

Department of Campus Activities

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Statement

The A.K. Hinds University Center opened in 1968 and was renovated in 1997. An additional 34,000 square feet was completed in January 2004. The mission of the Department of Campus Activities, housed within the A.K. Hinds University Center, is to provide quality curricular and co-curricular programs, services, and facilities. We engage and develop the students, faculty, and staff of Western Carolina University to foster a vibrant and inclusive campus community.

The facility features a food court, administrative offices, student program board offices, Student Government Association offices, a 170 seat theater, 120 seat multipurpose room, a Grand Room, seven smaller meeting rooms, student lounges, and the student mail center. It houses three departments (Department of Campus Activities, Intercultural Affairs, and Greek Student Engagement) as well as office spaces for student organizations.

Each year the A.K. Hinds University Center hosts nearly 5,000 events including a variety of conferences, student programs and activities. Approximately 80,000 people visit the University Center each month during the academic year. Visitors include students, faculty, staff, campus visitors, prospective students, families, and alumni.

ADA Compliance:

The Department of Campus Activities' staff strives to accommodate the special needs of all users. At the time of renovation and construction the A.K. Hinds University Center met or exceeded ADA requirements.

- Accessible parking is available at each of the entrances to the building.
- Power-assisted doors are available at the three main entrances to the building on each floor.
- Accessible restrooms are located on each floor.
- An elevator provides access to each level of the facility.
- An accessible lift is available to provide access to the projection booth in the theater.
- Listening assistance is available in the theater.
- Wheelchair accessible spaces are available in the front row of the theater.
- A ramp provides access to the stage in the theater.

The Department of Campus Activities' staff continually evaluates the needs of our patrons and seeks to provide reasonable accommodations to all its users.

If you need assistance while visiting the A.K. Hinds University Center, please contact 828-227-7206.