

STUDENT AFFAIRS

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to enhance the academic program and environment of the University by providing students with “out-of-the-classroom” learning experiences, services, programs and activities that improve quality of life, encourage student development and promote life-long learning. In promoting the WKU Vision and Mission Statements, our goal is to prepare students to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen-leaders of a global society. The Division of Student Affairs works to accomplish these goals by developing intentional learners that adapt to new environments, integrate knowledge from different sources, and continue to pursue learning throughout their lives. We strive to encourage students to embrace learning, to respect and celebrate diversity, and teach students how to effectively live in an ever changing global community. Our mission directly advances the Challenging the Spirit Action Plan.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION:

The Division of Student Affairs supports the following student service areas: Career Services Center, Counseling and Testing Center, Student Disability Services, Housing and Residence Life, Intramural and Recreational Sports, Judicial Affairs, Student Activities and Organizations, Student Leadership Programs, University Centers, and the WKU Police Department. These units work in partnership within Student Affairs and with other campus units to provide important programs, activities, and services to facilitate opportunities for student growth. Our activities encourage students to contribute both dynamically and responsibly to our local, regional, national, and international 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 Foster Academic Excellence and to Promote a Dynamic Diverse University Community

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 among freshman and sophomores.
- Counseling and Testing Center outreach programs continue to grow both in the number of students served and in the variety of programs offered. Presentations often address college student developmental issues and include: relationships, college adjustment, stress, anxiety, alcohol use, and eating disorders.
- The Intramural-Recreational Sports program utilizes the WKU Challenge Course to train students and promote faculty and staff teamwork, problem solving, and leadership skills. The Challenge Course is a 40 foot elevated course that focuses on an individual’s personal growth and accomplishment. The low ropes program develops individuals for working in innovative and collaborative units; built on enthusiasm, creativity, responsibility, communication and trust.
- The WKU Police Department presents 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 police officers in these presentations, the WKU Police Department shifts from a department focused solely on community policing to a service and educationally oriented department.
- 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. DLI programming allows students to put into practice leadership skills that will be beneficial to them as they leave WKU and become leaders in a diverse and increasingly global community.
- Housing and Residence Life engages students in various activities including 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. Community members have the opportunity to live, take classes, and engage in educational opportunities together outside the classroom. Additionally, the 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 encourage responsible behavior and reduce violations by teaching and engaging students.

Commitment to Support the Core Mission with a Robust Campus Infrastructure

- The Division of Student Affairs maintains a commitment to assessment by collecting and using data to improve student learning, academic achievement, and overall institutional effectiveness, as well as to document outcomes related to WKU's mission. Developing and monitoring learning outcomes help define the student experience and guide Student Affairs professionals in planning programs and services. Student learning assessment is an on-going cyclical process that examines student learning both in and outside of the classroom.
- The Division of Student Affairs is committed to promoting fundraising and development activities that provide the means to effect profound attitudinal, intellectual, financial, and physical changes both in the Division and at WKU.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	2012-13 Revised Budget*		2013-14 Proposed Budget	
	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Unrestricted Budget</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Unrestricted Budget</u>
<u>Educational and General</u>				
Personnel/Fringe Benefits	82.3	5,909,412	81.3	5,906,213
Operating Expenses		1,458,855		1,752,339
Less: Interdepartmental Charges		18,000		18,000
Student Aid		10,500		10,500
Capital Outlay		80,366		80,366
Total Expenditures		7,441,133		7,731,418
 <u>Auxiliary Enterprises</u>				
Personnel/Fringe Benefits	111.2	6,388,423	112.2	6,452,467
Operating Expenses		3,861,851		3,400,928
Capital Outlay		17,465		17,465
Debt Service		2,511,000		2,460,000
Total Expenditures		12,778,739		12,330,860

*For comparison purposes, the 2012-13 Revised Budget figures have been adjusted to reflect University reorganization.