The mission of Fairmount College is to cultivate intellectual curiosity and foster contemplation of the human experience and the natural world. Faculty members are dedicated to creating, expanding, applying and preserving knowledge; and to introducing students to the scholarship, theories, methods and perspectives of their diverse disciplines. A liberal arts and sciences education develops transferable analytical skills—the capacity to gather and interpret information, think critically and communicate effectively—and stimulates a lifelong love of learning that enriches graduates and their communities.

In 1895, with funding by the Congregational Education Society, Fairmount College opened its doors. In 1926, CES trustees gave the college as a gift to the city of Wichita. This act gave rise to the municipal University of Wichita, funded through taxes paid by citizens. In 1964, the University of Wichita became Wichita State University—an institution governed by the Kansas Board of Regents. Today, Fairmount College represents the history of the liberal arts and sciences college that was cornerstone to the development of Wichita State University.

Fairmount College provides the majority of the courses in the university’s General Education Program.

The value of a liberal arts curriculum is well understood for its ability to strengthen all students’ skills, regardless of major or college. All students must complete the general education requirements at Wichita State University, and they must complete the four Basic Skills courses—Comm 111, Engl 101, 102; Math 111—with a grade of C or better.

Each of the five other undergraduate colleges at WSU relies on Fairmount College to deliver courses required in at least one of their programs. The following list is not exhaustive.

- Business – Math 144; Engl 210; Pol S 220, 226.
- Education – Psy 111; Stat 370; numerous courses required for teacher licensure programs.
- Engineering – Chem 211; CS 300, 444, 540; Math 242, 243, 555; Phil 385; Phys 313, 314.
- Fine Arts – Germ 111, 112; Ital 111, 112; Fren 111, 112.
- Health Professions – Chem 103, 211, 212, 532; Phil 100, 125, 144; Psy 334; Soc 111; Stat 370.
Learning Resources
The Writing Center, Math Lab, Language Lab, Logic Clinic, and Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center. Several departments and schools have their own computer labs.

Degree(s) Offered
Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Public Administration, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Philosophy.

College Data for Fall, 2005:

Total number of students: 6,127.
Undergraduate: 5,296.
Graduate: 831.
Credit hour production: 77,568

College Staffing:
Professors: 70
Associate Professors: 72
Assistant Professors: 49
Instructors: 39
Unclassified Professionals: 53
Classified Professionals: 38

2005 Faculty Publications:
Books: 22
Book Chapters: 32
Journal Articles: 162
Book Reviews: 38
Paper Presentations: 96
Reports: 17
Abstracts: 13
Newspaper Articles: 52
Essays: 10
Poems: 37
Translations: 5

Electronic Articles and Proceedings: 6
Bibliography: 1
Obituary: 1
Magazine Article: 3
Test Bank: 1
Novel: 1
Short Story: 1
Editorships: 2
Photos: 103
Videos: 17

FY ’05 Total Grant Funding Through ORA: $6,688,975.

Other
Please refer to department and school sections for more information about student involvement, community involvement, and community engagement opportunities as well as centers associated with Fairmount College.

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