

Chapter 21: Additional Resources

21.A General Principles

The University of Michigan consistently ranks as one of the top universities in the country. One reason for its reputation is its broad array of resources. From its libraries and museums to its musical and theatrical productions and athletic events, the University offers a vibrant cultural and social life for those who live, study, and work here and for the thousands of visitors who come to Ann Arbor every year.

This section of the Faculty Handbook provides a small sample of the University's remarkable wealth of resources.

21.B Alumni/Alumnae

21.B.1 Alumni Association

The [University of Michigan Alumni Association](#) is an independent membership organization which conducts a variety of programs for alumni; operates year-round programming activities at camp Michigania (see below); provides educational opportunities; publishes the *Michigan Alumnus* magazine; and offers resources such as the Alumni Career Center, reunion information, an on-line alumni directory, alumni locator service, and more. The Association has more than 100,000 members.

Some of the schools and colleges also have alumni organizations for their graduates. For information, contact the appropriate dean's office.

21.B.2 Alumni/ae Records Office

This office maintains records on [University alumni/ae](#), making records available to units within the University in connection with University programs. Alumni/ae can update their records online. Requests for address lists or labels or for biographical data require advance arrangements.

21.B.3 Camp Michigania

Owned and operated by the Alumni Association since 1962, Camp Michigania is a conference and retreat facility comprised of 375 acres of woods and fields and 1.5 miles of shoreline on Walloon Lake, Michigan. Michigania is a peaceful setting for group retreats, conferences, and summer week-long camp sessions offered to Alumni Association members and their families. Spacious rooms in the Education Center offer an ideal setting for retreats for faculty and staff, and afford a non-distracting setting for conferences or retreats of up to 100 people.

21.C Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor is home to over 123,000 people who enjoy its many offerings in the areas of education, business, emerging technology, culture, sports, festivals, parks, recreation, restaurants, shopping, and community neighborhoods. The following websites give a small taste of the attractions of this vibrant city.

- [Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)
[Ann Arbor District Library](#)
[Ann Arbor News Edition of MLive](#)
[Ann Arbor Observer's ArborWeb](#)
[Ann Arbor Transit Authority \(AATA\)](#)
[City of Ann Arbor](#)
[University of Michigan](#) – Ann Arbor Campus
[Washtenaw County](#) (includes all the townships and villages within the county)

21.D Bookstores

For course books, the University uses [Canvas](#).

- *Canvas @ Michigan* is a site for anyone who would like to learn how to create or improve a Canvas Course. There are resources for the basics, teaching remotely, making course sites accessible for everyone, and much more. For general information see:
<https://umich.instructure.com/courses/200>

Ann Arbor is home to a number of general content bookstores as well as stores that specialize in particular genres. In addition, the city regularly hosts the [A2 Community Bookfest](#), the [Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair](#), and the [Kerrytown BookFest](#).

21.E Buildings

[The Campus Information Centers \(CIC\)](#) provide an online building search searchable by building name, department name, item, address, or campus zip code. For each building, the website provides directions and also departments, vendors, rooms, and other items located there.

There are four main facilities on the Ann Arbor campus that offer services to the entire University community: the Michigan League, the Michigan Union, Palmer Commons, and Pierpont Commons.

- [Michigan League](#) Originally built in 1929 as a union for female students, today the Michigan League comprises a hotel facility, conference area, food service areas, the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, a gift shop, and study areas. Michigan League's goal is to provide a gracious and welcoming setting for all members of the University community. It is located at 911 North University, phone: 764-0446.
- [Michigan Union](#) When the Michigan Union was established in 1904, its founders sought to provide "a place for meals and snacks, for reading and talking, for organization and committee meetings, for billiards and games, for dancing and assemblies." Today, the union is a resource for the entire

U-M community, with a broad array of facilities, programs, and services. Located at 530 South State Street, the building includes a food court, bookstore, meeting rooms, billiards and games room, Campus Information Center, student organization offices, meeting space, and the University Club. See also section [21.H.3 “Michigan Union Offices”](#).

- **Palmer Commons** Completed in 2004, Palmer Commons is a 100,000-square foot multifunctional facility located in the Life Sciences Complex. Positioned at the pedestrian bridge connecting medical and central campuses, Palmer Commons provides a location for all members of the University to make connections for meals, meetings, and events. This conference center includes meeting rooms, an auditorium, restaurants, and catering services. Palmer Commons is located at 100 Washtenaw Avenue.
- **Pierpont Commons** The Pierpont Commons provides cultural, social, and intellectual programming; educational opportunities; food services; leisure time and recreational opportunities; services and agencies responsive to campus needs; student development programs; student leadership development and programs and opportunities; and student employment. Resources include a Campus Information Center, food court and dining room, conference and meeting rooms, bookstore, ATM machines, and a café. It is located at 2101 Bonisteel Boulevard on north campus.

21.F Banks and Credit Unions

[Bank of Ann Arbor](#) (BOAA) was founded in 1995, and hosts Sonic Lunch, a weekly outdoor summer concert series performed in Ann Arbor’s Liberty Plaza. Sonic Lunch’s family friendly entertainment still continues to be part of summer tradition for the Ann Arbor community. BOAA also sponsors the U-M Retirees Association, and is a member of the [U-M environmental, social and governance \(ESG\)](#) practice partnership.

[The University of Michigan Credit Union \(UMCU\)](#) and [DFCU Financial](#) are non-profit cooperatives serving only their memberships.

- Membership in the UMCU is open to active and retired employees, students, and alumni of the University and their immediate families.
- Although according to DFCU Financial’s community charter, it’s open to people who reside, work, worship, or are enrolled in post high school educational facilities in the 68 counties of the lower peninsula of Michigan, membership is open to everyone. Those who don’t qualify for membership under the aforementioned criteria can contact DFCU Financial.

21.G Cultural Collections Council

The Cultural Collections Council (CCC) of the University of Michigan includes units dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and culture that are not credit granting. The purpose of this unique group is to utilize more effectively the extensive resources, collections, programs, and leadership qualities of the Cultural Collections Council and to promote collaboration among CCC members and other University entities in ways that enrich the educational and cultural experience on campus and in the community.

[Cultural Collections Council](#) member organizations include:

- Bentley Historical Library

- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum (observer status)
- Kelsey Museum of Archaeology
- Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum
- Museum of Anthropology
- Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural History
- University Library
- William L. Clements Library

For more information about the Cultural Collections Council, contact the Office of the Provost at 734-764-9290.

21.H Cultural Events and Programming

21.H.1 Introduction/Ann Arbor Campus Venues

The University of Michigan offers myriad music, theater, drama, dance, and cinema programs and events at a number of campus venues. Major theatres and performance halls on campus are:

- Hill Auditorium
- Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
- Power Center for the Performing Arts
- Rackham Auditorium
- Arthur Miller Theatre

Because the performance halls and theatres are used by a wide variety of groups, they may not be selling their tickets at the performance hall until the day of their event.

Tickets for many events are sold at the following off-site ticket offices:

- Michigan Union Ticket Office <https://muto.umich.edu/>
- University Musical Society <https://ums.org/season/buy-tickets/>
- University Productions <https://smt.d.umich.edu/departments/university-productions>
- For walk-up sales go to the Michigan League Ticket Office.
<https://uunions.umich.edu/shop/university-musical-society-ticket-office/>

Interested faculty should consult individual listings circulated throughout campus for information about performances and events.

- The Michigan Daily <https://www.michigandaily.com/>
- The University Record <https://record.umich.edu/>
- The Ann Arbor Observer <https://annarborobserver.com/>

21.H.2 Academic Unit Programs

[College of Literature, Science & The Arts](#)

- **[Film, Television, and Media](#)** The Department of Film, Television, and Media sponsors and co-sponsors numerous film-related events every semester, including the appearance of visiting screenwriters and filmmakers, as well as symposia and special screenings on campus and at the restored 1920s movie palace, the Michigan Theater. Also, several independent and University student film groups offer frequent showings of classic American, foreign, experimental, and current films, all at reduced prices in University buildings. Check *The Michigan Daily* and *The University Record* for schedules.

[Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design](#)

Contemporary art and design exhibitions are presented without charge each academic year in the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery and the Warren Robbins Gallery in the Art and Architecture Building, and the Gallery in the Duderstadt Center on north campus. A weekly lecture series is presented during the fall and winter semesters and is open to the public. Information regarding exhibitions, openings, lectures, and other events at the School can be found on the School's website or in *The Michigan Daily* and *The Ann Arbor News*.

[School of Music, Theatre & Dance](#)

The School of Music, Theatre & Dance offers fully staged productions of opera, drama, musical theater, and dance each fall and winter term. In addition, many free concerts by orchestras, choirs, bands, and faculty and student chamber ensembles and soloists are offered throughout the year. The school's [calendar of events](#) is available online or from the School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

- **[Dance](#)** The Department of Dance offers several dance events every year; programs include students, visiting artists, and dance companies.
- **[Theatre & Drama](#)** Under the direction of faculty and visiting artists, the Theatre & Drama Department offers productions in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre and the Power Center for the Performing Arts. Student-directed productions are presented in the Walgreen Drama Center.
- **[University Productions](#)** University Productions is part of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance. It creates stage presentations for the University Dance Company, Musical Theater Program, School of Music Opera Theater, and University Players and sells tickets for these student productions at the UMS/U Productions ticket office, located in the Michigan League. Season schedules for Department of Theatre & Drama, School of Music Opera Theater, Musical Theater, and University Dance Company performances are also available at the Michigan League Ticket Office. University Productions manages and rents the major performing venues on campus (Hill Auditorium, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Power Center and Rackham Auditorium).

21.H.3 Michigan Union Offices

The following offices are located in the Michigan Union and offer a variety of programming opportunities and/or sell tickets for events:

- **[Center for Campus Involvement](#)** The Center for Campus Involvement is a student-run center organizing concerts, workshops, lectures, and arts activities.
- **[Michigan Union Ticket Office \(MUTO\)](#)** In addition to handling ticketing for a variety of on-campus programs at venues such as the Ark, Hill Auditorium, and the Power Center, MUTO offers Ticketmaster service for the entire Midwest and Toronto. Other services include ticketing for Cedar Point and Ann Arbor Transit Authority (AATA).

- [University Activities Center \(UAC\)](#) The largest student-run organization on campus sponsors several student theater and production groups such as MUSKET, the Comedy Company, and the Amazin' Blue. UAC's Eclipse Jazz brings to Ann Arbor great names in jazz such as George Winston and Bobby McFerrin. It also offers workshops, lecture series, and other musical activities.

21.H.4 University Musical Society (UMS)

Considered one of the leading performing arts presenters in the country, the University Musical Society, founded in 1879, presents about 90 performances and 175 educational programs from September to May. UMS programming covers a wide variety of artistic expressions including orchestras, chamber and jazz ensembles, song recitals, world music troupes, dance and theater companies, sacred and early music groups, and multi-media performance art. The extensive UMS education and audience development program creates residencies in partnership with a diverse array of individual artists and scholars as well as departments, schools, and centers. Serving as a resource to the University and the community, UMS is committed to working with the faculty to enhance curricular offerings and to support student learning. Discounted student tickets are available. UMS performances and education events are listed in their brochures, which can be obtained at the box office located in the Michigan League, and performances are listed in local newspapers. For additional information, visit the website at www.ums.org or call 764-2538 (box office), 647-1174 (administrative).

21.I Information

A wealth of information is available through the [Campus Information Center \(CIC\)](#), located on the 1st floor of the Michigan Union and the north campus Information Center (NCIC), located in the Pierpont Commons Lobby. These centers have a multitude of publications, event information, and campus maps. The CIC website contains maps and information about transportation, U-M events, and includes directions to popular visitor locations in Ann Arbor Southeast Michigan from Central and North Campus. While some information is more germane to students, much of it is applicable to any new Ann Arborite. To get information about buildings, see the [Campus Information Centers' building search](#), which provides detailed information including directions, accessibility, and departments/offices.

An [events calendar](#) maintained by the CIC lists exhibitions, performances, workshops, and other events.

21.J International Center

The [University of Michigan International Center \(IC\)](#) is the main interface unit for international students and scholars, American students, foreign faculty and staff, and international visitors. The Center helps international students and scholars to become accustomed to life in this country in order to make their stay an enjoyable one. The office assists American students who would like to travel abroad, whether by finding a job or scholarship, finding a place to stay, or suggesting travel spots.

IC staff provide a number of services to international faculty, scholars, students, and staff during their time at U-M, such as assisting with complex federal and state regulations concerning immigration, travel, employment, and taxes. The IC also acts as a liaison with various agencies, foundations, and sponsors; and assists University departments in complying with immigration regulations concerning the hiring of

international faculty and staff. See also section [5.G.6 “International Faculty”](#).

21.K Libraries

21.K.1 The University of Michigan Library

The [University of Michigan Library](#), comprised of many libraries and collections across the Ann Arbor campus, is ranked among the top ten academic library in North America. For information on the administrative structure of the U-M libraries, see section [3.K.1 “Libraries”](#).

The collections that comprise the U-M library system, as well as the catalogs of some of the independent campus libraries and the UM-Flint library, can be accessed via the catalogue, Mirlyn. For more information, e-mail ask-us@umich.edu.

In addition, the University library is engaged in numerous digital library initiatives, some of which are described below:

- [Deep Blue](#) is the U-M’s permanent and accessible home for U-M-authored work and for representing our rich intellectual environment online.
- [Digital Library Production Service \(DLPS\)](#) provides infrastructure for campus digital library collections, including both access systems and digitization services.
- [HathiTrust](#) Digital Library is a digital preservation repository which preserves and provides discovery and access to digitized content from a variety of sources, including Google, the Internet Archive, Microsoft, and in-house partner institution initiatives.
- [U-M Digital Library Collections and Publications](#) is an alphabetical listing of all Production Service resources.
- [U-M Image Source](#) creates and delivers both licensed and freely available collections of digital images to the U-M and Internet communities.
- [UMDL Finding Aids](#) is the central access point for electronic finding aids for archival collections provided by UM DLPS.
- [UMDL Texts](#) is the central access point for electronic books and journals created by UM DLPS.
- [OAister](#) is a global collection of over 9.5 million previously difficult-to-access, academically-oriented digital materials.
- [Michigan Publishing](#) is the university’s library based publishing enterprise, and publishes scholarly, educational, and regional works in print and electronic formats.
- [Text Creation Partnership \(TCP\)](#) promotes scholarship and digital library development by creating high quality, cost-effective electronic text editions of historically significant works.

21.K.2 Additional University Libraries

- [Bentley Historical Library](#) Established in 1935 by the Board of Regents, the Bentley documents the history of the state of Michigan and the activities of its people and organizations, and serves as U-M’s official archive. Located at 1150 Beal Avenue on North Campus, this library holds more than 8,000 historical collections and archival record groups donated by citizens from across the state. Included in the holdings, which date from the era of exploration to the present day, are more than 40,000 linear feet of manuscripts; 58,000 printed volumes and newspapers; 1.5 million visual images (e.g., photographs, films, tapes); and 10,000 maps of Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

The University community and visitors from around the world visit the library to conduct research in such subject areas as politics and public policy, education, migration and ethnicity, natural resources and the environment, culture and the arts, military affairs, religion, business, and industry.

- [Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum](#) This archive contains the congressional, vice presidential, and presidential papers of former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford plus selected staff members; includes an audio visual collection covering the same time period. The library is part of the National Archives and Records Administration. It is located at 1100 Beal Avenue on North Campus.
- [Kresge Library Services](#) The Kresge Library provides access to a wide array of databases, books, journals, and specialized resources in the areas of accounting; business economics and public policy; computer and information systems; corporate strategy; finance and real estate; international business; law, history, and communication; marketing; operations management; organizational behavior and human resource management; and statistics and management science.
- [Law Library](#) The Law Library has one of the world's outstanding collections, with more than 875,000 volumes. The collection includes reports of the American federal and state courts as well as the court reports of Great Britain and the Commonwealth and of most European and South American countries. The constitutions, codes, and statutes of most foreign countries, as well as of the American states, are kept retrospectively and up-to-date. Legal documents for the United Nations, the European community, and other supranational authorities represent a particular strength of the collection; the library is a depository for European Economic Community documents and selected U.S. government documents. There are extensive special collections in the fields of Roman law, international law, comparative law, trials, biography, and legal bibliography. It is located in the Legal Research Building, 801 Monroe Street.
- [William L. Clements Library](#) The Clements library, located at 909 S. University (between the president's house and Shapiro Undergraduate Library), is a non-circulating library focusing on America from the age of exploration to the beginning of this century. This collection includes manuscripts, books, photographs, sheet music, and maps.

21.K.3 Other Services

- [Ask a Librarian](#)
- [Interlibrary Loan](#)
- [University Reserves](#)
 - E-mail: university.reserves@umich.edu
- [Visual Resources Collections](#)
 - Open to all U-M faculty and graduate students who may borrow slides and photographs for classroom use.
E-mail: vrum@umich.edu
- [Document Delivery](#)
 - Faculty can have books and articles (PDFs) delivered for free to a campus address, or request pickup at a convenient library location.

21.L Lost and Found

Many buildings keep lost and found items for a brief period. Valuable items such as wallets, keys, and

checkbooks not claimed within a short time are forwarded to the University Department of Public Safety on Kipke Drive. A listing of lost and found locations on campus is available at the Campus Information Center.

21.M Mail Service

The [University of Michigan Mail Service](#) provides daily collection and delivery of official University mail on the Ann Arbor campus to all buildings that house University offices. Connecting service to U-M Dearborn and U-M Flint campuses is also provided. To help insure prompt campus service, mail should be addressed by name, department, room, building name, street address, and four-digit campus zip. Courier service is provided by U-M Flint three days a week between the U-M Flint and Ann Arbor campuses. Large and repetitive mailings can be addressed and inserted by University Mail Service as a fee-based auxiliary. Use of this service can greatly reduce postage and labor costs at the unit level.

The U.S. Postal Service delivers incoming U.S. letter mail and Express Mail letter mail directly to campus units once each workday. Parcels are delivered to the University Mail Service, which then delivers them daily to the campus buildings. Outgoing mail (U.S. and Express Mail) is picked up and processed by the University Mail Service daily per predetermined building schedules.

21.N Maintenance

[Facilities and Operations](#) has primary responsibility for the stewardship of the university's physical properties, including 37 million square feet of building space. We are responsible for sophisticated and complex academic, research and clinical facilities, as well as associated environmental stewardship and regulatory compliance. F&O is a positive organization dedicated to the principles of being respectful, collaborative, solutions-based, and proactive.

The need for repair work should be reported using the [Online Service Request](#) form.

If this is an **EMERGENCY or URGENT REQUEST** (floods, elevator problems, broken windows, alarms, power losses and water leaks), call the Facilities Service Center at 734-647-2059.

21.O Museums and Galleries

The University's resources are vast and include both research and exhibit museums as well as galleries. Many of the facilities located on the Ann Arbor campus are listed below. For information about the administrative structure of the museums, see section [3.K "University of Michigan Libraries and Museums \(Ann Arbor Campus\)"](#).

- [Museum of Natural History](#) This museum, located at 1105 Geddes Road, is home to a vast array of specimens and artifacts related to paleontology, anthropology, zoology, geology, and botany. The museum includes a Hall of Evolution, Hall of Natural Sciences, Hall of Anthropology, and a planetarium (with weekend shows). The museum is especially popular with children.

- [**The Center for the History of Medicine**](#) Located in the Simpson Memorial Institute (102 Observatory), this program focuses on the history of the health sciences of the state of Michigan and is dedicated to historical research projects and archival and preservation work. Its objective is to foster broader understanding and deeper appreciation of the pioneering role taken by the University and state of Michigan to advance knowledge of disease and promote human health.
- [**Kelsey Museum of Archaeology**](#) Home of the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, the Kelsey Museum houses two exhibit galleries, one for Greek and Roman material, another for Near Eastern. It is located in Newberry Hall, 434 South State Street.
- [**Schembechler Hall**](#)(Margaret Dow Towsley Sports Museum) This museum deals exclusively with Michigan athletics, including all 25 varsity sports; touch TV screens, mini videos, display cases. It is located in Schembechler Hall, 1200 South State Street.
- [**Museum of Art \(UMMA\)**](#) With the opening of the Maxine and Stuart Frankel and the Frankel Family Wing and the restoration of historic Alumni Memorial Hall, the University of Michigan Museum of Art ushered in a new era, a reimagining of the University art museum as a new “town square” for the 21st century.
The UMMA seeks to transform individual and civic life by promoting the discovery, contemplation, and enjoyment of the art of our world. One of the finest university art museums in the country, UMMA holds collections representing 150 years of art collecting. A schedule of special exhibitions and interpretative programs connects visitors with the rich artistic legacy of the past and today’s avant-garde.
 - One of the Museum’s roles is its contribution to the academic mission of the University of Michigan. From the research and study uses of the works of art in the Museum’s collections, to the teaching implications of all of our temporary exhibitions, the Museum plays a central role in the academic life of the University, even as it connects to broad regional and national community audiences.
 - The UMMA features galleries highlighting works drawn from the Museum’s collections of more than 18,000 artworks, special exhibition spaces, “open storage” galleries, and a range of educational and event spaces.
- **Research Museums** Four research museums on the Ann Arbor campus which are administratively part of LSA.
 - [**Museum of Anthropology**](#)
 - [**Museum of Paleontology**](#)
 - [**Museum of Zoology**](#)
- [**Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry**](#) Located in the School of Dentistry, The Gordon H. Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry collects, preserves, and exhibits dental artifacts representing stages in the development of dental technology, beginning with the pre-electric period. Research interests are served by the collections and their historic documentation.
- [**Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design**](#) Contemporary art and design exhibitions are presented without charge each academic year in the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery and the Warren Robbins Gallery in the Art and Architecture Building, and the Media Union Gallery in the Media Union on North Campus and the Work Gallery on State Street. A weekly lecture series is presented during the fall and winter semesters and is open to the public. Information regarding exhibitions, openings, lectures, and other events at the School can be found on the School’s website, or in *The Michigan Daily* and *The Ann Arbor News*.
- [**Stearns Collection**](#)(Musical Instruments) The Stearns Collection is a vast collection of musical instruments from around the world. The University owns more than 3,000 instruments; about 200 are on display at any time. The collection is located in the Moore Music Building on North Campus.

21.P Natural Areas

21.P.1 Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA)

The University of Michigan's [Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum](#) provide a unique combination of public and University-related conservation, education, and research programs at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens property at 1800 N. Dixboro Road as well as at the Nichols Arboretum site at 1610 Washington Heights. Additional research preserves include Horner's Woods and Mud Lake Bog.

Matthaei offers more than 350 acres of gardens and natural terrain, includes an extensive multi-climate conservatory containing plants of botanical interest from all parts of the world, and provides a wide variety of special events, lectures, workshops, classes and volunteer opportunities.

- [W.E. Upjohn Peony Garden in Nichols Arboretum](#) The "Arb" is a 123-acre living collection that includes wetland, prairie, and woodland ecosystems and many special collections including peony, lilac, and Appalachian plants. Special events and programs that include poetry walks, outdoor theatre performances, tours, classes, and volunteer opportunities are offered.

For information on the James D. Reader, Jr. Urban Environmental Education Center and various programs, visit the [MBGNA website](#).

21.P.2 Forests/Reserves

The University of Michigan owns several natural forestry research properties that are operated under the direction of the School of Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) and are open to the public:

[Edwin S. George Reserve](#)

5650 Doyle Road, Pinckney

Newcomb Tract (shared by LSA and SEAS)

8420 Strawberry Lake Road, Dexter

Saginaw Forest

3900 W. Liberty

Stinchfield Woods

9401 Stinchfield Woods Road, Pinckney

21.Q Observatories and Planetariums

- [Astronomy Department](#) The Astronomy Department is home to the U-M Lowbrow Astronomers, a group of amateur astronomers that run public open houses with a 24-inch optical telescope at Peach Mountain Observatory located in Dexter, Michigan. The Department is also part of the Magellan project to build the largest private ground-based optical telescope facility in the Southern Hemisphere, and has maintained large research projects around the world. The Angell Hall Observatory (on the roof of Angell Hall) was established in 1926-27 and, with the addition of new

telescopes, still operates as student observatory for hands-on instruction.

◦ Also see [Astronomy Department facilities](#).

- [The Judy and Stanley Frankel Detroit Observatory](#) The historic University of Michigan Detroit Observatory (circa 1854), located on the Ann Arbor campus, is open at various times as a museum, hosts a monthly lecture series, and also serves as a scholarly center for the study of 19th century science, technology, and culture. This structure, located at 1398 E. Ann Street, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A historic restoration was completed in 1999.
- [Planetarium](#) The Museum of Natural History, located in the Biological Sciences Building at 1105 North University Avenue, has a planetarium that offers weekend shows.

21.R Printing, Graphic Design, and Photography

21.S.1 Michigan Creative

[Michigan Creative](#) is a team of designers, communicators, and web professionals who work for units across the University campus and Health System. They offer marketing consulting such as marketing strategy, website design, brand design, editorial services, and mailing.

21.S.2 Printing Services

[Michigan Print-Copy-Mail](#) is the University's full-service printing resource, supplying full-color printing projects, as well as copies and document reproduction. It also provides client education, hands-on advice for software application and disk preparation, assistance with planning, and project management.

21.S.3 Michigan Photography

[Michigan Photography](#) offers a comprehensive central photography service and archive in its facility in the basement of the LSA Building. Of special interest to faculty on a fee-for-service basis: quality black and white and color portraiture available to meet all needs (book jackets, publicity photos, media requests, etc.); slides and prints (or scans) from books, periodicals, or 3-D objects for teaching and research needs; plus a full range of digital services, including scanning, e-mail transmittal of images, photo-manipulation, retouching, and restoration.

21.S.4 Michigan Media

[Michigan Media](#) is the official video production unit of U-M. It is composed of talented staff with the expertise to handle any project of any size, produces original videos, instructional videos, training videos, and livecasts, and covers events. Michigan Media is also available to work with principal investigators and researchers to document the impact of research grants.

21.S Publications

[*The University Record*](#) is published on Mondays for faculty and staff of the University of Michigan by News Service. The current issue and links to archival issues are available on-line. *The University Record* seeks to increase understanding within the University, to recognize accomplishments, to report on progress and issues, and to inform faculty and staff about changes in state and federal policies that could affect the University. Copies are available at distribution boxes at more than 80 campus locations and by subscription.

[*Michigan Today*](#), a publication for Michigan alumni and friends, is published three times a year by News Service. *Michigan Today* is designed to entertain and educate, to keep readers in touch with the intellectual life of the University, and to reinforce identity with and support for the institution. Issues are distributed at more than 80 campus locations and mailed to approximately 350,000 alumni and friends. The current issue and links to archival issues are available on-line at the *Michigan Today* website..

[*The Michigan Daily*](#) is published weekdays during the academic year and weekly during the spring and summer terms by University of Michigan students. *The Michigan Daily* is a member of the Associated Press and the Associated Collegiate Press. Distributed at many campus locations, *The Michigan Daily* also is available by subscription, by contacting *The Michigan Daily* news desk.

Many of the University's schools, colleges, and departments also have their own publications that address issues of interest to their constituencies. The partner campuses at U-M Dearborn and U-M Flint also have their own publications:

- At [U-M Dearborn](#), *The Reporter*, for faculty and staff, is published every two weeks during the academic year, and *The Legacy*, for alumni, is published twice a year. The U-M Dearborn student newspaper is [*The Michigan Journal*](#).
- At [U-M Flint](#), *Currents* is published monthly for faculty and staff. The UM-Flint alumni publication, *Bridges*, is published three times a year. The student newspaper at the UM-Flint is *The Michigan Times*.

See also section [21.B.1 "Alumni Association"](#).

21.T Religious and Spiritual Resources

A comprehensive guide to area churches, synagogues, and religious fellowships is available online from ArborWeb's [City Guide](#).

21.U Sports and Recreational Resources

21.U.1 Athletic Tickets

U-M's athletic events, particularly home football games, are enormously popular. Faculty may purchase season tickets to football, basketball, and hockey games. See mgoblue.com.

21.U.2 Facilities and Resources

Athletic Department Facilities

- Two facilities of the Athletic Department, the Varsity Tennis Center and the Indoor Track Building, are open to faculty under certain terms and conditions.
- The Varsity Tennis Center has eight indoor courts and 12 outdoor courts. Current faculty with a minimum 50% appointment and retired faculty are eligible for membership and can sponsor members of their household.

Cross Country Skiing

- Cross country skiing is available at Stinchfield Woods (see section [21.Q.2 “Forests/Reserves”](#)) and [rental equipment](#) is available at North Campus Recreation Building (NCRB) Rental Center.

Golf

- The University has two golf courses. The U-M Golf Course, located at the corner of W. Stadium and Main Street, is open to faculty and staff of all University of Michigan campuses on a daily green-fees basis. Faculty and staff members must present their U-M ID when registering.
- Radrick Farms Golf Course is a membership-only golf course, with membership open to faculty, staff, and alumni. It is located at 4875 Geddes Road. There are also a number of other golf courses in the area, both public and private.

Recreational Sports Department

- Faculty and staff in their immediate families are eligible to purchase an annual or term Facilities User Pass for membership to the Department of Recreational Sports facilities and programs. Programs include: 31 sport leagues and events in intramurals; 40 club sports from Aikido to wrestling; an outdoor adventure trip program and rental center; an experiential learning challenge program; a summer children’s camp; and a personal services program of clinics, personal trainers, and prescription exercise. Facilities include Central Campus Recreational Building (CCRB), Intramural Sports Building (IMSB), and North Campus Recreational Building (NCRB), described below. Members have access to all recreational sports buildings and equipment rooms and can rent lockers and towels. Daily guest passes are also available.

Hadley Family Recreation & Well-Being Center (under construction)

- The proposed new facility will contain 200,000 gross square feet and will include modern gymnasiums, a track for jogging and walking, spaces for weight and cardiovascular training, group exercise rooms, aquatics, climbing areas, courts for squash, and racquetball, locker rooms, support, and administration spaces. The project will allow greater access and opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to improve their health and well-being.
- [Central Campus Recreation Building \(CCRB\)](#) – *Demolished in 2022, temporary site during construction.*

Intramural Sports Building (IMSB)

- Offers basketball, volleyball, personal exercise, weight conditioning, handball/paddleball/racquetball courts, squash courts, swimming, saunas, and martial arts. There is an intramural sports program including a Graduate/Faculty/Staff Division of competition.

- **North Campus Recreation Building (NCRB)**

Offers badminton, basketball, volleyball, tennis, handball/paddleball/racquetball courts, a squash court, swimming, personal exercise, weight conditioning, 1/10-mile jogging track, and saunas. It is located at 2375 Hubbard.

Skating

- [Yost Ice Arena](#), located at 1000 South State Street, offers academic year public skating, both skating and hockey classes, and programs for youth and adults.

[School of Kinesiology Community Programs](#)

- For more than three decades, the U-M School of Kinesiology has offered community programs for Southeastern Michiganders at all stages of life, serving our neighbors through educational and motivational programs that inspire healthy and active lifestyles.

21.V Transportation

21.V.1 Airport Transportation

A variety of shuttle, taxi, and car services provide transportation to Detroit Metro Airport. Online searches will yield current information.

21.V.2 Bicycles

Bicycles are a popular means of transportation around campus and there are many bike stands to accommodate parking.

To comply with city and University ordinances, bicycles must be registered with the City of Ann Arbor through the city clerk's office, which can be accomplished in the ways described below . Registering your bike is important – if your bike is stolen and then recovered, the city will have the necessary information.

To assist U-M students, faculty and staff with the registration process, officers from the [University Police Department](#) (UMPD) register bicycles at no charge (UMPD pays the fee) at a few campus events at the beginning of each fall term .

For more information, including bike maps and renting bike lockers, which are available at the medical campus and Wolverine Tower, see [U-M's Department of Parking and Transportation Services](#).

21.V.3 Buses

[University of Michigan Transit Services](#)

- University of Michigan buses are free to all faculty, staff and students on campus. Bus routes include Commuter, Northwood (Weekly and Weekend), the U-M Medical Campus intercampus, and other routes. No identification is needed to ride on the buses. An interactive planning tool and

tracking map is available from [MBus](#).

[Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority \(AAATA\) Bus Service](#)

- All active University of Michigan-Ann Arbor faculty, staff, temporaries and students can ride any Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) fixed-route bus service at any time of day, any day of the week without paying a fare by presenting their valid MCard Id (white or yellow) to the bus driver. This benefit is a result of an agreement between the U-M and AAATA.
- For current route maps and schedules, including service to Wolverine Tower, Chelsea MI, and Dexter MI, visit the [AAATA website](#).

21.V.4 Parking & Transportation Services

[Parking & Transportation Services](#)

- As in most university communities, parking on campus is at a premium. A color-coded parking system is used in all University lots and structures. [Four tiers of parking permits](#) are available at a progressively lower cost, reflecting the proximity of the parking locations to core campus areas.
- To purchase a parking permit, newly hired faculty or those returning from a leave of absence must verify their eligibility by presenting a completed Parking Request Form that the appropriate administrator has signed. University retirees may purchase a special parking permit that authorizes parking in certain lots and structures. Proof of retirement status must be presented.

[AATA Park 'N' Ride Program](#)

- This program allows people to park for free all day (Monday through Friday) at one of the Park & Ride lots and ride the Ride downtown from five parking locations. Park 'N Ride lots are the State Street Commuter Lot/U-M Tennis Center Lot, Pioneer High School Lot, Miller Road Lot, Maple Village Shopping Center Lot, and Green Road Lot. Bus schedules are available from the AATA website and from the U-M Parking & Transportation Services office.

21.V.5 Transportation at Night and Other Special Transit Services

Both the University of Michigan and the City of Ann Arbor offer evening transportation services and other special transit services to assist faculty, students, and staff in remaining safe and secure. Some of the transit services described below are provided to meet special needs or to fill in the gaps between regular service hours.

[Night Ride Options](#)

SafeRide

- A campus accompaniment service that functions as an alternative to walking alone on campus at night. Coordinated by staff at the Division of Public Safety & Security (DPSS), Night Ride is free of charge and available to all members of the University community.
- Free shared-ride taxi service for students, faculty, and staff to their residence halls, parked vehicles, or local residences. This service is available from 2:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m., seven days a week. You are required to show the driver a valid U-M ID.
- For more information, click [here](#)!

- Note: Ride Home, SAFE Walk, and Night Ride are all services of SafeRide.

Night Ride

- Night Ride is a \$5 shared-ride taxi service within the city of Ann Arbor. This program runs from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- To request a ride, call the SafeRide number (734) 647-8000 and select menu option 3.

State Street Ride

- Service from any U-M building to the South State Street Commuter (Park and Ride) lot after buses have concluded daily service. To request a ride, phone Yellow Cab directly. The service is available Monday through Friday from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Night Ride/Holiday Ride (AAATA)

- Night Ride is a late-night, shared-ride taxi service that provides round-the-clock, public transportation within Ann Arbor. Also available on all major Holidays. All Night Ride trips must be scheduled by phone reservation.

Ride Home

- Free shared-ride taxi service for students, faculty and staff to their residence hall, parked vehicle or local residence. Available after University transit buses and shuttles have concluded daily service.

Paratransit

- Scheduled door-to-door service for disabled students, faculty and staff. To register for the rides, all applicants must contact Services for Students with Disabilities.

Emergency Ride Home

- Provides free cab rides in emergency situations for faculty, staff, students and temporaries who use alternative parking (van poolers, bus commuters, bicyclists, walkers, etc.) or off-site parking locations. **Use of the program is limited to six times per permit year.** To request a ride, call the Department of Public Safety's non-emergency number. (Underwritten by Parking & Transportation Services.)

21.V.6 Other Transportation Options

The U-M Parking & Transportation Services website provides information about the options noted below:

[Car Pools](#)

- Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to car pool with others. While Parking and Transportation Services does not require car pools to identify themselves, the office asks that faculty and staff register their car pools to allow the Parking Services office to communicate with pool members.
To form a carpool through AAATA you'll need to find 1-7 people that live and work near you and have a similar daily commute. Fortunately, there are tools and resources to make this process

easier.

- AAATA suggests creating an account online or with the app at CommuterConnectMI.org.

VanPool Program

- The University supports ridesharing through this employer sponsored vanpooling program by paying the monthly fee for participating faculty and staff and providing each vanpool with a designated parking space on campus. The vanpool rider's only expense is sharing the fuel costs associated with running the van.
- Through the VanPool program, TheRide will provide your group with a new or near-new vehicle. VanPool is available to anyone traveling to a work site located in Washtenaw County, including those who live outside of county lines.

Daily Parking

'Daily' Blue parking is available for faculty and staff who do not possess an annual parking option but occasionally need to bring their vehicles to campus.

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