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.

Bishop Hodges Library

The Library is a fully automated modern facility featuring a web-based catalog, online journal holdings and 31 subscription databases, which are accessible from remote locations 24 hours a day. Library holdings include 155,953 print volumes, 120,278 microforms and 504 print journal subscriptions. Customized searches, expedited document delivery and other knowledge management instruction services are provided. Copy machines, microform reader/printers, wireless laptops and group study rooms are available. The library is open 93.5 hours per week during fall and spring semesters. Quiet study areas are provided for the use of library patrons.

Information Technology Services

ITS computer labs are open to all Wheeling Jesuit University students. The computer labs are open seven days a week. Labs are located in the Thomas S. Acker Science Center, Ignatius Hall and McHugh Hall. The labs are used by students to complete computer related assignments, check e-mail or to access the Internet. Many classes meet regularly in ITS labs for computer-assisted instruction. Other services offered by ITS include hands-on workshops, student e-mail accounts and residence hall network connections. ITS employs more than 30 students each semester to serve as lab monitors, HelpDesk assistants and office workers.

Career Services Center

The mission of WJU’s Career Services Center is to provide progressive services and resources that help students and alumni prepare for and manage their careers, learn job-seeking skills, locate an internship or a service learning experience and find employment. The Center offers many activities, services and resources to assist all students in their transition from college to post-graduation pursuits.

Services offered include individual career counseling and assessment testing, computer-assisted guidance, on-campus recruiting, career planning and job search presentations and interview preparation. A wealth of career, volunteer and graduate school information is available in our career library as well as on our website at www.wju.edu/studentlife/careercenter. The Career Services Center is a member of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

The Career Services Center is located on the second floor of Swint Hall and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 all enrolled students at Wheeling Jesuit University. The ARC exists to provide academic assistance to any student in any Wheeling Jesuit University class. 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, senior theses and major projects. Counseling is also available in academic “survival” skills such as time management, note-taking, studying and test-taking. A number of study groups operate as needed; please contact the ARC for a list of study group times. Computing resources include: wordprocessing, e-mail and web browsing, in addition to software packages specifically earmarked to supplement classroom instruction.

In addition to on-site assistance, University students can access some ARC support services through fax/telephone consultations and via an electronic format. If you use a fax machine, the ARC can receive your rough drafts and follow up with you by telephone to schedule a consultation; the ARC’s fax number is (304) 243-4457. The ARC’s extensive webpage (http://www2.wju.edu/arc/ARChome.html) offers detailed explanations of and helpful suggestions about particular writing and study skill problems. In addition, by visiting the ARC’s webpage and clicking on the Distance Services link, you will find directions on how to submit a paper for review via an electronic format.

During fall and spring semesters, hours are: Sunday from 2-11 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.-5 p.m. The ARC is typically open between 20 and 30 hours per week during both summer sessions. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 243-4473 or by stopping at the ARC during business hours.

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, off-satellite taping of licensed programming and videotaping of on-campus events by request. Currently, Donahue 128 and 129 and various rooms in the Thomas S. Acker Science Center are theater-style classrooms that have built-in multimedia systems for computer demonstrations, video or cable presentations and document imaging.