

STUDENT AFFAIRS

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to greatly enhance the academic program and environment of the University by providing our students with “out-of-the-classroom” learning experiences, services, programs, and activities that improve their quality of life, as well as promote and encourage student development and life-long learning. Our goal is to produce students who are intentional learners who can adapt to new environments, integrate knowledge from different sources, and continue learning throughout their lives. We strive to encourage students to embrace learning, to respect and celebrate diversity, and to learn how to effectively live in a global community. This mission directly advances the University’s Strategic Guide.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

The Division of Student Affairs is composed of the following student service areas: Career Services Center, Counseling and Testing Center, Housing and Residence Life, Judicial Affairs, Student Activities and Organizations, University Centers and Leadership Programs, WKU Police Department, and Intramural and Recreational Sports. These units work together both internally and with other units on campus to provide programs, activities, and services for students to facilitate opportunities for growth that will enable them to contribute dynamic and responsible service to their communities.

GOALS/ANTICIPATED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

The following selected areas represent priorities of Student Affairs and help support the overall mission of the University.

Commitment to Meeting Student Needs and Enhancing Engagement

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to meeting and enhancing student needs and enhancing student learning and engagement. This is evident in virtually everything we do as a Division. Departments work to meet student needs and foster development related to leadership, decision making, training, involvement, and engagement within the WKU Community.

- The Career Services Center places a focus on working with freshman and sophomore students using the DISCOVER Career Planning Program, as well as individual and group counseling to help students make earlier and more informed decisions regarding academic major and course selection. This helps increase retention and student engagement in this particular student population.
- Outreach programs of the Counseling and Testing Center continue to grow both in the number of students served and in the variety of programs offered. Frequent presentations that address the developmental issues of college students include: relationships, college adjustment, stress, anxiety, alcohol use, and eating disorders.
- Intramural-Recreational Sports program utilizes the Leadership and Experiential Education Center (LEEC) incorporating high and low rope elements to the University’s challenge course. The addition of the rope elements will allow students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to gain training on teamwork, problem solving, and leadership.
- Officers of the WKU Police Department present crime prevention programs to faculty, staff, and students. These programs focus on safety issues such as alcohol awareness, rape aggression defense (RAD), situational awareness, and identity theft. By involving a larger number of officers in presenting these programs, it has assisted the WKUPD in becoming a department that focuses on community policing that is predominately service and educationally oriented.
- Student Disability Services provides access to all facets of the WKU experience by coordinating support services and programs that enable students with disabilities to maximize their educational potential. Outreach includes increasing awareness among members of the WKU community so that students with disabilities are able to achieve academic and social success based on abilities – not disabilities.
- The Dynamic Leadership Institute (DLI), coordinated by University Centers and Leadership staff, continues to grow. These leadership opportunities allow students to put into practice leadership skills that will be beneficial to them as they leave WKU and become leaders in a diverse and complex world.

- Many students are engaged in various activities within Housing and Residence Life such as M.A.S.T.E.R. Plan, an orientation program for incoming freshman, and living/learning communities such as Gateway, A.C.E.S., J.L. Marshall Business Community, and the College of Health and Human Services Community. These students have the opportunity to live together, take classes together, and engage in educational opportunities together outside the classroom. Additionally, residence hall staff presents programs in the areas of community, civic responsibility, academics, self exploration, and cultural learning.
- The Office of Judicial Affairs utilizes educational outcomes that provide learning and development for students who violate WKU’s Student Code of Conduct. Educational outcomes include Prime for Life (Drug and Alcohol 8 hour course), Alcohol 101 (an alcohol education class), assigned community service hours and writing or research assignments. Educational outcomes are intended to reduce violations and to teach and engage students.

Commitment to Assessment

The Division of Student Affairs maintains a commitment to collecting and using assessment data to improve student learning, academic achievement, and overall institutional effectiveness, as well as document outcomes related to the University’s mission. Developing and assessing learning outcomes helps define the student experience and guides Student Affairs professionals in the Division in planning programs and services. The assessment of student learning is an on-going and cyclical process examining what the University would like students to learn through opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Commitment to Development

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to promoting fundraising and development activities to provide the means to effect profound attitudinal, intellectual, financial, and physical changes in the WKU campus and within the Division.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	2011-12 Revised Budget		2012-13 Proposed Budget	
	Pos.	<u>Unrestricted Budget</u>	Pos.	<u>Unrestricted Budget</u>
<u>Educational and General</u>				
Personnel/Fringe Benefits	79.9	5,603,821	82.3	5,920,559
Operating Expenses		1,334,548		1,422,753
Less: Interdepartmental Charges		18,000		18,000
Student Aid		10,500		10,500
Capital Outlay		80,366		80,366
Total Expenditures		7,011,235		7,416,178
 <u>Auxiliary Enterprises</u>				
Personnel/Fringe Benefits	109.5	6,133,880	111.2	6,388,423
Operating Expenses		3,801,360		3,861,851
Capital Outlay		17,465		17,465
Debt Service		2,588,000		2,511,000
Total Expenditures		12,540,705		12,778,739