Smart, creative and metropolitan

Founded in 1868, Wayne State University is a nationally recognized metropolitan research institution offering more than 370 degree programs to nearly 28,000 students. We boast the most diverse student body among Michigan’s 15 public universities, representing nearly every U.S. state and 70 countries.

Wayne State is in the heart of Detroit, Michigan, a city vibrant with culture and industry. Dozens of museums, professional sports arenas, major health systems and Fortune 500 headquarters are concentrated within Midtown, our walkable, two-square-mile neighborhood.

A fusion of old and new

From our flagship building — Old Main (above) — to the latest renovations that keep our campus on the cutting edge, Wayne State’s architecture mixes the historic with the contemporary. Our campus offers all the amenities you’d expect from a major university, including a fitness center, varied dining options, and pleasant outdoor spots sheltered from the bustle of the city. Also on campus are two child care centers, a football stadium for our Warriors and myriad art spaces.

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Small-town charm in the big city
Wayne State and its surrounding neighborhoods are bright with possibility. There’s always something to see or do, whether you’re looking to soak up some culture or unwind with friends.

Art comes alive
One of the intrinsic benefits of city life is the breadth of the arts in all their brilliance and diversity. Midtown is home to a variety of world-class museums, theatres, galleries and concert halls. Among the major attractions on or near campus are:

- Detroit Institute of Arts
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
- Detroit Historical Museum
- Elaine L. Jacob and G.R. N’Namdi galleries
- Max M. Fisher Music Center
- Detroit Opera House
- Fox Theatre
- Wayne State’s own Hilberry and Bonstelle theatres

Green spaces
Detroit is not all concrete and skyscrapers. In fact, there are small parks perfect for a picnic lunch right in the heart of the city. Wayne State’s campus has plenty of outdoor spots where you can relax with a book. A weekly farmers market is a feast for the senses in warmer months, with local vendors offering seasonal produce, fresh baked goods, honey and other delicacies.

Spirited athletics
Watch Wayne State’s 18 athletic teams compete and you’ll quickly see why we’re called the Warriors. Our football, basketball, swimming and diving teams consistently clinch conference titles. Want to get in on the action? Stay fit and have fun at our recreation center. In addition to courts, tracks and a rock wall, it offers intramural and club sports.

wsuathletics.com

Home sweet home
Midtown features a variety of new condos and restored residential properties within walking distance of the neighborhood’s museums, shops, restaurants, pubs and entertainment venues. Wayne State’s modern apartments and residence halls keep you in the center of all the action.
Old Main was built in 1896 to house the well-regarded Detroit Central High School. In 1934, it became the landmark of the university, today offering everything from studio space to a planetarium.

2 Start your Wayne State journey at the Welcome Center, the central spot for student services.

3 The Detroit Public Library is the state’s largest library system. The main branch, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a sight to behold.

4 Visit the Detroit Historical Museum to step back in time and soak up some authentic Motor City history.

5 The Detroit Historical Museum is the world's largest institution dedicated to the African American experience.

9 Wayne State doctors put their skills to work at the Detroit Medical Center, with its eight specialty hospitals and strong network of affiliated physicians across the metro Detroit area.

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11 Founded in 1915 by the auto pioneer, Henry Ford Health System is a leading medical provider and one of Michigan's largest employers.

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14 In addition to the luxury condominiums inside the Park Shelton, this landmark building bustles with popular restaurants and retail hot spots.

15 Spend a football Saturday getting to know students and alumni at a tailgate, then head inside Adams Field to cheer on the Wayne State Warriors.
More to see in “The D”

You could spend a lifetime enjoying Midtown alone. But Detroit deserves to be explored in full — from large-scale events like the annual North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center, to nooks and crannies featuring world cuisine and vintage treasures. Just hop on the People Mover (thepeoplemover.com) to get started.

Riverfront

The Detroit River offers scenic views and idyllic breezes. Enjoy a festival at Hart Plaza, ride the carousel, stroll through the butterfly gardens, cast off at the fishing outlooks, or rent a bike to cruise the riverfront. detroitriverfront.org

Professional sports

Whatever your sport, Detroit has a team worth rooting for. The Tigers play baseball at Comerica Park, the Lions play football at Ford Field, and the Red Wings play championship hockey at Joe Louis Arena — “The Joe” to locals. The Pistons play basketball at the Palace of Auburn Hills, less than an hour’s drive. (Of course, Wayne State’s NCAA Division II Warriors offer excellent opportunities to see nail-biting athletic contests right here on campus.)

Belle Isle

A Detroit landmark for more than a century, Belle Isle is a scenic island park just a 10-minute drive from WSU. It features five miles of shoreline, a conservatory with one of the nation’s largest orchid collections, a giant playscape and waterslide, and stunning views of the Detroit skyline and Canada. go.wayne.edu/belleisle

Eastern Market

Each week, tens of thousands of people visit Detroit’s Eastern Market, a six-block marketplace established in 1891. Merchants offer locally grown fruits, veggies and flowers; homemade jams, syrups and cheeses; pasture- and grain-fed meats; and specialty food products through hundreds of open-air stalls. detroiteasternmarket.com

Campus Martius Park

Established at the junction of Woodward and Monroe, Campus Martius Park is the point of origin for all those “Mile” roads stacked north of Detroit. That is, Eight Mile Road is eight miles from the exact center of the park, which is marked with a medalion embedded in the stone walkway. The park features fountains, gardens, a seasonal ice rink, a café, and even wireless Internet for those who can’t fully disconnect. Festivals and concerts are often held here, including the Motown Winter Blast. campusmartiuspark.org
Working for our city and the world

Research at Wayne State draws on both the strengths and challenges of our urban environment. We see Detroit as a natural extension of our classrooms, and we direct our expertise to help resolve many of the issues intrinsic to America’s great cities.

Devoted to research

Wayne State holds the prestigious Carnegie Foundation classification of RU/VH (research university/very high research activity), a distinction shared by only 3.5 percent of U.S. institutions.

Major campus-based research takes place in medicine, alternative energy, biosensors, electric-drive vehicles and biomedical engineering. Among the organizations with which we collaborate are:

- Perinatology Research Branch of the National Institutes of Health
- Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute
- Henry Ford Health System
- Detroit Medical Center
- National Biofuels Energy Laboratory
- Kresge Eye Institute
- North American Public Health Institute
- Children’s Hospital of Michigan

For a full list of campus research centers and institutes, visit research.wayne.edu/ci.

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Real-world research

Unique to Wayne State is the TechTown business incubator complex. TechTown provides opportunities for research commercialization, as well as a platform for students and faculty to boost Michigan’s economy by lending their expertise to startup companies.

Safety first

The WSU Police Department is on the ball, boasting an average 90-second response time and statistics that place us among the safest college campuses in the state. Our fully equipped police headquarters on campus is staffed by more than 50 licensed police officers. Trained by the Department of Homeland Security, the police department maintains 24-hour monitoring and surveillance, and has the ability to lock down 90 percent of WSU’s buildings with a single mouse click.

police.wayne.edu
English Language Institute

Students who meet the admission requirements for an academic program but do not meet English language proficiency requirements are eligible to receive provisional admission to Wayne State through our English Language Institute (ELI). Students will study full time in the ELI program until they meet the university's English proficiency requirements. Visit eli.wayne.edu for more information.

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