

# CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

**Washburn University** is located on a spacious, attractive campus in the capital city of the state of Kansas. Washburn is a municipally supported, state assisted university comprised of five major academic units: the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law, the School of Business, the School of Nursing, and the School of Applied Studies. There are approximately 6,000 students enrolled in traditional undergraduate degree programs, two-year associate degree programs and professional graduate programs in Law, Business, Psychology, Education, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Liberal Studies, Communication and Leadership, and Nursing. Visit the website listed above to learn more about the campus. For more information about Washburn, visit: <https://www.washburn.edu/>

**Washburn Institute of Technology** was officially established in 1964. The school has completed major remodeling projects, having grown from one building in 1966 to a 43-acre, multi-building campus providing today's valued technical training. Washburn Tech has 110 full-time staff including 70 faculty members offering 39 certificate programs to approximately 1,250 students, more than 50% of whom are postsecondary. The school also has Continuing Education and a Business and Industry Center with 35 part-time faculty offering continuing education courses and customized training to area businesses. Technical education in Kansas is overseen by the Technical Education Authority, a division of the Kansas Board of Regents through which Washburn Tech receives supplemental funding. For more information about Washburn Tech, visit [www.washburntech.edu](http://www.washburntech.edu) (<http://www.washburntech.edu>).

Washburn University and Washburn University Institute of Technology (i.e., Washburn Tech) have a unique affiliation agreement for offering programs within the state of Kansas. Washburn Tech offers certificate programs and associate of applied science degrees with supervision and approval from administrators at Washburn University, the Washburn University Board of Regents, the Kansas Board of Regents (Technical Education Authority), and the Higher Learning Commission. In addition, some programs are reviewed by specific discipline-based accrediting agencies.

For information regarding the offerings at Washburn Tech, please refer to the Washburn University Institute of Technology catalog (<https://catalog.washburn.edu/washburn-institute-technology/>).

Washburn University and Washburn Tech are governed by an appointed, independent, 9-member Board of Regents.

## Special Facilities

Listed below are brief descriptions of special facilities available at Washburn. For information on classroom buildings, visit the Campus Map (<https://www.washburn.edu/about/visit/virtual-tour/>).

The **Andrew J. and Georgia Neese Gray Theatre**, seating 330, features an acoustically-designed thrust stage, and is the site of sophisticated plays and musicals, from classical to contemporary both the University Theatre Department and Community groups.

**Athletic Facilities**, the equipment and facilities for physical education provide an opportunity for every student to participate in Kinesiology activities. (See information on Petro Allied Health Center, Whiting Field House, and Student Recreation and Wellness Center.)

**Carole Chapel**, located north of Henderson Learning Resources Center and directly east of Benton Hall, Carole Chapel was moved to campus in

2004. The building was located at the former Menninger Foundation site in northwest Topeka. The chapel has numerous functions for students, faculty, staff and the community, including hosting meditation classes and special events. Further, the facility is a practice and performance site for music students, as it features a piano at the west end of the chapel, along with several chairs for observers. Alumnus John Whitfield designed the stained glass window in the chapel.

**Whiting Field House** is one of the most historic and oldest buildings on Washburn's campus. Built in 1928, it served as the home for Washburn men's and women's basketball and volleyball until 1984, when both teams began playing in Lee Arena. The Fieldhouse underwent a renovation in 2008, including a state-of-the-art conditioning center and large practice court for the basketball and volleyball teams. The **Capitol Federal Student Athlete Strength and Conditioning Center** is a 12,500 square foot weight training facility. Whiting Fieldhouse houses the Washburn football locker room. The Fieldhouse also contains Washburn's Hall of Fame Room.

**Yager Stadium** is a 7,200-seat facility and home to the Ihabod football and women's soccer teams. It serves as one of the finest stadiums in NCAA Division II. The facility, built in 1928 and originally named Moore Bowl, exclusively hosted football until the addition of women's soccer in 2006. The **Bianchino Pavilion Suites** were constructed in 2002 as an area to host boosters and alumni before and during games. The football team began play in 1891 and has won several conference titles since 1974. Washburn played in the first college football game to include a forward pass and the 10-yard first down requirement in 1905 during an experimental game against Fairmount College.

**Washburn's Indoor Athletic Facility** is one of the newest buildings on campus and provides our student-athletes with a competitive advantage rarely seen at Division II schools. The facility has two main sections, including one with a 200-meter, six-lane banked track and another with a 110-yard synthetic turf practice field. The latter is 50 yards wide and provides a practice field for football, soccer, baseball, softball, cross country and track and field. The banked track is the only one in Division II and one of the few in the Midwest at any level. The building is also used for some intramural events, providing you with an opportunity to compete in our new digs.

**Other playing fields** are provided for additional varsity sports, varsity practice, and intramural sports. A baseball diamond and two softball diamonds for intercollegiate competition are available, and there are six excellent cement tennis courts located near Petro Allied Health Center.

**Petro Allied Health Center** is a multi-purpose physical education and athletic facility. This facility includes a large gymnasium with basketball, volleyball and badminton courts, as well as a running track. There is also a weight-training room, dance studio, athletic training room, exercise physiology laboratory, and Physical Therapist Assistant laboratory.

**Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center**, which was funded entirely from private sources, opened in April 1996. The Center houses the operations of the Washburn Alumni Association and the offices of Academic Affairs and Administration/Treasurer. The building was designed to serve the needs of alumni and Washburn University, as well as provide meeting space for many community groups and organizations.

**Charles Bennett Computer Center**, completed in 1988, houses the main offices of Information Technology and Services, and academic computing laboratories.

**International House**, located near the center of the campus, is situated between the Student Union and Benton Hall. This Spanish-style structure,

built in 1931 by Dr. and Mrs. Parley P. Womer, was the private residence of the former university president and his wife. After their deaths, the home reverted to the University and serves now as the center of international activities. The building features a magnificent great room, 44 by 22 feet with a balcony on two sides, huge fireplace and a beamed, vaulted ceiling. Hurricane shutters and wrought iron balustrade and chandelier enhance the Spanish architecture. The House is furnished with American antiques and artifacts from around the world.

**KBI Forensic Science Center** is a state-of-the-science facility on Washburn's campus that includes more than 10,000 square feet for academic use. Building spaces specially designed for Washburn students include a vehicle bay for in-depth study of crime scene processing, an outdoor laboratory for forensic anthropology study, a dedicated laboratory space for each concentration area (digital forensics, forensic anthropology, forensic chemical science, and forensic investigation) near the KBI scientists of the same discipline, and state-of-the-art interactive classroom and laboratory spaces.

**KTWU** is a non-commercial television station licensed to Washburn University and a member station of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). It began broadcasting in 1965 as the first public television station in Kansas. KTWU's broadcast center is located at 19th & Jewell Ave. on the Washburn Campus. KTWU offers five digital destinations for unique content: KTWU (PBS) in High Definition on Channel 11.1; KTWU/MHz Worldview on Channel 11.2; KTWU ENHANCE on Channel 11.3; KTWU.ORG, online; and KTWU MOBILE TV.

The station serves a 70-mile radius in northeastern Kansas as well as a 30-mile area in southeast central Kansas. In addition, other communities in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri receive the KTWU signal over various cable systems. More information about KTWU is available on-line at [www.ktwu.org](http://www.ktwu.org) (<http://www.ktwu.org>).

The **Robert J. Dole Hall**, which opened in July 2023, houses the **Washburn University School of Law**. The School has been in continuous existence since 1903. The School was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools in 1905 and in 1923 was one of 38 law schools (from among some 150 then in existence) on the American Bar Association's first approved list of law schools. For more information please visit [www.washburnlaw.edu](http://www.washburnlaw.edu) (<http://www.washburnlaw.edu>).

The **Law Library for Washburn University School of Law** is located in the law building on the southeast corner of the campus. The National Jurist (March 2010) ranked the library 40th among 198 U.S. law school libraries using a mix of categories measuring collection, facility and staff resources. The library contains over 406,000 volumes, including titles in microfiche, video, and digital formats. It is an official depository for materials published by the U.S. Government Printing Office and Kansas state agencies. Appellate case reports and statutes from all fifty states are available as is an extensive collection of briefs from the U.S. and Kansas Supreme Courts. The online catalog provides direct access to selected Internet full text documents as well as to the holdings of the University Library and the 200,000 volumes held by the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library (located a five-minute drive from the law school in the Judicial Center).

The **Memorial Union** serves as the hub of campus life, providing cultural, social and recreational services integral to your campus experience. Dedicated in 1952 as a memorial to Washburn students and Shawnee County residents who lost their lives in foreign wars, it serves today as the "living room of campus." Washburn added the Union Café food court in Stauffer Commons, which connects to the Living Learning Center

residence hall, in 2001. The Union is home to numerous offices, student organizations and spaces for students, faculty and community members. You can purchase books for classes and Washburn gear in the **Ichabod Shop** or grab lunch in the **Café** or **Union Market**. Fifteen conference rooms of various sizes and numerous comfortable lounges guarantee the Memorial Union is the favorite meeting place for campus and public gatherings and student leisure activities.

**Washburn Student Government Association offices** are also located on the lower level of the Union as well as the **Washburn Student Media**. The **Student Involvement and Development Office** is located on the main floor of the Union.

**Henderson Learning Resources Center** houses the largest number of classrooms of any building on campus. The building is home to the Washburn School of Business, the Washburn Honors Program and several academic departments, including Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, History and Mass Media. It also houses the single largest classroom on campus – a tiered room that can seat 246 people and is primarily used for larger meetings. It was built in 1971 to replace several buildings destroyed in the 1966 Topeka tornado.

**White Concert Hall** serves as the nucleus for the arts in Topeka. It is home to all music department concerts, Topeka Symphony Orchestra, Community Concert Series, Festival Singers, Sunflower Music Festival and countless university and civic events. It is considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the country, with incredible acoustics and a 1,200-person seating capacity. The iconic hall has hosted performances by Broadway star Jeff Kready, b music '04; rock band Kansas, which features former Washburn students; jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie; and conductor Leonard Slatkin. A new recital hall is slated for Fall 2025, as well.

The **Mulvane Art Museum**, founded in 1922 with a bequest from Joab Mulvane, is one of the oldest museums west of the Mississippi River. Accredited by the American Association of Museums in 1988, the Museum houses a collection of approximately 4,000 objects from around the world including paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, photographs and decorative art. While international in scope, the Museum's collection focuses on the works of artists from Kansas and the Midwest and has a concentration in American art of the 20th century. In addition to showing works from the collection the Museum also hosts traveling exhibitions.

Following a tornado in 1966, that destroyed most of the buildings on campus, the present complex was built. Due to the nature of the Mulvane Trust, the original building's native limestone exterior was unchanged; however the severely damaged interior was gutted and connected to the new **Garvey Fine Arts Center** which also houses the Art History, Music and Theater Departments. The Mulvane Art Museum underwent another renovation project, completed in 2006, that increased exhibition space to 5,000 sq. ft., provided secure storage for the collection, art preparation areas, and significantly enlarged the art education program with the creation of **ArtLab**, a 1,500 sq. ft. hands-on art experience center and the renovation of four education classrooms.

In 2015, the Mulvane Art Museum received a significant donation of paintings, drawings, sculptures and archival material representing the lifework of Kansas artist Rita Blitt. Those pieces are on display at the **Rita Blitt Gallery and Sculpture Garden**. Sorting through and cataloging the hundreds of works is a monumental task that creates unique opportunities to engage students and communities in the research, interpretation and development of exhibitions and educational programs for many years to come.

The Museum's education program provides extensive community outreach to children at after school sites, public and private school classrooms and preschool centers throughout the region. In-house art classes, public lectures, family events and community educational experiences for people of all ages and abilities are also offered. Admission to the Museum and ArtLab is free and open to the public.

**Student Recreation and Wellness Center, SRWC,** facility components include a rock climbing wall, indoor track, gymnasium, cardiovascular and resistance training area, multi-purpose room, wellness suite, and locker rooms. Program offerings include informal, intramural, group exercise, climbing and wellness opportunities.

**The Plass Learning Resources Center:** The Plass Learning Resources Center is the physical home of the University Libraries, Career Engagement, Aleshire Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, Washburn Transformational Experiences, Study Abroad, the University Honors Programs, the Department of Education, the John and Barbara Stauffer Learning Center, which includes the Philip H. Etzel Immersive Classroom, a twenty-first century learning space that allows instructors and students to create the learning environment that best serves their needs and the Richard E. Shermoen Math Learning Lab, designed to promote student success in undergraduate mathematics, and the Center for Student Success and Retention, which includes the following offices: Academic Advising, First-Year Experiences, First Generation Student Success Services, Military Student Success, ITS Help Desk, TRIO: Upward Bound, Azura Financial Literacy Program, International Student Success Programs, Student Success Coaching, and the Center for Prior Learning and Testing.

**The University Library:** The University Library is the intellectual and cultural heart of the university. Its staff offers a wide variety of services, with a special focus on educational programs that promote the intelligent use of information resources and information literacy, including an Information Literacy Minor. The University Libraries maintains multiple learning spaces such as the Ichabod Reading Lounge, a space for quiet study and reflection, and the Information Literacy Suite, a traditional mediated digital classroom.

The Library has four floors: the first level is a quiet study space that also houses the Washburn University Archives and Special Collections, while the second floor is a mixed space that serves the Washburn Community as a learning commons – a space for faculty and students to engage one another and the world outside the formal classroom. The third level contains the Curriculum Resources Center, a space for aspiring Pre-K – 12 educators to access the information resources they need to prepare for becoming educators. The stacks are located on the fourth floor.

Laptops are available for checkout at the library desk. The Library website or digital branch ([www.washburn.edu/mabee](http://www.washburn.edu/mabee) (<http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/>)) features the Encore search tool that allows researchers to access the collections of the Washburn University Libraries, the Curriculum Resources Library, the Washburn School of Law Library, the Kansas Supreme Court Library, and the Kansas State Historical Society Library. In addition to an extensive number of books and print journals, the Library also provides access to electronic resources. Librarians provide an online subject-specific set of help tools (<http://libguides.washburn.edu>), which extend public services beyond the 88.5 hours each week that in-person research assistance is available.

Special Collections in the Library include the Rare Book Collection, the University Archives, the William I Koch Art History Collection, the Thomas

Fox Averill Kansas Studies Collections, and a growing Digital Institutional Repository that displays the scholarly work of faculty and students.