

# Introduction to Adrian College

## Educational Mission

Adrian College, a liberal arts College in the United Methodist tradition, is committed to the pursuit of truth and to the dignity of all people. Through active and creative learning in a supportive community, students are challenged to achieve excellence in their academic, personal, and professional lives, and to contribute to a more socially just society.

## Statement of Principles

### The Foundation of Adrian College

Adrian College was founded as a Methodist institution. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, espoused a Christian faith that embraced a social consciousness. In the nineteenth century, American Methodists founded many liberal arts colleges.

Asa Mahan, the first president of Oberlin College in Ohio, became the founding president of Adrian College in 1859. Like John Wesley, he opposed slavery and believed in what he called “the power of action.”

Although its students and faculty come from many religious backgrounds, the College encourages all members of the community to struggle with moral and spiritual value questions growing out of the College’s United Methodist heritage of commitment to Christian traditions and values, concern for peace and justice and an ecumenical understanding of human spiritual experience.

Because of its Methodist traditions, Adrian College has been open from its inception to men and women from all backgrounds. The College continues its commitment to creating a community that reflects human diversity. It is therefore actively inclusive, seeking to attract students, faculty and staff from segments of the population that have not been fully represented in higher education.

### Ribbons of Excellence

In 1887 the graduating seniors at Adrian College presented a cane in the form of a shepherd’s crook to the officers of the junior class. Symbolic of leadership and carved with the Latin motto for “No victory without work,” the cane has been handed down every year by the graduating class. Each class has also attached a ribbon to the cane with the names of its graduates listed on the ribbon.

In 2007, the academic community at Adrian College adopted the idea of the ribbons to represent its standards of excellence. From the long-standing tradition of the ribbons attached to the shepherd’s crook at graduation, these new ribbons of excellence have been developed to support the College’s mission statement. Just as the Latin inscription on the cane suggests, these ribbons of excellence cannot be achieved without hard work:

- Caring for humanity and the world
- Learning throughout a lifetime
- Thinking critically
- Crossing boundaries and disciplines
- Developing creativity

Caring for humanity and the world: making socially responsible decisions; providing service to local and global communities; interacting positively with persons of diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Learning throughout a lifetime: continuing to ask important questions; pursuing knowledge in each new age; remaining open to new learning experiences.

Thinking critically: developing critical habits of mind; exploring multiple points of view; raising thoughtful questions, identifying problems and solutions.

Crossing boundaries and disciplines: developing literacy in multiple fields; personifying the liberal arts experience; making connections across disciplines.

Developing creativity: engaging in creative arts; developing creative talents and skills; recognizing and employing figurative expression.

## General Information

### Accreditation

Adrian College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504; (800) 621-7440; (312) 263-0456; Fax: (312) 263-7462) the University Senate of The United Methodist Church (Division of Higher Education, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, PO Box 340007, 1001 Nineteenth Ave., South, Nashville, TN 37203-0007). Teacher Education certification programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education (Michigan Department of Education, 608 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933). The Social Work program is accredited through the Council on Social Work Education (Council on Social Work Education, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, Virginia 22314). Athletic Training initial accreditation is occurring through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Adrian’s affiliations include membership in the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; the Michigan Colleges Foundation; the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; the Council on Undergraduate Research

the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; The National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church; the American Council on Education; and the Council for Independent Colleges.

## **The Campus**

Adrian College is located in Adrian, Michigan, the county seat of Lenawee County in the southeastern part of the state. Adrian is a city of approximately 22,000 people, situated in the center of an agricultural, industrial and recreational area. State and U.S. highways and nearby expressways provide convenient access to the metropolitan areas of Detroit, Toledo, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Both the Detroit and Toledo airports are within an hour's drive.

The Adrian campus is remarkably modern for a college which just celebrated its 150th anniversary. The architecture of 19th century newly renovated Downs Hall, however, recalls the College's long educational tradition.

For nearly a century, the Adrian campus consisted of several brick buildings that fronted on Madison Street. In the mid-1950's, largely through the generosity of major benefactor Ray W. Herrick, development of a new and modern physical plant was begun.

Today the College extends over 100 acres in a west-side residential section of the Adrian community. The original "college promenade" with its carefully groomed lawns and stately old trees now forms the eastern boundary of the main campus. A carillon tower on the east and a contemporary chapel on the west are familiar landmarks of the central mall.

Madison Street, on the east edge of campus, connects the College with state highway M-34 to the south and business route U.S. 223 to the north. A 48-acre arboretum and natural science study station is located about 15 miles from the main campus on Round Lake.

## **System of Academic Governance**

The governance system at Adrian is designed to ensure that issues related to effective operation of the College are based on consideration of all concerned points of view. Both strategic plans and immediate decisions and actions are weighed on the basis of academic soundness and fiscal responsibility, in accordance with the College's mission and purposes. In addition to the administration and Student Government, the six basic components of the system are the faculty, the collegia, the academic departments and a number of standing, advisory and ad hoc committees. Faculty meetings include both students and some administrators closely involved with academic programs.

Six standing committees and several related committees report to the faculty: Academic Policy, Curriculum, Campus Environment, Academic Planning, Assessment, and Faculty Life. Faculty decisions on the curriculum and academic programs are presented as recommendations to the President.

The 21 academic departments are organized according to traditional academic disciplines and are responsible for curriculum development, planning, academic standards and student relations within their areas of concern and expertise.

Collegia are interdisciplinary groups of the faculty organized according to four broad fields of interest: arts, letters and the humanities; social science and comparative cultures; applied

arts; and the sciences and mathematics. The collegia coordinate the efforts of academic departments and faculty members with similar interests and concerns.

Various informal opportunities exist for faculty and student involvement in decision making. These include regular meetings of the President with interested constituents and a continuing discussion of campus issues.

## **History of the College**

Adrian College evolved from a theological institute founded by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination at Leoni in 1845. This was united with the Leoni Seminary, a Methodist Protestant institution, establishing Michigan Union College in 1855.

Local circumstances made it advisable either to relocate or to close Michigan Union College in 1859. In that same year Dr. Asa Mahan, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Adrian, was encouraged by citizens of the community to establish a college there. Mahan was a veteran educator, having served as the first president of Oberlin College and, previously, as an officer of Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Mahan and his colleagues invited officials and supporters of the closing Michigan Union College to join in establishing the new college at Adrian. The invitation was accepted and the library holdings and a number of students and faculty members of the former institution joined the enterprise at Adrian.

On March 28, 1859, Adrian College was chartered by the Michigan legislature as a degree-granting institution with Dr. Mahan as its first president.

In 1868, Adrian College trustees transferred sole ownership and control of the College to the Methodist Protestant denomination. For over seventy years, Adrian College was identified with the academic egalitarianism of the Methodist Protestant movement. In 1916, a Methodist Protestant college at West Lafayette, Ohio, was consolidated with Adrian by action of the General Conference. The Methodist Protestant Church united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1939, and Adrian College became affiliated with The Methodist Church.

The unification of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968 resulted in the affiliation of Adrian College with The United Methodist Church. In 1970, the College's Articles of Association were revised and Adrian became "a non-profit education corporation, operating under the provisions of the Michigan General Corporation Act (Act No. 327, P.A. 1931 as amended)."

The Articles of Association provide that the Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than 35 members, including three to six who are nominated by the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Three-six trustees are elected by the Adrian College Alumni Association, and the remaining 18-23 are elected by the board itself. Two faculty and two student representatives serve as non-voting associate trustees.

## **College Facilities**

**The Adrian College Chapel** (1964) was a gift of Ray W. Herrick, a prominent benefactor of the College, in memory of his mother, Katherine Elizabeth Herrick. Used for weekly chapel

services, seasonal services and other campus and community activities, the chapel seats a congregation of 1,000 and a choir of 110. It is also open daily for private worship. Notable features of the chapel include a 2,100 pipe organ and 16 custom-designed stained glass windows which depict the story of Christianity and the history of Methodism; the windows were created by the Willet Stained Glass Studios in Philadelphia.

**The Arrington Ice Arena** (2007), named in honor of alumni Robyn Arrington and Harold Arrington, is the new home of Adrian College ice sports. Men's and women's intercollegiate hockey, men's club hockey, and women's synchronized skating have been added to the list of competitive sports on campus. This new venue also offers office space, a pro shop and concessions area as well as a variety of skating opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the larger community.

**The Campus Services Building** (1965) houses central stores and the maintenance department.

**Caine Student Center** (Renovated 2004), named for Stanley P. Caine, sixteenth president of Adrian College (1989-2005) is the campus center and is open 24 hours a day. It provides information, services, and an activity center for students, staff, alumni and other guests of the College. It houses a 24-hour Margret Valade Computer Lab, Jazzman's Cafe, 155 Grille, 110 Madison Ave. Salon, Arrington Bookstore, Quizno's and the Hickman Board Room. Student Government Association, Campus Activities Network, Safety, the College World, and all Student Affairs offices are located in Caine. The Caine Student Center staff approves any on-campus posters or flyers and is the campus "lost and found." The Ridge Center Court memorializes Caine's history as Ridge Gymnasium.

**Dawson Auditorium** (1962, renovated 2004) is the campus center for theatre, arts, music and lectures. Named in honor of John Harper Dawson, alumnus and fourteenth president of Adrian College (1955-1978), The auditorium seats 1,000 people. The Spencer Music Hall adjoins the facility.

**Herrick Tower** (1966) is a signature landmark of Adrian College. The 60-foot tower honors Ray W. Herrick, the generous benefactor whose gifts and commitment made possible much of the contemporary campus of Adrian College. The tower marks the location occupied for more than 100 years by South Hall, the first building erected on the campus (1859).

**Ritchie Marketplace** (1957, renovated 2006 and 2008) is the College dining center. The facility includes many stations: a grill, a community Mongolian wok, a salad bar/deli, a pizza oven, a pasta bar, and an old fashioned ice cream parlor. Food is prepared in front of students. The facility includes a lounge area, a fireplace, and a private dining room. French doors open to a patio with outdoor seating. Named for Corley S. Ritchie, alumnus, teacher and business manager of the College, the center was doubled in size in 1963 and underwent major renovations in 1976, 2006 and 2008.

**Rush Hall** (1957, renovated 2008) bears the name of Dr. W. Albert Rush, alumnus and former dean of the College. The fa-

cility is the home of the Department of Communication Arts. The building offers students in Communication and Journalism an opportunity to mesh technology with the courses they take.

**The Stanton Administration Building** (1960, renovated 2007) honors Donald S. Stanton, fifteenth president of Adrian College (1978-1988), and his wife, Barbara. It houses the offices of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO, and Vice President for Development and the additional offices of Business Office, The Registrar, Financial Aid Office, Career Planning and Alumni Office are also located in the building.

**The Ward Admissions House** (2005) welcomes prospective students and their families to campus. Its reception center includes a fireplace built of bricks from the original South Hall.

### Academic Facilities

**The Peter W. and Sophia Piel Dawson Arboretum** is a 48-acre wooded area overlooking the southeast shoreline of Round Lake, about 15 miles from campus. This natural science study station was given to the College in 1975 by Peter W. Dawson of Manitou Beach, in memory of his wife, Sophia.

**Downs Hall** (1860, renovated 2010) houses the theatre department, and the Downs Studio Theatre. The only building remaining from Adrian's original campus, Downs is a Michigan historic site. The building, which formerly served as the College chapel, is named for Jordan Downs of Ohio, who contributed to its renovation.

**The Goldsmith Center** (1965, renovated 2008) It currently houses the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures. The building was a gift of the family and friends of Allen L. Goldsmith, a distinguished industrialist and College trustee.

**The Holley Solar Greenhouse** (1980) was made possible by the Earl-Beth Foundation and its former president, Danforth Holley, an advocate of alternative energy sources. The greenhouse is used by classes in botany and biology, providing research opportunities in biology and solar technology for students and faculty members.

**Jones Hall** (1965) houses a computer science laboratory and the departments of history, political science, accountancy/business administration, geology and economics. Named in honor and memory of Dr. Elmer M. Jones, a distinguished teacher of chemistry from 1907-1940, the facility includes a 206 seat lecture hall.

**Mahan Hall** (1965) Center for Art and Interior Design. Mahan Hall is named in honor of Asa Mahan, first president of Adrian College, who served from 1859-65 and again from 1867-71. Mahan Hall also houses the Stubnitz Art Gallery, named for Dorothy and Maurice Stubnitz.

**The Merillat Sport & Fitness Center** (1990) provides educational, recreation and fitness facilities for all Adrian College students, faculty members and staff. The 80,000 square-foot

complex includes a multi-sport forum for general recreational use with courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis, surrounded by a one-tenth mile indoor track. The center also contains two racquetball courts, an athletic training room, a weight training and conditioning room, classrooms, a physiology laboratory and a dance studio, as well as a performance gymnasium which seats 1,300 persons and serves as home to the Bulldog basketball and volleyball teams. Offices of the exercise science/physical education and athletic training department faculty and athletic department coaches and administrators are also contained in the building. The Merillat Center is named for Orville and Ruth Merillat, civic and business leaders in the community of Adrian for many years, whose leadership gift to the project provided the impetus for construction.

**The Jack and Elaine Vivian Wellness Center** (2005), located in the Merillat Sport and Fitness Center, provides students and staff state-of-the-art exercise facilities for conditioning and cardiovascular health. Jack Vivian, a graduate and former trustee of the College, has been involved in sports management and sports facility management for much of his life.

**The Multisport Performance Stadium** (2006) adjoining the Merillat Center, provides facilities for students playing football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, and women's field hockey and for the marching band. It also includes classrooms and lab space for the Exercise Science and Athletic Training Department.

**Peelle Hall** (1960) contains laboratories, classrooms, scientific equipment and a greenhouse. Named for Dr. Miles L. Peelle, an esteemed biological scientist and Adrian professor emeritus, the building houses most of the science departments, including biology, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics and physics. A renovated (2010) 85 seat lecture hall and Bosio Math Lab (2006) are located here.

**Robinson Observatory** (1962) in Peelle Hall contains a six-inch telescope for the study of astronomy. It is named in honor of Herbert Robinson, a local industrialist and benefactor of the College.

**Robinson Planetarium** (1966) in Peelle Hall is equipped with an SLI projector and seating for 66 persons. It also was a gift of Herbert Robinson.

**Shipman Library** (1963, renovated and expanded 2000) includes a complete line of academic information services. The renovated building is a large, attractive space with accommodations for individual and group study as well as leisure reading. It is named in memory of Dorothy Middlebrook Shipman, a distinguished library director and friend to Adrian College students. The collection numbers more than 150,000 volumes, including substantial holdings of microforms and audiovisual materials. A reciprocal borrowing arrangement with nearby Siena Heights University provides access to an additional 100,000 volumes. The library web page ([www.adrian.edu/library](http://www.adrian.edu/library)) provides on-site and remote access to the collection. In addition, over 60 research databases, many including full-text sources, are accessible campus-wide through the web page. The

library reference area contains 20 computers that are available for research, and the building also houses the Gary and Margaret Valade Technology Center, which includes 37 computers along with other computer equipment and facilities. Shipman's interlibrary loan service allows students to borrow books, articles and other materials from college and university libraries nationwide. Two notable special collections are held at Shipman Library: the Piotrowski-Lemke Lincoln Collection and the Detroit Conference Methodist Historical Collection. The library is open to students, staff and the greater community 87 hours per week.

**Spencer Music Hall** (1974, renovated 2010) honors Dr. James H. Spencer, composer and director of music at the College for 44 years. The building adjoins Dawson Auditorium and includes a large rehearsal hall, music libraries and instrument storage areas. The renovation by Dr. Hildreth Spencer provides the music department's new home.

**Valade Hall** (1971, formerly North Hall) was rededicated in 2007 in honor of Gary and Margaret Valade. This hall is home to the departments of English, Philosophy/Religion, Psychology, Sociology/Criminal Justice/Social work, Teacher Education. It also includes the Richards Meditation Chapel, the Chaplain's Office, the Education Curriculum Center, and the Knight Auditorium (renovated 2008). The third floor is named MacNaughton Floor, honoring psychology professor Dr. Norman MacNaughton and Dr. Douglas MacNaughton, his son, alumnus and professor emeritus in philosophy and religion. The facility was built on the site of Old North Hall and the North Hall Annex, which housed Union troops during the Civil War and occupied the location for more than 100 years.

## **Student Housing**

### ***Residence Halls***

Each residence hall at Adrian is a purposefully designed environment to foster community living at its best. Each hall has its own television lounge, laundry facilities, kitchen, comfortably furnished lounge and recreation areas. A variety of living options are available. All residence halls are tobacco free. Contact the Housing Office for details on living options.

**Cargo Hall** (1964) was named in honor of Dr. Ruth Cargo, professor emeritus of American history and political science. Cargo reopened in the Fall of 2007 after undergoing renovations.

**Davis Hall** (1963) is named for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis of St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Deans Hall** (1968) honors the distinguished deans of women who have served the College since 1868.

**Estes Hall** (1958) is named for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Estes of Lansing, MI.

**Feeman Hall** (1956) honors Dr. Harlan L. Feeman, who was president of the College from 1917 to 1940.

**Jarvis Hall** (1961) was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E.

Clement Jarvis of Diamondale, MI.

**Pellowe Hall** (1966, renovated 2007) honors Edward G. Pellowe, Adrian alumnus and Director of Financial Development from 1955-1966. Pellowe was renovated into suites and single rooms with private bathrooms. Rooms are carpeted and air conditioned.

**Powell Hall** (1962) honors the memory of Dr. Homer K. Powell, professor emeritus of Mathematics, Astronomy, Geology and Physics. He taught at both Adrian and West Lafayette College before it merged with Adrian.

**Stevens Hall** (1960) is named for Claude H. Stevens, an alumnus, former chairman of the Board of Trustees and trustee emeritus.

**College View South Apartments** (2006) provide four-person suites with private bedrooms as well as kitchen, bathroom, and laundry facilities.

**College View North Apartments** (2010) provide two person suites with private bedrooms as well as kitchenette and bathroom

**College Theme Houses** (2007) provide unique living/learning opportunities for students with commonly shared interests.

#### ***Sorority and Fraternity Housing***

**Herrick Hall** (1965), which houses the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Chi Omega, is named for Hazel M. Herrick, wife of Ray W. Herrick, and generous friend to Adrian students.

**Lowry Hall** (1965), which houses Alpha Phi sorority and other students, is named in honor of Dr. Hope Lowry, a distinguished professor of modern languages from 1920 to 1963.

**The Alpha Tau Omega** house is located at 1215 West Michigan Avenue.

**The Phi Kappa Sigma** house is located at 1338 Williams St.

**The Sigma Alpha Epsilon** house is located at 1108 Michigan Avenue.

**The Theta Chi** house is located at 315 South Madison Street.

**The Tau Kappa Epsilon** house is located at 116 S. Charles Street.

*All the above College-owned Greek housing serves the residence, meeting and social needs of the chapters.*

# Admissions

## **Requirements and Procedures**

### ***High School Students***

Admission to Adrian College is selective. Each application is individually reviewed and evaluated on the merits of academic

credentials, personal character and potential to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by Adrian College.

The College evaluates the rigor of the applicant's curriculum, grades earned, ACT or SAT scores, class rank and leadership potential demonstrated by involvement in school, community or religious organizations.

Adrian College recommends a minimum of 15 units of academic coursework in English, mathematics, science, social science and foreign language.

Applicants are welcome to visit Adrian College and can make arrangements for a personal tour by calling the Office of Admissions at 800-877-2246. Students will be considered for admission when the office of admissions has received;

1. The application for admission. A completed application should be submitted between September 1 and March 15 of the senior year. Applications are available from the Office of Admissions. Students may apply online at [www.adrian.edu](http://www.adrian.edu).

2. The high school transcript or GED equivalency certificate. The applicant must request that the high school send an official transcript to the Office of Admissions. The high school transcript should include at least six semesters of work. Students who have not graduated from high school may qualify for admission by successfully completing the General Education Development Test.

3. ACT or SAT score reports. All first-time college students seeking full-time enrollment at Adrian must take the ACT or the SAT. Tests taken during the junior and seniors years of high school are acceptable.

Students who have earned credit for courses taken at an accredited college or university while concurrently enrolled in high school may have those credits accepted for transfer to Adrian College. The student must have earned a grade of 'C' or better in the course. Beginning September 1 each year, Adrian College, upon receipt of completed application, notifies applicants regarding their admission status.

Traditional students admitted to Adrian College on a full-time basis must submit a deposit to enroll for the next year.

### ***Transfer Students***

Students with previous experience at another college who are interested in transferring to Adrian College must be eligible to return immediately to the last attended college and must have an above-average cumulative GPA. Prospective transfer students must request an official transcript from each college attended to be sent directly to the Office of Admissions at Adrian College, in addition to submitting all regular application materials.

The quality of courses taken at another institution may be considered in the admission decision. Generally, credits earned in colleges and universities accredited by a regional accrediting agency will be accepted by Adrian College; however, no credit will transfer for any course with a grade below "C" (2.00).

Prospective transfer students should complete their applications no later than August 1st for the fall semester, or December 1st for spring. Once the application file is complete, Adrian will notify transfer students or their admission status and transfer of credits within three weeks.