov/sos>.

### **How can I find a place to live at Western or in Kalamazoo?**

The university has a few on-campus housing options for graduate students. One is a dormitory called Spindler Hall. Located on East Campus, it offers unfurnished, single-occupancy rooms with communal bathrooms and kitchens. The phone number is 387-7101, and the website is <http://www.wmich.edu/housing/spindler/>. In addition, there are apartment complexes with furnished and unfurnished apartments for one or more people. For information about these apartments, contact the Housing Office (located in Faunce Student Services Building, (269)387-2175) and/or check the Resident Life website <http://www.reslife.wmich.edu/>.

There are many apartments, condominiums, houses, and duplexes for rent in the Kalamazoo/Portage area. One very useful resource is the Condominium and Apartment Guide. To obtain a copy, call (269)671-5223 or view and/or order one from their web page: <http://www.kazoorent.com>. Additionally, you can contact WMU's Housing Office to learn about their off-campus offerings ((269)387-2336; <http://www.ocl.wmich.edu/>).

### **What goods and services are provided on campus? OR What does Western have to offer?**

#### Office supplies and Western Memorabilia:

Both the WMU Bookstore and the University Bookstore sell mailing supplies, office supplies, magazines, a limited range of popular fiction and non-fiction, and a wide array of clothing, glasses, stuffed animals, and other objects with "Western Michigan University" emblazoned on them. Graduate assistants receive a ten percent discount on all merchandise at both stores.

#### Bank

National City has a full service bank in the bottom floor of the Bernhard Center.

#### Entertainment

The Little Theatre, located on East Campus, has screenings of independent and foreign films, typically two a month. These are organized by the Kalamazoo Film Society (<http://www.kalfilmsociety.net/>) and the Western Film Society (<http://www.rso.wmich.edu/wfs/>).

Miller Auditorium presents several musicals, operas, comedians, and musical/dance performances each year. In addition, the Campus Activities Board periodically shows movies at Miller. Students can receive discounted tickets for all of these events. For more information, call the ticket office at (269)387-2300 or visit their website: <http://www.wmich.edu/miller/>.

There are also several dramatic and dance performances every year. For more information, click on the following link: <http://www.wmich.edu/sub/entertainment.html>.

#### Sports

For information about when and where Western's various athletic teams are competing, as well as how to purchase tickets, click on the following link <http://www.wmubroncos.com/>. You can also contact the ticket office at (269)387-8092.

#### Buses

There are six bus routes on campus, and sixteen serving Kalamazoo and Portage (a city to the south of Kalamazoo). Students can ride on any of these buses for free, provided they show their Bronco Cards. Brochures with each specific route are available at many locations on campus, including the Bernhard Center and the Parking Services Building. In addition, you can go to the following website: <http://www.wmich.edu/auxiliary/busroute/>.

#### Computer Sales

Located on the second floor of the University Computing Center. Their phone number is (269)387-5460. More information, including the hardware and software available and their prices, can be found on the following website: <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/mcs/index.html>.

### Copying Services

There are photocopiers in the Education Library. There are several copiers, a color copier, and a service desk on the second floor of Waldo Library. In addition to taking cash, these copiers accept a “copy card,” which can be purchased at these locations. (When this card is used, copies cost seven cents. Otherwise, copies are ten cents apiece.)

The College of Education has a copy center located on the second floor of Sangren Hall. While sociology graduate students have access to this facility, they can only make copies for coursework or for courses they are teaching. (Graduate instructors can also make transparencies at this center.) If you wish to make a large number of copies, you must see one of the administrative assistants in the sociology department.

There is also a printing, binding, and copying center in the Bernhard Center, across from the WMU Bookstore ((269)387-4466).

### Customer Account Services

Located in the bottom floor of the Siebert Administration Building, this is where you need to go to pay for tuition, on-campus housing, on-campus phone service, and other university charges, though you can also pay by mail. Their number is (269)387-4261. You can pay your bills on-line (through the WMU portal), but there will be a \$5 processing fee.

### Food

There is a cafeteria (open only for lunch) and snackbar on the main floor of the Bernhard Center. There are three fastfood restaurants (Subway, Little Caesars, and McDonald’s) on the bottom floor. There is also Flossie’s Café, located on the second floor of Sangren; it has sandwiches, pizza, bagels, snacks, etc. (There are similar cafés in other buildings on campus.) The Wesley Foundation, located close to Sangren, also has a café that serves soups and sandwiches from late morning to early afternoon. Finally, snack machines are located in many of the buildings.

### Payroll

If you want to alter the amount of money withheld from your paycheck and/or have questions about your university paycheck, go to the Payroll Department, located in the top floor of Siebert. Their number is (269)387-2935.

### Phones and Making Calls on Campus

If you live on-campus, you will need to contact the Telecommunications department to set up your phone. They are located on the first floor of the UCC and can be contacted at (269)387-5161 or <http://www.wmich.edu/oit/students/cable-phone.html>.

If you are calling an on-campus number from campus, only dial the last five digits. If you are calling an off-campus number from campus, dial 9 and then the number. Be aware that you will not be able to make long distance calls from many phones on campus.

### Post Office

The campus post office is on the main floor of the Bernhard Center, immediately before the bookstore. It is open during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

### Recreation

Western has a student recreation center. It has an in-door track, swimming pool, weight room, climbing wall, basketball and racketball courts, and fitness machines. It is free for all full-time students. Their phone number is (269)387-4732, and their website is <http://www.src.wmich.edu/>.

In addition, there is an outdoor track, Lawson Ice Arena ((269)387-3046) and Gabel Natatorium ((269)387-3068) (you can access information on both at <http://www.wmich.edu/lawson/>), and a small game room in the Bernhard Center.

### Day Care

2210 Wilbur St.; (269)387-2277

### Public Safety

511 Monroe St.

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (269)387-5555

### Lawyer

2310 Seibert Administration Building; (269)387-2194.

### Notary

3290 Haworth College of Business; (269)387-5760.

### Ombuds

218 Bernhard Center; (269)387-5300.

### Sindecuse Health Center

(269)387-3287, <http://www.wmich.edu/shc/>

### Women's Resources

(269)387-2990

### General Information

(269)387-1000

### Internet Access

Western has recently established a wireless network on campus. In addition, dial-up and Ethernet connections are available on-campus. For more information, visit the following website (<http://www.wmich.edu/oit/students/get-connected.html>) or visit the Help Desk (second floor of the University Computing Center; (269)387-4357).

### International Student Services

International students should contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services (located in the fourth floor of Ellsworth Hall; (269)387-5878; [www.wmich.edu/oiss](http://www.wmich.edu/oiss)) in order to learn about their rights and obligations and to handle paperwork (i.e. Visas, I20's). This office can also provide information about the requirements for and limitations on employment.

### Speakers, Presentations, and Other Events

There are numerous presentations and lectures throughout the year. Many of the speakers are nationally known, while others represent the local community. There are also many exhibitions

of student artwork held each semester. For more details, click on the following link:  
<http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/events/>.

#### Student Organizations

For a complete list of Western's registered student organizations, click on the following link:  
<http://www.rso.wmich.edu/>

#### Student Government

Graduate students are represented in the university bureaucracy by the Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC). In addition to providing feedback for university policies and serving on university committees, the members of GSAC disseminate information to graduate students, organize activities for graduate students, and provide funding to graduate student organizations. More information about GSAC can be found in the following webpage:  
<http://www.wmich.edu/gsac/>.

#### **What does Kalamazoo have to offer? Or, what can I do in Kalamazoo?**

The information provided in this section is admittedly incomplete. It does not provide information for every conceivable service, nor does it list every eatery or business in town. With that said, it does provide an adequate "survival guided" until you become more familiar with Kalamazoo. More information about the services and businesses in the Kalamazoo area can be found using the links listed at <http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/wmich/sites.html>, as well as [www.discoverkalamazoo.com](http://www.discoverkalamazoo.com).

#### Transportation

Airport: 5235 Portage Road; (269)388-3668; <http://www.kalcounty.com/airport.htm>  
Bus (Greyhound and Indian Trails): 459 N. Burdick; 343-2501.  
Train (AMTRAK): 459 N. Burdick; 344-1841.

#### Post Office

1121 Miller, 388-7211.

#### Local Government

<http://www.kalcounty.com/>  
Clerk: 241 W. South; 337-8792  
Manager: 241 W. South; 337-8047  
Mayor: 241 W. South; 337-8065  
Police and Fire: 215 W. Lovell; 337-8120

#### Hospitals and Clinics

Borgess Medical Center: 1521 Gull Rd.; 226-7000.  
Family Health Center: 117 W. Paterson St.; 349-2641.  
Bronson Methodist Hospital: 601 John St.; 341-7654.  
Planned Parenthood: 4201 W. Michigan; 372-1200.

#### Mechanics

Goodyear: 5029 S. Westnedge; 382-5600.  
Shoemaker's Garage: 633 E. Crosstown Parkway; 345-1071.  
Woodward's Garage: 201 E. Alcot; 345-7690.

#### Crisis Lines

Gryphon Place Help Line: 381-4357.

YWCA Sexual Assault Program: 345-3036.  
WMU Sexual Assault Victim Advocate: 387-2995.

### Retail

There are several stores around the corner of W. Michigan and Howard. There is fast food (Wendy's, Subway, Jimmie John's), pizza, Maggie's Campus Café (which serves breakfast foods, sandwiches, and salads from the morning to early afternoon), a laundromat, a Chinese restaurant, a Middle Eastern restaurant, a video rental store (with a café), a store that sells Western paraphernalia, and two stores that sell alcohol, snacks, etc.

There is also a collection of stores on the other side of W. Michigan, across from the track and close to Stadium Drive. There are a handful of restaurants (Italian, Chinese-Korean-Thai, American (the University Roadhouse)), a bar (Waldos), Kinkos, an International Market, a Dairy Queen, and a used bookstore.

There are three major retail areas in the Kalamazoo area: West Main and South Westnedge. These areas contain many of the stores and restaurants in town; the area's mall is on Westnedge. In addition, downtown Kalamazoo has a nice array of specialty shops, bars, and restaurants, as well as the public library (315 S. Rose, 342-4415) and municipal buildings. There is also a smaller retail section along Kalamazoo Drive. A limited list, based on graduate student preferences, is provided below. For more information, please see: [www.kazoochamber.com](http://www.kazoochamber.com).

### Restaurants

The Corner Bar: 1030 E. Vine, 385-2028.

Crows Nest: 816 S. Westnedge, 978-0490.

Food Dance Café (Serves Local and Organic Foods): 161 E. Michigan, 382-1888.

Gallagher's Eatery (Irish-American): 4210 Stadium Drive, 372-3600.

Maggie's Campus Café (Breakfast and Lunch; Breakfast foods all day): 2715 W. Michigan, 381-1312.

Main Street Grill: 3013 Oakland Drive, 342-5208.

Main Street Pub: Westward Mall, 342-9710; 5462 Gull Rd., 344-7247; Southland Mall, 323-2411.

McGinnis Landing: 5031 W. Main, 388-9911.

Nina's Café and Carousel (Breakfast and Lunch; Breakfast foods all day): 1710 W. Main, 373-6462.

Oakwood Bistro: 3003 Oakland Drive, 344-5400.

Olde Peninsula Brewpub and Restaurant: 200 E. Michigan, 343-2739.

Old Burdick's Bar and Grill: 1000 W. Michigan, 343-0032

The Union (Cabaret and Grill): 123 S. Kalamazoo Mall, 384-6756.

### Coffee Houses

Coffee Works: 2620 W. Michigan, 342-0225.

Rocket Star Café: 1502 W. Michigan, 553-5555.

Water Street Coffee Joint: 315 E. Water St., 373-2840

### Foods from Other Lands

Omoeffe's Place (African): 2107 E. Main St., 388-9556

Panda Forest (Chinese): 5216 S. Westnedge, 382-1128.

Blue Dolphin (Greek): 502 S. Burdick, 343-4993.

Indian Cuisine (Indian): 600 Romence Rd, Suite 140, Portage, 324-4886.

Martini's Pizza (Italian (not just pizza)): 832 S. Westnedge, 388-8883.  
Juanita's (Mexican): 1801 S. Burdick, 383-0750.  
Mi Ranchito (Mexican): 3112 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., 375-5861.  
RasaRia (Indonesia): 1921 W. Main, 381-0788.  
Saffron (India): 1710 W. Main, 381-9898.  
Shawarma King (Middle Eastern/Lebanese): 1441 S. Drake, 375-3900.

#### Bars and Clubs

Bell's Eccentric Café (Brewery/Bar): 355 E. Kalamazoo, 382-2332.  
Buffalo Wild Wings: 3317 Stadium Dr., 353-9464.  
Corner Bar (Bar/Restaurant): 1030 E. Vine, 385-2028.  
Green Top (Bar): Downtown.  
Kraftbrau Brewery (Bar): 402 E. Kalamazoo, 384-0288.  
Shakespeare's Pub: 241 E. Kalamazoo, 488-7782.  
Wayside (Bar/Club/Restaurant): 3406 Stadium Dr., 375-1930.

#### Finer Dining

Just Good Food Deli & Market (gourmet sandwiches, soups, and salads, as well as a market): 303 N. Rose St., 383-1033.  
Black Swan: 3501 Greenleaf Blvd, 375-2105.  
Bravo (Finer Dining, Italian-American, Sunday Brunch): 5402 Portage Rd., 344-7700.  
Cosmo's Cucina: 804 E. Vine, 344-5666.  
District 211: 211 E. Water, 226-9000.  
Epic Bistro: 359 S. Burdick, 342-1300  
Francios Seafood & Steakhouse (or Macaroni Factory): 116 Portage, 381-4958.  
Great Lakes Shipping Company Restaurant and Tavern: 4525 W. KL, 375-3650  
Zazio's: 100 W. Water St. (in the Radisson), 384-2650.

#### Bakeries, Snacks, and Sweets

Boonzaaijer Bakery: 126 E. Cork St., 343-3001.  
Heilman's Nuts and Confections: 1804 S. Westnedge, 383-1188.  
Klein's Deli and Bagel Factory: 812 S. Westnedge, 385-4400.  
MacKenzie's Bakery: 4606 W. Main, 343-1444; 6225 S. Westnedge, 323-8226;  
Breadshop 527 Harrison, 343-8440.  
Ritter's Frozen Custard: 217 Romence, 321-8800.  
Sarkozy's Bakery: 335 N. Burdick, 342-1952  
Sweetwaters Doughnut Mill: 3333 Stadium Drive, 372-3636  
Treat Street (Ice Cream, Candy): 3023 Oakland, 388-5505.

#### Grocery Stores

Bacchus Wines and Spirits (also has gourmet and international foods): 3112 Oakland Dr.,  
344-0168.  
D&W: 2103 Parkview, 344-9338.  
Harding's Marketplace: 412 Howard, 349-9686; 5161 W. Main, 381-0270; 6330 S.  
Westnedge, 327-6733.  
Meijer: 5121 S. Westnedge, 381-3465; 6660 W. Main, 372-9100.  
Natural Health Food Center: 4610 W. Main, 342-9459.  
Sawall Health Food: 2965 Oakland Dr., 343-3619.

#### Copying and Mailing Services

Kinkos: 1550 W. Michigan, 342-5700; 5730 S. Westnedge, 344-7445.

UPS Store: 5047 W. Main; 382-4040; 6749 S. Westnedge; 327-3166.

#### Office Supplies

Office Max: 5294 W. Main (Maple Hill Mall), 373-1680.

Office Depot: 4425 S. Westnedge, 373-6900

#### Computers and Electronics

ABC Warehouse: 6695 S. Westnedge, 327-9902.

Best Buy: 6900 S. Westnedge, 327-2008

Circuit City: 6026 S. Westnedge, 323-0191.

#### Furniture

Art Van (New): 550 Ring Rd., 323-3222.

Grapevine Furniture (Used): 829 Portage, 385-2226.

#### Hardware

Home Depot: 6685 S. Westnedge, 324-8100.

Menards: 879 Mall, 329-0014; 6800 W. Main, 544-1461.

True Value: 2825 Stadium Dr., 342-8111; 625 Portage, 345-1135.

#### Superstores (Home, Electronic, Appliances, Clothing, etc.)

Meijers: 5121 S. Westnedge, 381-3465; 6660 W. Main, 372-9100.

Sam's Club: 665 Mall, 323-2666.

Target: 5350 W. Main, 349-6148; 6839 S. Westnedge, 327-3180.

Walmart: 6065 Gull Rd., 373-1314; 501 N. 9<sup>th</sup>, 544-0718.

#### Laundromats

Brite 'n' Clean Coin Laundry: 1126 W. Paterson, 349-7800.

Clean & Company: 1300 S. Drake, 375-0185.

Duds 'n' Suds Coin Laundry: 2728 W. Michigan, 344-5249.

E.O. Central Laundry: 827 S. Westnedge, 345-6355.

#### Recreation and Entertainment

Parks: City (337-8002), County (383-8778), Portage (329-4522).

Bittersweet Ski Resort: 600 River Rd. Otsego, 695-2032.

Civic Auditorium and Players: 329 Park St., 343-1313.

Harpo's Lanes: 4500 Stadium Dr., 375-1378.

Holiday Lanes: 2747 11<sup>th</sup> St., 375-6100.

Kalamazoo K-Wings Hockey Club: 3600 Vanrick Dr., 345-0036.

Kalamazoo Kingdom Soccer: 226-2000.

Kalamazoo Kings (Baseball): 251 Mills, 388-8326.

Kalamazoo Institute of the Arts: 314 S. Park St., 349-7775.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum: 230 N. Rose, 373-7990.

Kalamazoo Nature Center: 7000 N. Westnedge, 381-1574.

Kalamazoo Air Zoo: 3101 E. Milham, 382-6555.

Kalamazoo Speedway: 7656 Ravine Rd., 349-3978.

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra: 359 S. Burdick, 349-7759.

Timber Ridge Ski Area: 7500 23-1/2 St. Gobles, 694-9449.

#### Radio Stations

Rock/Alternative: 92.3, 97.9, 106.1, 107.3, 107.7

Pop: 88.9, 92.9, 103.3, 104.5, 106.5  
R&B, Rap, Rock, Pop: 89.9  
Classic Rock/Pop: 96.5  
Oldies/Motown: 100.9  
Country: 94.5, 98.5  
Christian: 88.3  
College: 89.1  
NPR: 102.1; 104.1

#### Cellular Phone Providers

Alltel: 5461-C Gull Rd., 342-6655.

Centennial Wireless: 5585 Gull Rd., 349-4742.

Nextel: Digital Highway: 5462 Gull Rd., 373-7787; 5200 S. Westnedge, 276-0289.

Basic Communications: 229 W. Centre, 323-3705.

RadioShack: 5460 Gull Rd., 349-8213; 4520 Stadium Dr., 372-2963; Crossroads Mall,  
327-0889.

Sprint: 5739 S. Westnedge, 1-800-480-4727.

#### Places of Worship

Use this link:

[http://www.kalamazoocity.org/business/business\\_dir.php?useraction=do\\_search&type\\_search=Church](http://www.kalamazoocity.org/business/business_dir.php?useraction=do_search&type_search=Church)