CAMPUS

Worcester State University’s 58 acre campus is nestled in the residential west side of Worcester, the second largest city in Massachusetts and New England and a dynamic college city with over 30,000 students. The campus is a short drive from tranquil forests, hiking trails and beautiful vistas and an even shorter distance from a vibrant city life that offers popular entertainment venues, award-winning restaurants, cultural museums, historic parks, and so much more. Directions are available on the website at http://www.worcester.edu/directions. The physical facilities of the Campus include the following:

Helen G. Shaughnessy Administration Building
Extensively renovated from 2007 to 2009, the Helen G. Shaughnessy Administration Building combines modern convenience and efficiency with much of the charm of the old Teachers College. It houses streamlined student services in an “academic mall” on the first floor as well as the Admissions Office on the second floor and Academic Affairs on the third floor. Also on the second floor are the President’s Office and Conference Room, the Fuller Theater, and Institutional Advancement (including alumni relations, development, and public relations and marketing). The third floor is also home to Administration and Finance, Institutional Research and Assessment, Human Resources, Payroll and Benefits, Diversity and Affirmative Action. The Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, the Intensive English Language Institute, and the Center for Business and Industry are located on the fourth floor. The building first opened in January 1932 as Worcester State Teachers College, and was designed to accommodate 300 students with spacious classrooms, a gymnasium on the second floor, and a library on the fourth floor. Helen G. Shaughnessy was affiliated with Worcester State for 64 years – as a member of the Class of 1943, associate professor, chair of the Education Department, director of student teaching, director of personnel and labor relations, associate dean of Academic Affairs, and acting executive vice president.

Kalyan K. Ghosh Science and Technology Building
The Science and Technology Building is a state-of-the-art building designed to house the sciences including: Academic Computing, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Computer Science, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Geography and Earth and Environmental Science, Geology, Natural Science and Physics, Health Science and Nursing. The building contains 30 science, therapy and computer labs; offices for faculty and staff; conference/seminar rooms; and student discussion areas. This facility also houses a 200-seat Multimedia Classroom, the Worcester State University’s Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Art Gallery, and the Imoijele P. Aisiku, M.D. STEM Center.

Learning Resource Center
The Learning Resources Center (LRC) brings together an impressive array of campus learning resources including the Library, the WSU Archives and Special Collections, Information Technology, academic offices (Communication, Criminal Justice, Visual and Performing Arts, the Honors Program, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs), and more than twenty classrooms and music practice rooms. The LRC also features the Mail Center, Central Receiving, Publications and Printing Services, and a café with an assortment of beverages and foods.

The LRC is the hub for the complex of modern telecommunications and electronic learning facilities provided by the Information Technology department. The campus-wide computer network provides wired and wireless Internet connections for student devices, and for the fully equipped computer lab with Help Desk on the 3rd floor. In addition, the LRC houses WSU’s television studios and production facilities, multimedia laboratories, and an instructional center to support the use of multimedia resources in teaching and learning.

May Street Building
Formerly known as the Temple Emanuel, this 80,000 square foot colonial revival style building was built in 1949 to house the largest Reform Jewish Congregation in the Northeast at the time. In 2012, after many years of leasing classroom space to Worcester State University, the Congregation of Temple Emanuel began exploring with Worcester State Foundation, Inc. (the University’s not-for-profit fundraising affiliate) the possibility of selling the facility and its adjacent 110-space parking lot. In June of 2015, the sale was completed and the University entered into a use agreement with the Worcester State Foundation for use of the entire building. Past uses have included classroom and academic space for the Sociology Department and the hosting of a wide variety of University events in the facility’s large auditorium. Future uses for the May Street Building will be determined following a space evaluation.

Outdoor Facilities
Worcester State University has the advantage of naturally attractive surroundings. Among its outdoor facilities are an artificial turf athletic field and an eight-lane synthetic track, baseball and softball diamonds, and tennis courts.

Residence Halls
Residence Halls at Worcester State University provide housing to full-time undergraduate students.

Chandler Village is a unique living area with 63 apartments in 26 interconnected townhouses. The apartments accommodate four, five, eight, nine, ten, or eleven persons and include furnished common living and kitchen areas.

Dowden Hall, more traditional in style, is a five-story residence hall that includes single, double, and triple rooms with study and recreational lounges. There is a convenience store, multi-purpose rooms, and laundry facilities.

Sheehan Hall is a facility accommodates 400 students and features the main campus dining hall overlooking the John F. Coughlin Field. Each unit consists of two double or four single rooms sharing a private bathroom. In addition to housing students, this residence hall contains Health Services, the Office of Residence Life and Housing, a multifunctional room, game room, small fitness center, student lounges, and a communal kitchen.

Wasylean Hall, named for Phillip M. Wasylean II ’64, is a six-story, suite-style building with multiple study and common rooms throughout. The suites are designed to accommodate four and six people. Each unit has single and double occupancy bedrooms with furnished common living and kitchen areas. There is an ice cream shoppe on the first floor. Wasylean Hall is also home to the University Police.

Several housing opportunities exist which offer students the opportunity to live together, take classes together and participate in activities that focus on various special interests (See ‘Services for Students’ section for more information).
Sagamore Road Studios
Worcester State University forged an affiliation with the Worcester Center for Crafts in 2009, a center that offers public instruction in Ceramics/Glass/Metals/Photography, in the art and aesthetics of craft and creativity, and in the appreciation of the hand-made aesthetic object. The Worcester Center for Crafts is located in three locations: the main Sagamore Road Studios building at 25 Sagamore Road, Worcester, MA 01605; at 35 B New Street, Worcester, MA 01605, home of the state-of-the-art Glass Studio; and on the campus of Worcester State University where a Darkroom Photography program is sited.

The WSU Visual & Performing Arts Department art areas are housed at the Sagamore Road Studios in the same building as the Worcester Center for Crafts; VPA offers two craft center courses as part of its Division of Graduate and Continuing Education curriculum.

Student Center
The Student Center is available as a resource for the entire Worcester State community and is conveniently situated at the geographical center of the campus. The first floor of the Student Center contains the following resources: Food Court and dining area, Worcester State bookstore, Information Desk, and the Print Center. The first floor also has several meeting/programming spaces including the North/South Auditorium, Blue Lounge, Exhibit Area and One Lancer Place. The second floor houses the Student Center/Student Activities Office, Conference and Event Services, and Commuter Services/ Weekend Programming. Small meeting rooms, WSCW Radio Station and Student Government offices, and the Charter Business TV Lounge—a lounge for commuters and residents with pool tables, ping-pong, video games and several TV's, are also located on this floor. The third floor holds several Student Affairs offices including the Vice President of Student Affairs, Career Services, Counseling Office, Dining Services, Judicial Affairs and Multicultural Affairs. Student organization offices, including the Student Senate, Student Events Committee, Third World Alliance, the student newspaper, yearbook and more, are also located on this floor as well as the Lancer Loft dining area and additional meeting space.

Sullivan Academic Center
Named for Eugene A. Sullivan, Worcester State president from 1947 to 1970, the Sullivan Academic Center is a primary instructional center on campus. It contains faculty and academic department offices, a large lecture hall (Eager Auditorium), classrooms, and a large attached auditorium. The Sullivan Auditorium provides the setting for a number of formal ceremonies including the annual Senior Capping. Also located in the Sullivan Academic Center are the Center for the Study of Human Rights and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Wellness Center
Worcester State University constructed a new 100,000 square-foot Wellness Center which opened in 2016. The new complex features a competition gymnasium, two-court, multi-purpose gymnasium, walking track, two-floor fitness center, three multi-functional exercise rooms, golf simulator and community space.