University Facilities

Wichita State’s main campus is located on a 330-acre site bounded by Hillside, Oliver, 17th and 21st streets in northeast Wichita. The campus is modern and accessible and at the same time retains the flavor of the university’s heritage, combining distinctive Georgian-style architecture with more modern buildings of stone and brick that are accented by attractive landscaping. Wichita State continues to grow. During the past 25 years, WSU has more than doubled its instructional space, adding major buildings for art, engineering, health sciences, sciences, physical education, music, dance, and liberal arts and sciences. In the past four years, Wichita State’s main campus in northeast Wichita has been expanded by 120 acres with the conversion of a golf course to a new Innovation Campus that houses an interconnected community of academic and partnership buildings, laboratories and mixed-use areas.

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex

The Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, located at 29th Street North and Oliver, is considered part of the main campus. Named for WSU’s 11th president, Eugene Hughes, the 27-acre site has many amenities, including an initial building containing the 1,750-seat Roger Lowe Auditorium, the 145-seat Frederick Sudermann Commons, and the Richard Welsbacher Experimental Theater, a black-box theater. This facility offers meeting rooms that are available for rent and can accommodate groups from 10 people to 250 people. In addition, it houses the Office for Workforce, Professional & Community Education which offers community education classes for the public, the Small Business Development Center, the Educational Opportunity Center, and the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic offering special services in these respective fields. The complex also has playing fields for intramural sports and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry building, providing advanced education to dental school graduates as well as needed oral health care to the general public.

Fine Arts Facilities

Wiedemann Hall houses the first pipe organ built in North America by the world-renowned firm of Marcusson and Son, Denmark. The 400-seat music venue, dedicated in 1986, is the ideal acoustical setting for the organ. The building is named for music-lover and philanthropist Gladys H.G. Wiedemann.

Duerksen Fine Arts Center, opened in 1956, hosts university, community and professional music and dance performances. Named for alumnus and long-time dean of the college, Walter Duerksen, the fine arts center houses the School of Music, including the 500-seat Miller Concert Hall, classrooms and practice studios.

Wilner Auditorium, built in 1938 with federal funds provided through the Public Works Administration, is named to honor speech and theater professor George Wilner. Although other stages are now available, the 550-seat Wilner Auditorium still serves as the main stage for theater activities.

Grace Memorial Chapel

Harvey D. Grace Memorial Chapel, located in the heart of the campus near Morrison Hall and the Rhatigan Student Center, was built in 1963 and dedicated to serve all creeds and races. The chapel is available to students for group or individual worship and meditation, and is a frequent location for weddings.

National Institute for Aviation Research

The National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) at Wichita State University is the largest university-based aviation research and development institution in the United States with more than 600,000 square feet of laboratory space. Established in 1985, NIAR offers research, development, testing, certification and training services in the areas of Additive Manufacturing, Advanced Coatings, Aerodynamics, Aging Aircraft, Ballistic and Impact Dynamics, CAD/CAM, Composites/Advanced Materials, Crash Dynamics, Environmental and Electromagnetic Test, Full-Scale Structural Test, Mechanical Test, Nondestructive Test, Research Manufacturing, Reverse Engineering, Robotics and Automation, Virtual Engineering and Virtual Reality.

NIAR is home to the National Center for Advanced Materials Performance and the FAA’s Center of Excellence for Composites and Advanced Materials. It is also a member of the FAA’s ASSURE Center of Excellence for UAS Research and NASA’s Advanced Composites Consortium.

NIAR headquarters is located on WSU’s main campus. Additional NIAR locations include the Environmental Test and EME labs at Air Capital Flight Line, laboratories within the National Center for Aviation Training, and the Aircraft Structural Test and Evaluation Center at the former Kansas Coliseum.

Find out more at the NIAR website (http://niar.wichita.edu), or by calling 316-978-6427, or 800-NIAR-WSU.

Plaza of Heroines

Surrounded by Ablah Library, Jabara Hall, Grace Memorial Chapel and Clinton Hall, the Plaza of Heroines is a beautiful and welcome gathering place. Danseuse Espagnole (Spanish Dancer), by artist Sophia Vari, is a striking addition to WSU’s highly regarded outdoor sculpture collection and the centerpiece of the plaza. Landscaping and benches surround the sculpture enhancing the circular plaza, constructed of bricks and granite pavers engraved with the names of honored women. Proceeds from the plaza project benefit the Center for Women’s Studies scholarship fund.

Ulrich Museum of Art

Most recognized for the iconic Joan Miró mosaic mural Personnages Oiseaux, the Ulrich Museum of Art is located in the southwest section of campus. The Museum and the Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection are unique and essential parts of campus life at WSU. The Museum features changing exhibitions, installations, performances, and programs that examine the art and issues of modern and contemporary culture.

Students are invited to use the museum as a research space, a place to discover the world through a broad range of disciplines, a free to be space, and a haven for just hanging out and meeting new people. The museum is also a resource for internships and part-time employment.

Make your next visit to the Ulrich or day on campus more rewarding by downloading the free Ulrich Museum App available on the App Store or Google Play, with multi-media self-guided tours and interactive maps for easy navigation of Wichita State University’s campus. The Ulrich app highlights the extraordinary Martin H Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection, which was named one of the top 10 outdoor sculpture collections on a college/university campus in the United States (2006 Public Art Review).

Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1–5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Mondays and major/university holidays.

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• Facebook: http://facebook.com/ulrichmuseum
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**WSU Haysville**
Located at 106 Stewart Avenue, Haysville, KS 67060 since July 2018, WSU Haysville is a newly renovated WSU off-campus location offering a variety of courses, including general education and technical courses in partnership with WSU Tech.

WSU Haysville has a diversity of students: high school guest students, regular WSU students, nontraditional students including working adults, and senior citizens who can audit many classes tuition-free. WSU Haysville provides flexible options, with classes offered in the afternoon and evening, and many 3 credit-hour classes offered in a once-a-week, three-hour format. Some classes are also offered in hybrid format, where students meet in person, but the majority of classwork is done online.

WSU Haysville offers a premium, comfortable and safe learning environment. Well-trained and friendly staff help students with printing and copying, payments, registration and enrollment, fee payments, proctored testing, math and English placement testing, and career and academic counseling by arrangement. Also offered are WSU Library and Shocker Store materials and merchandise pickups and Library returns. WSU Haysville provides lactation room access and storage for nursing mothers, and provides information on classes and programs at WSU Haysville and other locations. Parking is free, with no parking permit required. For the latest updates on WSU Haysville, please call 316-978-8001.

**WSU Old Town**
WSU Old Town, a complex of facilities and services is located in downtown Wichita’s Old Town district. The complex comprises office space in three buildings located at 121 N. Mead, and buildings at 213 N. Mead and 238 N. Mead.

Several WSU units focused on health care and outreach to Wichita businesses and the larger community are housed at the satellite location including:

• Community Engagement Institute
• Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
• KMUW Wichita Public Radio
• Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy graduate degree programs
• Training and Technology Team (T3)
• Ennovar
• WSU Tech — health professions

The Old Town location is a natural fit with the university’s mission to be an essential economic driver for Wichita and the state of Kansas.

The university generates substantial activity in all three buildings, with numerous educational sessions and public events — especially in the large activity space at the 238 N. Mead property.

WSU Old Town’s close proximity to the university’s main campus is convenient for WSU employees, while its central location with access to many area amenities benefits those who visit and take courses at this location.

**WSU South**
Previously in Derby, WSU South is now located at 3805 E. Harry Street, Suite B105, Wichita, KS 67218. With its unique learning environment, classroom technologies, helpful instructors, and friendly professional staff, WSU South offers general education classes and professional bachelor’s degree completion curriculum, including elementary education, psychology and others. Many of these classes are offered in late afternoon and evening in a once-a-week, three-hour class format for the students’ convenience. Increasingly, many classes are being offered in the hybrid format (online and in-class) favored by many students. WSU South has a diversity of students taking classes and graduating from its programs: high school guest students, regular university students, returning adults, as well as senior citizens, who can audit WSU classes free in most cases.

At its new location, WSU South is co-located with the WSU Shocker Studios, WSU Tech (Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology) and the Shocker Store. The WSU Shocker Studios (http://www.wichita.edu/mediaarts) is a state-of-the-art professional production facility and consists of over 35,000 square feet of facilities and equipment. It is heavily engaged with industry professionals in the fields of audio production, animation, filmmaking and game design. WSU Tech provides over 100 degree and certificate options designed to meet the workforce needs of Kansas. At WSU South, students find several of WSU Tech’s technical programs including interior design, police science, business administration, massage therapy, veterinary technician and emergency medical technician (EMT). Students also find transferable general education courses and the Shocker Pathway program. The Shocker Pathway (https://wsutech.edu/shockerpathway/) is a partnership between WSU Tech and WSU that provides an affordable, convenient and respected way to earn a two-year Associate of Arts (AA) degree from WSU.

As a continuation of previous operations in Derby, WSU South schedules general education classes not offered by WSU Tech. In addition, WSU South continues to offer classes for completion of majors in psychology, elementary education and others. Emphasis is also placed on offering classes/programs relevant to the Shocker Pathway, in which WSU Tech students after completing 50 credit hours in their relevant fields of study at WSU Tech, can get a WSU AA degree or transition to WSU to finish a bachelor’s degree.

At the new WSU South center on Harry Street, with its spacious hallways adorned with artistic murals, and classrooms with the latest classroom technologies, WSU South continues its tradition of offering a premium and comfortable learning environment and outstanding customer services. Well-trained, friendly and helpful staff continue to help students with printing and copying, payments, registration and enrollment, proctored testing, math and English placement testing, arrangement of career and academic counseling, scan-and-email services, WSU Library materials pickups and returns, lactation room access and storage for nursing mothers, and general desktop support for workstations in the main office. WSU South also provides general information on classes and programs, the Shocker Pathway, and other WSU programs offered at that location. Parking permits are not required to park in the WSU South parking lot. There is also a bus shuttle operating between the main campus and WSU South. For the latest updates on WSU South, please call: 316-978-8000.

**WSU West**
WSU offers general education and upper-level courses in select disciplines each semester at WSU West, located at 3801 N. Walker Avenue, which is near the intersection of 37th Street North and Maize Road. In addition, limited WSU Tech courses are available for enrollment (must be a WSU Tech student). Textbook ordering and delivery are also available through the Shocker Store.
WSU West has access to the WSU Secure Wi-Fi network for use by WSU faculty, staff and students, as well as the general public. In addition, a quiet, computer-equipped study room and a group study room are available. All WSU students, WSU Tech students (some restrictions), faculty and staff are welcome to use resources at WSU West, even if they are not enrolled in coursework at WSU West. Parking permits are not required to park in the WSU West parking lot.

For further questions call: 316-978-6777, or visit the WSU West website (http://wichita.edu/west).