

Academic Resources

Faculty

A strong teaching faculty is the principal academic resource of Wheeling Jesuit University. All courses are taught by full-time or adjunct faculty members with advanced degrees. Most senior faculty teach introductory as well as advanced seminars.

While teaching is the primary concern of the faculty, the University encourages continuing education and research through a sabbatical program and faculty development funds. Faculty are able to update their own learning and bring new concepts and methods to their teaching roles, including increasing use of modern technologies.

Campus Ministry

As campus ministers at Wheeling Jesuit, a Catholic, Jesuit university, we invite you to experience the Ignatian tradition.

St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, urged men and women to listen to the voice of God speaking in their hearts and to discover how God acts in our lives and in all creation. WJU Campus Ministry strives to develop a community of faith, worship and service. Led by Jesuits, pastoral ministers and student leaders, Campus Ministry serves as mentors for students in all aspects of their lives.

Campus Ministry, located on the lower level of the Chapel of Mary and Joseph, offers moments of prayer and reconciliation, celebration of the sacraments, worship, retreats, spiritual direction and service. Through word and sacrament, prayer and service, reflection and action, we enter the Ignatian way of life, making our love of God in Christ active in our world.

We want to meet you, hear your ideas and provide opportunities for your spiritual growth during this unique time in your life. Please stop by our offices or contact us so we can get connected.

Bishop Hodges Library

The WJU Library's modern facility provides ample space for group learning projects and quiet study space. Digital resources include: a web-based catalog; 52 scholarly databases providing access to over 6,999 full-text journals, online abstracts and indexes; and 69,000 e-books. Off-campus access to digital collections is available via the proxy server. Library print collections include over 153,000 volumes and 473 journal subscriptions, supplemented by 127,773 microforms. Customized searches, expedited document delivery and other knowledge management and instructional services are provided by reference librarians. Copy machines, microform reader/printers, wireless laptops, DVD/VCR players and group study rooms are available for the use of library patrons. A quiet study area is maintained for reading and reflection.



Information Technology Services

ITS computer labs are open to all Wheeling Jesuit University students. The computer labs are open seven days a week and are located in the Acker Science Center, Ignatius Hall, Kirby Hall and McHugh Hall. Students use ITS labs to complete computer related assignments, check email or to access the Internet. Some classes meet regularly in ITS labs for computer-assisted instruction. Students' accounts for WJU email and Blackboard are supplied by ITS. More than 12 students are employed by ITS each semester to assist in a variety of departmental needs.

Academic Resource Center (ARC)

The support services of the Academic Resource Center, located on the ground floor of Ignatius Hall, are available at no additional charge to provide academic assistance to any student in any class offered by Wheeling Jesuit University. This assistance may take the form of one-on-one academic instruction, group study, or computer software guidance. Students may enhance skills in subjects ranging from the core classes, to mathematics and sciences, to writing term papers and senior theses. Assistance is available in academic skills such as time management, note-taking, studying and test-taking. Computing resources include: word processing, e-mail and web browsing, in addition to software packages to supplement classroom instruction. During Fall and Spring semesters, ARC hours are Sunday from 6 - 11 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The ARC is open between 20-30 hours a week during both summer sessions. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (304)243-4473 or by stopping in the ARC during business hours. For more information about services, hours and helpful writing and study aids, visit our website at www.wju.edu/arc.

Disability Services

Wheeling Jesuit University encourages faculty, staff and administration to assist students with disabilities in achieving academic success. The University offers students with documented disabilities reasonable accommodations and modifications on a case-by-case basis with confidentiality in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Students with special needs due to physical or learning disabilities should contact the Disability Services Director at 304-243-2427. Disability Services are coordinated through the Academic Resource Center (ARC), located on the ground floor of Ignatius Hall. A learning disabilities specialist is available at the ARC to provide assistance with time management, study skills or strategies that specifically address learning disability issues.

In order to receive assistance, students must disclose their disability to the University, provide current (within three years) and comprehensive documentation concerning the nature and extent of the disability and communicate their specific needs to the Disability Services Director. Wheeling Jesuit University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations, such as accessible facilities and appropriate academic modifications to students with

disabilities; however, it is the responsibility of these students to seek out available assistance on campus and to utilize individualized adjustments. Students with disabilities requiring specific housing accommodations must contact Student Affairs before June 1. Ultimately, all students are responsible for their own academic achievement. They must attend classes, complete course assignments and fulfill all University requirements for their chosen field of study.

Media Services

The Media Services department provides audiovisual equipment and services to students, faculty and administration. Audiovisual equipment can be reserved in a multitude of ways, and will be delivered to instructional locations on campus. The Media Services department also offers audio and visual tape duplication of non-copyright protected materials and videotaping of on-campus events by request. Currently, Donahue 128, 129 and various rooms in the Acker Science Center are theater-style classrooms that have built-in multimedia systems for computer demonstrations, video or cable presentations and document imaging.

Performing Arts and Lectures

Wheeling Jesuit University's Troy Theater is the venue for a vibrant and active performing arts program. The program encompasses a variety of disciplines including: acting, vocal music, dance, set design and construction, lighting/sound technology, stage properties, costuming, stage management and house management.

A typical season consists of four student productions that include drama or comedy, children's theater, one act plays or readings and a fully staged musical production complete with a professional orchestra. The WJU Singers' concerts, a diverse and educational series of invited professional productions and a multi-disciplinary series of guest lecturers complete the season.

The performing arts program at Wheeling Jesuit University is designed to develop and enhance the students' overall appreciation for the arts through active participation or as an audience member. Students are encouraged to become involved and to explore their creative talents. Auditions are open to all WJU students.

Additional Campus Resources

Wheeling Jesuit University offers learning resources you won't find anywhere else in the nation. In the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC) and the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies (CET), both located on campus, you will find internships and hands-on opportunities to study current global trends in business, technology and education. The CET is home to NASA's premier educational resource program, The Classroom of the Future. The Challenger Learning Center simulates space missions to teach science and math to more than 13,000 elementary and high school students on the campus each year. The Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J., Appalachian Institute, a center of research, action, analysis and education, focuses on contemporary Appalachian challenges and opportunities.