**QUESTION 2: What characteristics and qualities of Sangren Hall or spaces within the building have significantly affected your impression of Western Michigan University either positively or negatively?**

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<td>The halls are confusing! I also get lost on the third floor. and the second floor...one word...spooky.</td>
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<td>I have worked in Sangren for almost 15 years. I have seen the facility become progressively less appealing. I am very excited about the upcoming changes. The improvements will make a vast difference in the way students, staff and faculty feel when they are in Sangren. It is a busy building and I enjoy the noise and activity when the students are here. There are a lot of pluses to working in such a busy and active building but it is definitely time for major changes.</td>
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<td>The paintings on the wall on the 1st floor is beautiful. I wish it was showcased somehow. Majority of the students don’t even know about it.</td>
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<td>Negative - old, dirty, lack of community space, minimal places to relax/wait for someone/commune, cold (tile hallways and &quot;hard&quot; concrete walls), poor ventilation, dull (color), chipping paint, limited technology in classrooms, not enough conference or small meeting rooms (for committee, faculty, research team, etc meetings).</td>
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<td>Positive - location on campus (central), accessible, contains a library, Flossie’s (snack bar), surrounded by trees, large parking lot adjacent.</td>
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<td>My brother came to visit and said, &quot;If I had to work in an office like this I’d shoot myself.&quot; (Threadbare carpets; stains on walls and ceilings; dingy and dirty; looks decrepit)</td>
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<td>Sangren feels like a dark cave which makes you feel tired and not want to enjoy anything. Everything reminds me of an old school, Sangren needs to feel more open, bright and friendly. It needs to be a place that students want to come to and enjoy coming to class.</td>
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<td>Sangren Hall has always had bright, open classrooms.</td>
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<td>Everything that i have ever known about western has been positive except for the prices.</td>
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<td>The building was all that i expected</td>
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<td>I haven’t really spent enough time here to develop much of an impression...nothing really seems to stand out, either positively or negatively.</td>
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<td>The building is often unclean and many times classroom furniture is broken -- very negative image.</td>
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<td>The newer entry way built for the elevators was reasonably nice -- but the first floor space inside that area is not inviting at all. The lounge areas on the second and third floors near the elevators are somewhat better.</td>
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<td>clocks not set, bathrooms barely clean.</td>
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<td>library too small, too few good children’s books--that’s what we’re there for.</td>
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<td>computer lab Way too small, and too few hours.</td>
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<td>Flossies doesn’t take debit cards! So frustrating, since no ATM either</td>
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<td>Negatives: Sangren appears to be neglected. There are missing and/or chipped floors and crumbling walls.</td>
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<td>Positives: friendly, helpful staff and faculty</td>
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<td>I first visited western and came to Sangren. I thought it was older, and dirty. I thought that &quot;this is college&quot;;</td>
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<td>Once I visited the rest of campus, I thought then that Sangren was just old.</td>
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The classrooms were dated, slightly run-down, and lacked the look of a prestigious learning environment. For a building designed for educators, it seemed to promote an "old school" look that didn't reflect the advancing views, approaches, and learning styles of 21st Century education.

Negative impact comes from hallways with multiple offices and no sense of camaraderie.

Current Sangren? Always lost. Everything looks the same: bland, 1960's, tomblike - no fresh air and little sunlight. Rigid cells; few comfortable, natural gathering spaces for either students, or faculty, staff.

The heating and cooling of Sangren is always a challenge. The "run down" look of the building with crumbling walls and ceiling tiles that are about to fall out due to water damage.

Sangren Hall is literally falling apart, because no real structural improvement has been done for a very long time. Chunks of plaster are missing from publicly exposed walls. Stairs are crumbling. Ceiling tiles are soiled, stained, wet and falling down, due to water leaks.

The excuse is usually that the university doesn't want to pay for costly repairs on a building that is scheduled for renovation. Sangren Hall has been scheduled for renovation for longer than I've worked here -- and that is 22 years. This shows me that the university has little to no concern for the occupants of Sangren Hall. Obviously, my impression has been negatively impacted.

The place is currently unnavigable and poorly structured. Things are falling apart and many places haven't been renovated since the building was erected (Room 2301, 2303). It is not student centered at all and most spaces are not suitable for the kinds of instruction that we currently practice. The building is ugly with no redeeming features. East Hall, for example, has beautiful architecture and while it is in derelict, it's still maintains its historical integrity. Sangren, however, suffers from poor design (too many sharp corners - I run into people all the time coming around corners) and poor building/materials. I'm embarrassed to have prospective parents in the building...

Lack of planning, lack of day-to-day maintenance. Lack of coordination across campus involving everything from academics, technology and infrastructure.

Key offices need to be centered (natural light), so faculty, students, and graduates can access easily. Advising, Teacher Certification, SPLS, Office of Field Placements, TLES. Signs on each floor letting traffic know which floor they are on, if you come in from the North, you are on the first floor and if you come in from the South, East and West, you enter on the second floor. Very confusing for everyone. Better mapping system would be great.

The current state of the building reflects poorly on WMU. The building is severely outdated, somewhat unclean, and has a confusing and space-wasting layout. The lighting is harsh and natural light is lacking.

Out of date and mindless bulletin boards
Technologically primitive
stuffy
constrained views of campus
warm in winter
several large faculty offices
beautiful new atria and elevators

I think Sangren Hall is a disgrace. Our students are crammed into classrooms like sardines. The vintage 1960s chairs are small and uncomfortable, with most having wads of chewing gum under the desk. The addition of media bays has been an improvement, but one that should have been made a decade earlier as in other institutions. I am sure that visitors to our campus, particularly prospective students and their parents, leave with a bad impression if they tour Sangren. If they tour other campuses in the region, such as GVSU, they will be much more favorably impressed.

Negatively: dirty, old, dusty, leaky, smelly. I was an undergrad here in the seventies and it looks the same as it did then. "the trailer park of WMU";

Sangren is a confusing, unattractive layout completely lacking personality and very tired looking. It is in sharp contrast to what a learning environment should present. It has no architectural sense of welcoming people in, or any spaces that would encourage them to stay.

cramped and run-down
I work in Sangren. Mostly what I notice, unfortunately in the negative manner, is how much the building is falling apart. Wherever you go, you see pieces of the wall crumbling, old, broken flooring, tiles on the ceiling caving. So, the physical aspect of the building is definitely in need of serious help.

The people that work and teach in Sangren are wonderful and that is definitely a positive characteristic of Sangren!! Sangren is home to the College of Education and to the Sociology Department. We also have very large classrooms in Sangren and have a lot of students trekking through this building during the academic year and it would be so nice to have a decent building for all of these people.

I love that the windows still open. That is about it. It is a very dark/dirty building. The departmental office spaces are very out-dated.

The general level of disrepair of Sangren has left me wondering whether WMU values the work that occurs within its walls--and whether WMU is a good steward of the students' tuition money.

Dilapidated industrial feel.

Needs paint, looks dirty. Entryway looks nice. Classrooms old looking. Yuk

Negative - the fact that the technology is all but missing in the classrooms and what there is seems to be old and not working. As the home of the COE, this speaks to the disrespect that many have towards education in general. We should be in the business of creating positive images of the intelligence of our pre-service education majors and supporting the lives of our graduate students who are currently teaching.

It's gloomy, not enough windows in the offices. Moldy ceiling tiles are pretty creepy. Restroom stall doors that fall off (really!) or open after you're in the stall. There is no place for staff to go for breaks or lunch unless we leave the building, we need our space too, like a staff breakroom, with a refrigerator, sink, microwave etc. And I think that it would be a better idea to combine faculty and staff restrooms rather than having just separate faculty restrooms. I don't like to go to the bathroom with students any more than faculty does.

The crumbly walls in the stairwells are just disgusting - WHAT AM I BREATHING???

So, when the new building happens, maintenance would be an important factor.

While funding has impacted numerous services, Sangren Hall reflects a reduction in maintenance (ceiling air vents need serious cleaning, the lower level needs TLC, etc.).

It's hideous! It's a confusing building to navigate, it's an eye sore. The outside isn't very welcoming. It looks more like a fortress.

Sangren is dirty (classrooms and halls) and in ill repair (peeling paint, loose treads on stairs). The shades on the windows in the classrooms are typically askew.

Classroom furniture is generally not appropriate for adult students. The building does not reflect that College of Education students and faculty are valued by the university. There is no pride, no sense of community. New students have a very hard time figuring out how to get around in the building. While the reading clinic boasts a pleasant atmosphere, the counseling clinic is lacking. Having halls littered with trash and recycling containers, discarded furniture and filing cabinets, boxes and books, etc., looks really tacky. When faculty offices open directly on to the hall, students have to stand in the hall (or, worse, sit on the floor) waiting for their appointment. This is disrespectful and certainly not welcoming to students. In all, there is little that is positive to say about Sangren Hall.

It seems outdated and not clean, with even more of a contrast with so many new buildings now surrounding it. It seems neglected.

The building today is confusing to find your way around. Students frequently have to ask where a given classroom is or how to get there. It is also essentially dull - all beiges and browns, with little light or open space except at the remodeled end and the corridors connecting the north and South wings.

Lecture Halls are depressing with no windows!

Negatively. I've had many language and general education courses there and it was almost as bad as Brown hall before that was renovated. I still haven't been in there since it was renovated! I'm sure it looks fantastic now! It looks very nice from the outside.

The first thing that comes to my mind is "my tuition... Where is it going? It certainly isn't going towards helping the students especially classrooms." I understand that lowering tuition or maintaining it is challenging, but when I first look at the classrooms in that building I could not help but think that the University hardly cares for its students. (I know it does.) How can they care about students if there cannot be adequate classrooms. I had better classrooms in high school than at Sangren. My high school was renovated in 1995. What does that say? I know, things are changing... Yet, if high schoolers and others see Sangren, they will wonder.

UGH!
When I enter a new building at Western I really don't know what to expect. Some buildings are updated while others clearly haven't been renovated in ages. Sangren is one of those buildings. For the amount of students it serves everyday it deserves to be updated.

I could how students who have the majority of their classes in the building may feel left out. While other buildings boast about how many new things they have Sangren has been left behind.

With the whole controversy concerning the space in front of building, each addition should be evaluated. Students want spaces that will work for them but not to a point where the cost will out weigh the benefit.

It pretty much was one of the fouliest places (smell) that I have ever been in. I had to take allergy medicine before stepping a foot into the building. Definitely was not the nicest building on campus.

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The open lab's hours are not helpful for students and the computers are sooo slow it's faster to go to the library. Many of the room have too many chairs for the space, the rooms are cramped and the use of chalk in a building used for education is rather old fashioned considering that most places now use dry erase boards.

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- Dingy hallway corridors, particularly around large lecture halls
- Hot classrooms during warm weather
- Crowded lecture halls and hallways -- poor layout

The large lecture classrooms in the hall make it a great space for large classes on campus. The building is such a heavily used building that the hallways are way too crowded and the building is really hard to navigate. As an anchor to center campus the building looks uninviting from the outside. I wish the building flowed well from the outside to the inside since so many students, faculty, and public walk by the building each day. I would like to see a large outdoor area where students can congregate but also transitions well into the entrance of the hall.

Right now, the building looks outdated and shabby. It does not look very inviting to new students. I think the direction the building needs to go is a more traditional brick-based structure, a style that will never go out of date. I think there is also increased pressure to create a more eco-friendly building in a time where sustainability is vital.

The labyrinthine corridors near the back of the building (by the large parking lot you can park in). Those halls are so confusing. I'd like to see them streamlined a little bit so we can figure out where we are going.

Also, the hall in general just looks old and slightly dirty - clean it up.

As an education student, I feel that the education department probably used to be more prevalent in the past, but has now been placed on the back burner at this university.

When I attended WMU for my undergraduate studies between 2002 and 2006, Sangren was a symbol of negativity for me. Some of the spaces had been well maintained and renovated, but the vast majority of the building was comprised of uncomfortable, cramped classrooms with outdated technology and a run-down appearance. While other buildings on campus were built or renovated, Sangren remained relatively untouched. The building gave me the impression that the University cared more about outward appearances than about making the learning spaces useful and attractive for the students.

negatively - the old desks and chairs that need to be replaced, bats flying around upstairs, the whole place seems old but not in a beautiful or historical way, the parking lot in the front of the building looks ridiculous

positively - the outside of the building is interesting and has character, the landscaping around the building always looks beautiful, especially around the sign

I would rather Sangren stay the same and more money be used for student financial aid and helping needy students succeed

Sangren Hall is a relic. It isn't welcoming. It feels gloomy, dark, worn-out, used-up, and dingy. It's at the perfect location on campus to make a huge impression. But it isn't easy to navigate -- the hallways and stairwells are awkward -- and the building doesn't have a very well-defined entrance. What's the front, what's the back, who knows?

outdated, cobbled together, dirty, outdated, overused, poor lighting, old fashion desks too close together. Sangren hall does not reflect the high standards and qualities that should be associated with WMU

Seems to be run down.

Poor upkeep makes the building look like a decrepit high school.

It's shaped like a figure 8 and center rooms can look into an atrium. Most students never get to see this and it seems like a little bit of a waste. I don't think students can venture into that area but it would have been nice. Next time make use of that space and do something creative like hook that onto a cafe where students can sit.

If I were a parent of the child seeking a teaching degree, I would discourage him/her from WMU, because of Sangren. It feels dirty, not energetic, and doesn't look creative minds would flourish. I learned how sad "we looked" a few years ago when we did some college tours for my children. Other schools look more appealing, "intelligent", and fun because their buildings looked younger, well-kept, and modern.

Sangren is run down and overused. It does not make a good impression on newcomers familiar with more updated, clean and newer facilities.

The side that faced Kanley Chapel is just hideous. With how much foot traffic that passes the building (prospective students, current students, ect) this side should be so much more attractive than the parking lot side which is just for faculty anyways. Take Brown into consideration... the side that faces Miller Plaza is boring and ugly. The back that faces pretty much nothing is gorgeous. Fail.

I love the atrium that looks out to the Valleys. Its so nice to do homework there.
Buildings named after accomplished and established Faculty/Leadership adds to the value of the longevity and vision of WMU.

In the past (1960s, 1970s) the facility was a state of the art facility. It was designed to attract and inspire the best of the best.

Now it is a little tired...Do not misconstrue: many equivalent buildings at Harvard, Yale, Georgetown are far older...but kept in fine repair. History has its place.

I've always had a sense of being cramped whenever I was inside of Sangren Hall. Even when in the large lecture rooms, the student accommodations made it seem a lot smaller.

Many of the lecture rooms are a bit worn out and need to be fixed. The desks in the class rooms are old and need fixing. The building just seems old and worn out in need of a facelift.

As the building at the top of the hill, it is the one most freshman see going to and from class. Sangren Hall needs to be a as modern and impressive as any new building, (ex. engineering or nursing buildings) while maintaining essence that is Sangren Hall. Sangren Hall needs to be welcoming and inspiring.

I spent 4 years at WMU to receive my teaching degree and three years of which I had an office in the building. I mostly remember the bad things...a rat in my office, trash cans that overflowed, a distinctive smell, carpet in the lecture halls that were torn. (Lack of technology is a big one). I also remember a constant stream of students asking for directions because of the building layout.

Things I liked: the amount of campus hang up places (tac boards) for student organizations and clubs, you could not do this in all the buildings.

Recommend: The deans office and counselors should be located more central. Teachers offices should all be on one floor. Bring in some of the historical photos of where the college of education started, to increase Bronco pride. It would be great if there was a photo panel of the history and future of the COE.

The large lecture halls are dark and dank. The furniture in them is broken or very unclean. The layout of the building makes it difficult to find rooms sometimes.

Since I work almost entirely in Sangren:
-aging infrastructure that's been too long at the top of the list for renovation - negative
-hub of campus classroom activity - positive
-diversity of classroom experiences - positive
-excellent teaching, especially in technology-enabled classrooms - positive

The fact that the current building is dilapidated and the classroom environment looks like it was designed for a third-grade room, rather than college students, definitely gives a negative impression. If I were a prospective student, particularly in Education, I would most certainly be turned off by WMU based on what the current building looks like and the fact that it gives the impression that WMU doesn't care about student learning and student learning environments.

I spent many years in the lower level. I was impressed with the many diverse groups/programs that were in the same building and because it was spacious they all functioned together pretty well.

The captive courtyards grew on you after a while. One looked to them as a focal point. They could be the real jewels in a renovation. Even though they were kind of plain in the seventies they were a visual respite from the dirty white walls of the art dept -and too much time in classes.

I liked the individuality of the murals and educ. dept shrines.

It is near the center of west campus - 'the flags' it should be a jewel.
The building is old and unattractive. The classrooms are small and very stuffy. The desks and chairs are old and many broken. The layout of the classrooms and the numbering system is weird. My freshman year was horrible trying to find classes in the building.

Some of the smaller lecture halls are so beat up. I had one of my first classes in there, and I was praying not all of my classrooms would be that bad. It was cramped, with broken and defiled desks, and looked like nothing had changed in there since 1950.

The building is not inviting. My classes in it made me feel like I was in a run down high school, and going to college to teach, that did not inspire me or make me feel welcome, so how would I inspire or make my students feel welcome.

The negative qualities are the plain uninviting walls and floor, the wooden desks in rows that do not help open up rooms to discussions (many classes are discussion classes in Sangreen), the many huge lecture halls (a few are good for events, but not for classes), and the wasted space out front (this could be used as parking, or something useful (not a lot with benches).

As a student I always noticed that the building seemed dirty and run down all the time. Conversely, it always presented its self as a very large intimidating building that could give off a great impression of the university if properly maintained.

I think Sangren Hall is very dated looking and needs a remodeling to match the other buildings around campus. The Chemistry Building is a great example of what it could be. It is much more modern, while very functional.

When I came for my orientation, I walked through Sangren and thought that all of the buildings on campus were going to be equally as run down and old. This negatively impacted my view on Western because I thought for as much money as I am paying to be a student here, the buildings should at least be kept up.

As a Criminal Justice major, I spent the majority of time on campus in Sangren. It seems as though Sangren is consistently dirtier and in need of repair compared to other buildings. The classrooms in Sangren are much too small for the number of students in class.

I have only had one class in Sangren, and during it i was very put off by the obvious signs of ware. Positively, I think that the technology (screen and media carts) in the building is very good.

Very nasty. never clean. 1/2 of the seats in the lecture halls don't work. embarassing when i bring parents through there.

The cleanliness, old desks, falling ceilings, and dark building have all negatively affected my impression of WMU when I had classes in Sangren.

Everything is just completely outdated. I work in the Education Library, and the furniture is from the time Sangren opened in the 60's. It's cramped, and not conducive to a good working environment. The layout of the building is confusing, and none of the clocks work! I love how centrally located Flossie's is, and how the tables in the 2100 hallway are set up like a school. I wish we could have more classrooms like this.

Sangren is old and rundown. The classrooms are unkept and deteriorating. When I first saw Sangren, I was in shock. I was wondering what I was paying tuition for.

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It's served it's purpose over the years. Now it's time for renewal! A campus should attract people to want to study here and learn. And not be in fear of whether the building is safe! Health issues are a big concern especially in very old campus buildings (such are Sangren and McCracken).

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The horribly crummy condition of dis-repair it has fallen into has negatively affected not only my impression of WMU, but also all of those that visit our office! Also, it is NOT handicap friendly is a big negative. Need more elevators! We have a lot of non-traditional students who are older and need access to elevators! The layout is VERY, VERY confusing to not only visitors, but students and staff that have been here quite awhile. The layout should be very easy to help students, faculty, staff and visitors find the office and classroom they are trying to find. Practicality is a huge issue for me. If a building is not practical, who cares what it looks&quote; like!

Being that Sangren is the MOST USED classroom building on campus - and we all follow the same class schedule times - the restrooms, and common areas MUST be designed to accommodate a rush of students and faculty in the hallways all at one time. Between classes there is ALWAYS a line up in the women's restrooms, the hallways and stairwells are always very congested. Also, emergency exits must be available and easily accessible for large groups all at one time.

Dirty and not very well layed out to have classes in.

The building seemed a bit dark.

Spaces within the building are noticeable (in a positive way). The building itself is somewhat hidden or not very eye-pleasing.

The original space makes me think that the university does not care about this building. This is especially true when comparing it to Brown Hall, or the CHHS. peeling paint moldy ceiling tiles not clean mice confusing

It is very confusing and claustrophobic. it does not even have its name properly written outside the building. worst architecture

Well the building is deterierating and needs do be remodeled. It negetively affected my impression of Western. Being an education major I spend lots of my time in Sangren Hall and am sometimes disgusted and dissapointed when things are broken and do not work, such as the restrooms and the drinking fountains. Also the classrooms have missing tiles and peeling walls negatively affect my impression. The lecture halls, compared to others on campus are lacking and outdated. In my opinion, Sangren needs to be completely remodeled.

The rooms are too small and small windows. very drab, functional but outdated. Lack of technology hurts classes.

Sangren Hall always seemed ordinary. Being a Math Ed student, I had plenty of classes there and many of my professors' offices were there as well. I kind of thought of it as &quote;just another hall.&quot; Which is too bad because Business students have their Hall, and Engineering Student have theirs, music students have theirs. We had &quote;just another hall.&quot; the main entry is appealing and inviting.

The rooms in sangren do not look good at all. Paint is chipping, blinds are a mess, the desks are awfully uncomfortable. These all negatively affect my impressions on WMU

Sangren is a grubby pit

The buildings on campus have no historical value. I am sorry to stay as an graduate of WMU, but the campus is ugly.

Sangren looks old compared to other building compared to the chemistry building or the HHS building but I do like that Sangren has that little area to sit on the main level floor and wait for someone or just read a book

The building is literally falling apart. I have office space in The Kercher Center and there are places where I can see the drywall collapsing through the wall. The building is also difficult for new students to navigate. negatively...the basements need to be renovated they've needed a lot of work for sometime now...

The whole thing seems rather dingy and outdated. Really excited to hear of the renovation.

awful shape of lecture halls.

Nothing bad!
The restrooms in Sangren are always broken and/or filthy. I will go out of my way to go to a different building to use the restroom. Most of the classrooms, excluding the big lecture halls, are filled with tiny, old, run-down desks, and are usually way too full for the size of the room. It is a shame that most of Western is so nice and Sangren is very out-dated.

I pretty much despise Sangren because it is usually kind of dirty and the classrooms are so small. Classes of 30-40 students have to cram into the itty-bitty spaces and there is no room to move. It’s a safety hazard!

Sangren really shows the age of Western. Sangren also scares me to enter it because of how not kept up the inside it. When I get a room to tutor in there, I’m always worried that the students that come to see me will have a ceiling tile fallen on them.

I love the location of Sangren Hall and when I need a place to study, one of my favorite places to go is on the second floor overlooking the park. I do feel that it is a great place to learn, but it just needs some updating and a lot of TLC.

The state of the classrooms certainly displays the amount of care and importance placed on the College of Education. Crumbling walls, water stains, broken tiles, and general disrepair always implied that the COE is of little value to the Western Community. As an education student, it is hard not to take a little offense when visiting the Chemistry building or the Business college with their working air conditioning, heat, and walls that are in tact. It seemed to suggest that students of these colleges are of more importance.

The classes are a nice size but it is dark and does not have a good student area to relax or study. The area at the new Human Resource Building across campus is a great example of what we should look for.

My favorite part of Sangren Hall is the stair case on the north side of the building where you can sit up on the top floor and look out to the parking lot and the valleys. Sangren Hall seems backwards and old fashioned, and not in the good East Campus way, but in a grubby 70s kind of way. Pea Greens and browns and pepto pink are colors that come to mind when thinking of Sangren, which are rather unpleasant colors (especially when placed together). Considering a great many classes are run through Sangren, and Flossies is in Sangren, and since the Sociology &amp; Criminal Justice departments and the College of Education are located there (not to mention branches of the library), a great many students (and faculty and staff) may receive an unfavorable view of campus in general based on the quality (or lack thereof) of Sangren Hall.

As a Criminal Justice major, nearly all of my classes are in Sangren Hall. I have never been more uncomfortable in a classroom than when I am in Sangren. Desks are too tiny and too many people are packed into a tiny room.

Sangren Hall seems very cramped and dark and tired inside. The building interior is drab. Ventilation is minimal, vents are not clean throughout the building. Restrooms are minimal with drop ceilings and musty smells. There isn’t an employee lounge and kitchen area for the simplest of tasks like washing a dish or getting a cup of water. The whole building feels cramped, old and non-prestigious. The classrooms are small, cramped and stocked with desks which remind one of being in middle school -- not a good environment for learning. During the summer/early fall months the classrooms are unbearably warm.

As an art student who studied in the basement which at this point was fall apart with tiles missing and holes in the walls it was not a pleesant place to have to study. The advisor's really helped me out and made sure I knew what I was doing.

I remember Sangren Hall being very impressive on the outside -- we loved spending time outside the building, lounging underneath the shade of the enormous trees. Inside, however, the building felt stale, old, and sore lacking cutting-edge technology. The building had little window space -- it always seemed very dark and dreary, especially on the lowest floor.

My first class my first day at WMU was in Sangren. Honestly, it gave me a somewhat negative first impression, since the building is so in need of repairs. The seats are horribly uncomfortable. The ceilings are low and make it feel cramped. There aren't enough bathrooms. The halls are kind of narrow and the building as a whole does not invite you in any further than your classroom door, and when class is over, there's no reason to stick around in Sangren and study or have a snack or read.

The trees and sculpture at the western (?) side of the building are very nice, though. More trees and plants around the building would be an improvement.
SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY

The 1-piece chair-desks in a lot of the rooms are made for a middle school (and have probably been there since my mom was in middle school.) I'm 5'11 and don't feel comfortable leaning back in them because the back of the chair seems to only come up to my lower back. I can't imagine what it's like for some of the 6'6 guys or heavier people to try to squeeze into the tiny awkward space. They are very uncomfortable. Please consider the the bench table with chairs option. Probably chairs without wheels would be best...and make sure the arms and backs are wide or high enough to accommodate big butts and tall frames.

raised tiles, general dingy appearance and confusing layout are all problematic.

The classrooms never have adequate desks/chairs. Paint is falling apart, building looks and feels very old. Too hot in summer, too cold in winter.

Some of the Lecture Halls do no support an nice academic environment as they are gloomy.

The quality of the seats and conditions in the large lecture rooms. A lot of stained furniture and desks in poor condition.

1. Small/Old Desks - gives image of negligence
2. Too many desks crammed in some rooms - gives impression of lack of organization
3. Landscaping - enjoy walking around Sangren in the summer when the trees are in full bloom (especially area between Henry (?) Hall and in front of Sangren).

The view of the valley and the surrounding areas from the back is incredible, you should keep those great viewing windows alive.

falling apart, dirty, confusing to get around

Negatively: Lecture halls on the 2nd floor 2302,2304, etc. are dark. Classrooms are spacious but not friendly with the flooring and desks needing to be updated. Is the air conditioning working? I have been there many times in the summer when it was not. Is there any way to renumber the rooms? I have had 8 classes in there over the years and I get lost every time I walk in the door. The faculty and department offices need updating.

Positive: I like the Ed library as it is. The center courtyard is a great feature. Benches in the main entrance and the main entrance overall.

Most rooms are too cramped and the desks are very uncomfortable.

Sangren Hall is a labyrinth, I always got lost in that building. I hated having class there. Everything was old, the air conditioning didn't work.

it is such a maze - difficult for students to find their way.

it is an outdated building that appears dark and cold.

The place is falling apart and not at all welcoming. At least repair the tiles and water damaged material.

I always liked Sangren Hall. Especially the architecture surrounding the outside of the building. However, I am most concerned with the inside of the building. Mainly, I would like to see these renovations be used towards a locally grown and organic food source.

wallpaper falling off and in disrepair catches my attention

kinda big and rambling, dated, showing signs of wear and/or neglect. was probably good when it was built, but we need something better now.

Classrooms were falling apart and new technology was placed in rundown rooms. Confused my impression of WMU.

Use of technology in classes.

It is hard to navigate through the building.

I see leak marks all over the building.

The sound proof needs to be improved between classrooms. I can hear next door during my class.

My professor's office has a huge water stain on ceiling. I do not think it is an appropriate office space for any professionals to be in.

Sangren Hall has given me a negative view of WMU. I feel that quality of the building gives me this negative view. The building is old, falling apart, walls are deteriorating, has bug problems, and is not energy friendly. Classrooms are small and some of my classmates can not fit in the desk or does not have enough room on the top for all materials.

The heating system never seemed regulated in the winter- one room would be freezing and the next would be boiling. The lecture hall seats were too close together to try and get out of the row before the person next to you (not the width of the actual seat, but the depth of walking space between each row).

That hallway on the second floor where the 4 large lecture halls are is one of the DREAMIEST spots on campus. Awful. It's dark and dingy. I am horrified when prospective parents and students visit Sangren. The whole building just needs a facelift--it's time.

Sangren is falling apart and looks like a 70's office building. I wish it would represent a stately/prestigious atmosphere that reflects the departments in the building. (Education) Think K-College with a western twist.
QUESTION 2

It's too old and outdated. Glad to see this renovation project is a go!

Difficult to find your way around. Rather cut up and common areas are not pleasant. I appreciate KVCC so much when you go to their main campus building. It is beautiful to look outside at the courtyard and friendly as their are places to sit outside in the hallways.

Just seems a little dated in some areas... the seating in the lecture halls has got to go as well! It's even uncomfortable for a 50 minute class!

The restrooms and common areas need help. In sangren there really aren't any common areas to sit and read or do hw. The restrooms are very basic, old, and dingy.

Sangren classrooms are relatively small and out of date. The lecture halls do not promote creative thinking and lack any modern appeal. When I think of Sangren, I think of bland hallways and small classrooms. Although, Sangren does serve its purpose, which is to deliver spaces in which class can take place. I would like to see a more modern Sangren where the technology is up to date, and where walls are splashed with some color to promote creative thinking.

Institutional design is very negative. East German design.

Negatively - The poor climate control of the building made my visit uncomfortable and rushed... too muggy and stale.

Flossie's Cafe is great, execution could be more cozy. The rest of Sangren Hall has been quite disappointing with a very old feel and confusing faculty office structure.

It's confusing! The room numbers don't make any sense and it is really hard to find what room or office you are looking for. I have wondered and wondered through that building looking for something- it isn't laid out well nor are the signs helpful.

Positive-the bustling atmosphere and calm color of the space.

Negative-It is very easy to get lost in Sangren as the signs and room numbers are not labeled in a logistical manner.

It simply looks like it is falling apart from inside out. I take a majority of my classes in this building and it simply feels like a very poorly maintained high school or middle school. There are often technical problems in the building in terms of technology working properly. Also when in the classrooms it would be nice if the desks simply matched and didn't look like they would fall apart when you sit at them.

I don't like that Sangren has been allowed to deteriorate in such a way because WMU began as a teaching college when the university first opened so why is the building where the college of education housed so neglected.

The old lecture halls have negatively impacted my view of WMU, they must be updated. The room numbering system has negatively impacted my view as well. Make it as easy as Brown Hall. Brown Hall has positively impacted my view of WMU, make Sangren like Brown. Except, please put a computer lab for student access in Sangren.

It's always dirty looking and it seems like the hall is very old.

I just graduated and my classes were in Sangren and it just always seemed so dreary and dark

My first class at WMU was in Sangren hall. I was a high school student dual enrolled and very impressionable about college. I hated the classroom and assume it was what all classrooms at WMU were like. It felt like a nasty old basement. When it came time for me to choose where I wanted to go for college WMU was not my first choice and this may have been part of why I felt that way. I decided to go to WMU because of scholarships and other reasons and of course, I am glad that I did.

Renovating Sangren Hall is very important because you never know who it may affect.

The crumbling steps and the trash on the floor are not conducive to higher education.

I have taken many classes in Sangren Hall, specifically in the corner classroom closest to the flagpoles. This is my least favorite classroom that I have been in on WMU's campus. It is always overcrowded, with the desks too close together. It is hard to take tests in this room because it feels so crowded. I get this feeling in the other classrooms as well. In addition, the halls are always overcrowded and the lecture halls are all different from one another.

The class rooms are very small. Either because they put too many desks in the room or because they are just tiny, the desks are uncomfortable.

Negative - The classrooms just look and feel drab. When I have a class in Sangren I'm almost sad, I know it's going to be uncomfortable and cramped every time. And the old lecture room is horrible to sit in for any length of time.

Positive - The location of the building is great! And it holds so many useful things, I think the building could be amazing...
As a counseling-psychology graduate student, Sangren Hall is the only academic building I have ever had classes in at WMU. My first impression of Sangren was that it was old, out of date, not very clean, and didn't have good technology or comfortable seating in the classrooms. So the first impression of WMU's classroom buildings were quite negative for me. After I have visited other buildings, I have noticed that many of them are much nicer and I'm excited for Sangren to be renovated so it is a better learning environment for us!

Sangren Hall seems to be falling apart. The pillars are cracking and the walls, inside, are deteriorating. These give the impression that WMU is a run down school. However, building has a lot of classrooms and is always full of students. This shows that WMU is always full of academic activity.

the small classrooms were awful and the technology, or lack of, is not fitting w/the rest of WMU

It has not negatively affected my impression, but I have noticed that the classrooms are a lot older and don't look as nice as newer classes in buildings such as Brown. Since Sangren is close to the Bernhard Center is think it's important to have a solid building with strong aesthetic qualities. The existing building now was difficult to navigate around during orientation. It was often unclear where rooms were and where to go.

It is old and traditional

classroom seating is out of date
lecture hall seating is too tight/close together

I remember visiting Western as a high school senior and being very disappointed with Sangren hall. The classrooms have chalkboards and mismatched chairs. It appeared that Sangren hall received all of the leftover chairs/desks from the other buildings. The chairs are incredibly uncomfortable to sit in for 3 hour classes. The library is dark and would benefit from some natural lighting.

Positive: the square layout is nice, if the numbers were in order, I think it would help more. I really enjoy the closeness/small rooms, it makes things feel more personal.

Negative: the hall is dirty, the paint is chipping, the basement smells moldy. I have been in this hall for the majority of my college career and it is a very bad representation of the campus.

The bathrooms are pretty outdated as well as the classrooms. The hallway give you an impression of a old, tired building and there is nothing to look forward to.

Sangren hall appears old and out dated. There is nothing that catches your eye when you walk into it. I feel like it is just "there" and I personally wouldn't want to take students I am trying to persuade to come to Western on a tour of Sangren. Also, the lecture halls are dark and the classes are to small

The lecture halls are old and dirty. The classrooms are old and dirty.

I don't like the hard plastic seats in the lecture hall of Sangren. That is something that needs to be changed. I also don't like that Sangren looks different from the back, then when viewed from the front. I like the front view much better.

The hallways are tight. The landscape looks old and not kept up very well.

Sangerin is the ugliest building on campus. Even Moore is a nicer looking building than sangerin. It is really an eye sore right in the heart of campus. The rooms are very uncomfortable, particularly the lecture halls in the basement. The climate control in the building is also very poor. On a positive note, the peninusla court yard on the west side of the building is a very nice space. I think it could be greatly improved by additional landscaping and outdoor seating. The money that was wasted on painting the parking lot on the south side of sangerin, putting in picnic tables and the concrete landscaping, was in my opinion the worst decision ever made by university officials short of hiring President Bailey. That parking lot should either be ripped up and turned to real landscaping, or converted back into a functional parking lot. That was seriously dumb, I can not stress that enough.

It has a lot of programs in it, the walls are torn up, the ceilings don't look pleasant, the technology is mostly good, the windows and blinds are pretty awful, and the seating/space in rooms don't make spending time in class enjoyable.

Negatively -- it looks old and dirty, the floor tiles are coming off, the lecture halls feel gross to be in, the classrooms have very little technology, and the technology carts used within the building normally do not even work correctly. There are not many windows, so there is little natural light, creating dinginess.

Positively -- it has an area with big windows where you can sit at a table, or in a chair with an attached desk.
There just seems to be a lot of wasted space, like the first floor is pretty much empty and unused. Also the Education Library could really use a face lift. It’s a great place, but it needs to be updated.

- small cluttered and crowded classrooms
- The floors and walls are a negative representation of WMU.
- The ground floor was in poor condition.
- The current Sangren Hall is not a good reflection of WMU because it is old, crowded and dirty. It is in the center of campus, and the home of many classes, so it should be a nicer more comfortable place. Some of the lecture halls feel more like dungeons.
- Sangren Hall is hard to navigate and can be very confusing if you do not know where you are within the building. I have had a few classes in Sangren and dread finding my classes in that building
- Sangren Hall is not clean, welcoming or pleasant to be in. The building feels old and neglected. It is difficult to find classrooms and offices because directions are not clearly labeled. The classrooms are stuffed with desks and not comfortable or visually appealing.

- Being an education major, I spend a lot of time in Sangren hall and I feel as if Sangren hall has a negative impact on my impression of WMU. It lacks a lot of the “upbeat” feeling I get in other buildings. It is so dark and everything is small and confined. The classrooms in Sangren hall do not in any way meet the needs of the classroom instructors/students. The classrooms, especially those that house college of education courses, need to be user friendly. Education classes don’t consist of lectures, so I would love to see less “desks” and more tables that allow for group work.
- Some classes have great technology resources, while others still have chalkboards.
- Confusing layout when I was an incoming student!
- Study lounge area if POORLY laid out. Rather than small high bar tables, there should be bigger more comfortable tables.

- I have many classes in the building because I am an education major so I have see the great diversity of classroom quality.
- Not much, if anything negatively because of the older building, and the conditions in there. Just feels old walking thru it and the hallways are to small. Need some better air conditioning in the classrooms and along with a better cafe.
- I have liked that the classroom’s are large, but sometimes it is hard to hear the professors when sitting in the back.
- The building sees so much foot traffic and houses not only the college of educatio but many undergraduate required courses that it is in much need of a renovation. Its currently old and out dated with much of the campus.
- Positive: probably the outside sections with the low stone walls that encourage people to rest there; granted, this can be problematic, since the windows for a few classes are also right nearby.
- Negative: In general, from the outside it looks like a set of concrete blocks stacked on top with a brick attachment. Not terribly appealing.
- Positively=Its a large building with many classrooms. Lots of space in the basement but is it even being used?
- Negative= Its classrooms are outdated in appearance, dusty, dirty. I dont like the layout of the building ie offices, computer lab, library.
- run down! - negative impact
- Currently, Sangren looks dated and compared to other buildings on campus, like an after thought. This has caused me to question the priorities of the university in what disciplines seem to have nicer facilities.
- I believed that the most important characteristics of Sangren Hall should be the light and space. It must be bright enough for students to study. The space of Sangren Hall is also important too. It cannot be too small or too big.
- The Asbestos and stink have affected my impression negatively.
- Building looks unkept; worn floor tiles, peeling paint, water leaks and such. Not the fault of custodial, it’s just that the building is old. Areas for students to meet are small and uninviting.
- The windows are and have been tacky and useless in the long run. It makes the building and the campus look dated and disintegrating
The building is hard to navigate, all the halls look the same and the room numbers are not sequential. The bathrooms (especially 1st floor mens) are dark, dreary and need modern updating.

The seats are so small, you can tell how old it must be, but they should be bigger. On the other hand the traditional lecture style design gave the impression of grandeur, I enjoy that aspect.

Small classrooms and not updated. Their should be new technology available in every classroom.

Dark, outdated color is not welcoming. No comfortable place to sit while waiting for class to start.

The exterior appears dated and stuck in a very specific era, once inside the classrooms and lecture rooms show an significant amount of wear and tear. Considering it is near the heart of campus, I would like to see this building updated and cared for, a pass through for students, faculty and staff alike regardless if they are attending a class within the building.

The somewhat decrepit classrooms and desks give a negative impression.

Many of my undergraduate classes were in Sangren and most of my graduate courses will be too. It was sad to me that the Education department is one of the biggest on campus, yet our classrooms were always cramped with uncomfortable desks. It was often a challenge to walk across the classroom because of the lack of space.

The paint was also old and peeling (especially in the basement). There was also a lack of space available to gather to collaborate with other students.

The hall itself seems dirty and old. The classrooms are completely outdated. The classrooms are always either too small or too big. Technology is not built in. All of these contribute to my negative impression of Sangren.

The bathrooms in Sangren Hall were worse than those at my middle school. The building needs some serious updates in order to bring it up to par with the rest of WMU’s architecture.

Sangren hall has small rooms. It feels like we’re sheep being heared into classrooms.

More space= happy students.

Large dark impersonal lecture halls lacking needed technology

Flosies is a great place to do homework or get a quick snack some extra seating would be good.

Getting around sangren is kind of confusing maybe make it a little more open

It has appeared very out-dated, and worn down.

I dislike the area infront of the building that could be used for parking rather than umbrellas and chairs. Also, the building looks kind of old inside and out could be more modernized.

Many of my classes are in Sangren Hall and the things I have noticed are the defenite need for renervation because of the age of the hall compared to other Halls on WMU’s campus. I have noticed that alot of technology has been installed in sangren to help with the learning process but I think that because of the age of the Hall sometimes the technology that is used to improve learning may distract from learning due to malfuctions. I think that by updating the Hall and adding the latest technology that would be built into the building would improve the fuctionality of the equipment for the purpose of learning.

I liked the courtyards. The numbering system was confusing. Lecture halls are difficult. Classroom furniture is not universally friendly

Negatively the overall appreaance of some of the classrooms in sangren hall is a bit depressing. From desk with broken chairs, to video equipment not working properly when in classes, dirty carpet. The only nice part of sangren hall is the new renovated part by the elevator where you can sit and relax. The classrooms really need to be updated but that would be an overall atmosphere of most buildings on western's campus.

Sangren in general is a confusing building, I can't tell you how many times I get stopped per week with people who have gotten completely turned around and lost, or can't find their room numbers.

This building is so run down, and is lacking so much when it comes to technology. And I don't even mean advanced technology, but just simple technology. The walls are an ugly color brick and the lectures feel like dungeons. If I were to walk onto WMU's campus and that were the first building I walked through, I would be very turned off and taken back.
Historical info is interesting and highlights where Western came from and how it has grown. From Normal to Renowned!

Some of the rooms seem tired. The lecture hall with the blue plastic chairs have to go.

The bathrooms seem small and crowded, compared to other newer buildings.

narrow hallways and drab or darkish lighting. small closet like faculty offices make working with students outside of class difficult. current room numbering system is confusing, and makes it hard to find where you need to be.

The characteristics of Sangren Hall have had positive and negative affects on my impression of WMU. The positive affects are that I have taken many classes in the hall and have learned a great deal from it. However, it is negative because this school is supposed to emphasize its great program on Education, but it does not show in the building that we are taught in. Very often, the electronics do not work, even the lights have not worked in some of the lecture halls while I have been there. It seems as though the school is less interested in having students learn about education, then other things like business (we can see the brand new business building, or the new science building) Is criminal justice and education not as important as business or science?

Inaccessible. Many of the large lectures halls are not accessible for students in wheelchairs. Also, many of the classrooms should have seating IN THE FRONT for students in wheelchairs as many times those same students need to tape record lectures and doing that from the back of class is not ideal. The numbering of rooms is also quite confusing.

Unfortunately, most of my impressions about Sangren are somewhat negative. It's very difficult to navigate, even when you have directions. It also feels very disjointed &amp; separated within the building, with too many halls that only lead to one place. It's very cold &amp; foreign while in the halls. Once in the rooms or offices, that impression changes, but most people spend the majority of their time in the halls trying to get to their place within the building.

I like the fact that there is a cafe inside of Sangren, I have used it a lot in the past. I think that is probably what I have enjoyed most about Sangren.

It just seems old. The lecture halls seem dark and dated. Furniture is outdated and sometimes broken. It is not just a positive representation of Western. We have so many nice buildings and things on our campus and Sangren is just a drag. I would also like to see something done with Flossies. It is cramped and outdated. It would be nice to see that opened up. I also think that more students and faculty would use the facility if it took credit/debit cards.

Current building has confusing layout; it's not easy to find rooms and needed spaces even if name or room number is known. The current sense is of a &quot;bunch&quot; of areas that have been put into a bucket building--although that has slowly diminished as certain areas have been moved out. Considerable aging has taken place and my impression is one of a somewhat dark and worn out building. Some areas very crowded and not cutting edge in either technology or overall design, e.g., the Education Library.

Negatively - classroom sizes are too small for large number of students in each room. Too crammed. Cafe needs to be larger

Negatively - Sangren is not cleaned very often, there are always crumbs and dirt on the floor. It looks like it is falling apart - paint chipping and cracking, broken tiles, mismatched tiles, light tubes are not the same (soft and bright), chairs never match and at least a few in every room are broken, holes in the walls, paint in lecture halls that do not match, etc.. The only positive thing is the technology carts usually work well. One thing I've also noticed is that the large lecture halls are only handicap accessible from the OUTSIDE - if a student is down at Flossies for example and then wants to go to class in a lecture hall they would have to go outside and around the building, this is unacceptable.

Flossies is amazing I think that's something that needs to stay. I also like the little lounges that are at the ends of some of the floors those are nice to have. I do however feel that since Sangren is the education building that it should feel like an education building.

It's old

The parking lot in front of Sangren Hall has negatively impacted my impression of WMU. It makes WMU look cheap and confused, what is the purpose of that lot anyways?

I like the fact that most of my classes have been in education and that there is a library in the building to support my learning.

Right now, Sangren seems kind of gloomy and outdated. This gives a negative impression of the college of Education.
QUESTION 2

Technology

Outdated

Purpose

the ugly parking lot in the front really makes me sad. it's a waste of space and I think more people would appreciate it if it was grass

Sizes of class/desk and lack of accessibility have had a negative impression on me. Some positives are the facultys spritin, and also the view over looking the pond/valleys

Sangren just looks so old and dated. When my mom came to visit, she said the building still has the same carpet from when she went to school here. It would be nice to be able to show incoming freshman a new building that has a huge impact on the look and feel of main campus.

Old classroom chairs, small classrooms, video library that looks like it is a storage closet, students sitting in the halls because there is no where else to wait for a class, dirty building

Sangren hall is old and outdated. Their are not enough open spaces and the equipment and furnishing are outdated. We have no food court which modern academic buildings have and the library leaves a lot to be desired.

I think that the fact that there is so much offered in Sangren has always been to its advantage. I think the fact that its not accessible entirely is a problem. The elevators always seemed to be having issues, which is very debilitating to students with handicaps or injuries. I also have felt that the setup of the building is a little confusing. It seems like something like a cafe should be a very obvious thing to find. That wasn't the way it seemed to me the first time I tried to find it in Sangren. I always felt like the halls are sort of a maze. Not a very straightforward design.

There is no one thing that has significantly affected my impression of WMU or Sangren. The only thing that I have to say about Sangren is that it is outdated and needs to be renovated soon.

Old style classrooms, old desks, narrow hallways, 1970’s feel

Sangren is falling apart and poorly structured

Sangren hall is by far the worst building on campus. There are chunks falling out of the roof, chairs that are broken, and technological equipment that barely works!

Positive: Views

Negative: Age of building

I would say my impression of WMU was negatively affected a bit because Sangren is old and dingy.

I have always liked the student lounge area, with the big windows that overlook campus. But the rest of the building is very old, obviously, and it has somewhat of a dark, depressing characteristic to it. I can't wait for it to have some bright happy colors added to it to make it a more interesting, pleasant environment to students to learn in!

I found the building to be run down, dirty, and old. I don’t think it’s a positive learning environment for students. I think it’s a bad building to represent the college of education as well as the art department. The people that are usually in the building are fun spirited people either in the teaching or arts profession. I think it’s almost a shame that we take classes in such poorly kept up and managed building.

Everything seems broken down and dilapidated. It seems as though none of the clocks in the building ever work. It is very stuffy.

It is not very pretty and the classrooms are out of date and falling apart.

Having a class in the basement of Sangren was so depressing! The professor was excellent, but I felt bad for her because by the end of the 2 hour class everyone just wanted to get OUT of that room b/c it was so stuffy, had no windows, and the desks were terribly uncomfortable. I learned so much from the class but due to the surrounding don't have very many great memories from it in comparison to other classes.

The once Parking Lot, now turned awkward sitting area, is an eyesore to me. Students rarely utilize the facilities and seem to prefer more green space, like the open area next to Sangren.

As for the inside of Sangren I feel it looks like a typical Midwestern high school and not home to one of the top Education programs in the country.
Negatively - the carpet on the walls, small bathrooms, chalk boards, bad technology, uncomfortable desks, old tile flooring.

Positively - big building with lots of rooms
I like that the lecture rooms are big, yet the desks are too small for the average student.
It gives the University a negative image. That the learning environment is not important to further the education of the students.

Leaky ceilings, ugly, and outdated classrooms.

As a recent graduate of WMU's College of Education, I spent many hours in Sangren. For the most part, it felt old and outdated. As I got deeper into my program, I had difficulty understanding why I was spending so much time in a building lacking any technological upgrades, while prospective teachers are expected to be up on all the new classroom technologies. The newer buildings on campus made Sangren look and feel even older. I love Western, but for the most part, hated Sangren.

I think Sangren shows what the buildings on westerns campus used to look like. When you compare it to the library, the chem building or wood it looks out of place and dirty. If all the buildings on campus looked like Sangren does right now I would not have a good impression of western. If the buildings looked like the chem building with all the windows and comfortable seating instead of hard screwed to the floor plastic chairs it would give western a more positive impression. No student wants to go sit in a lecture room on plastic chairs for 50+ minutes.

My father had an office in Sangren Hall from its opening until his retirement in 1974. I've been in the building somewhat regularly since my graduation, also in 1974. The wall citing the College of Education history with Rural Department being the University's founding department must remain. So must the grave of former President Sangren. The two images of Sangren I remember is messy. The lobby looked like a pig sty from 11am onward each day with Western Heralds and litter all over the place in the lobby when I was in school. Though this has improved, Sangren still takes on a cramped appearance with cubby hole offices and most impersonal classrooms. Very drab!! I'm for an energy efficient, more open looking building, some how with an open outside center area along with an entrance atrium area, somewhere in the building. There needs to be more "elbow room" in the office and classrooms. Perhaps a downsize of the number of individual rooms! It just feels like a dull, dreary building whenever I am in class or passing through. The layout can be confusing and the rooms can be very cramped based on the size of the class. The seating is not comfortable.

It's a boring hall where students just walk by each other without much interaction
Since Sangren is a very large hall that houses many different types of classes it gives you a good idea of what a large population of WMU students are like.

Sangren wasnt all that bad before the renovation. My overall impression of Western is its fine the way it is.

Brown Hall is amazing all buildings should look like that!
I've enjoyed the large lecture halls in Sangren Hall the most. The small classrooms, with their extremely uncomfortable chairs cause me to have less concentration. I think the lounging areas that are off to side, by windows are another great part of the building.

The lecture halls are dark and dingy...and are embarrassing to show on tours (as I am a university tour guide).

I like the big spacious classrooms. Although the fold down desks are too small. They need to be a little larger such as the ones in other halls, or maybe just be rows of tables such as in the new chem building.

all the random maintenance people standing around supervising each other....how many wmu employees does it take to wash windows? at least 8, 2 to do the work, 2 to smoke cigarettes and 4 to stand around trying to look busy

The bottom level of Sangren is disgusting and looks trashy/scary

Some buildings on campus are really great like the new art building and Brown Hall. When you walk instead Sangren you wonder why it doesn't have the same advances or modern feel as some of the newer buildings do. If my family was visiting campus a newer building would be chosen to show them as opposed to Sangren. Sangren feels like an old highschool.(Same with McCracken)

The desks in every classroom and lecture halls are just too old. The classrooms as whole, resemble an old "run-down" high school. Classrooms seem too small.

I am a graduate student at WMU after having earned my BA at another institution in 1993...Sangren seems so behind the times...my undergrad school seems more up to date and I haven't been back in over 15 years...
Accessibility for persons with disabilities is a huge issue in Sangren Hall as well as in other places around WMU. This needs to change! Sangren Hall is a clear example of how WMU's buildings, for the most part, are stuck in the 70's. Please see previous comment regarding surroundings of Sangren. The internal space of Sangren currently is dismal, if I can avoid having class there I do.

Dirty, falling apart, cramped classrooms and offices, strange layout. It is active and the foyer is okay. The cafe is nice to have.

The rooms are not too comfortable. I like the brick look in that the big lecture hall has. It looks boring.

I was never a very nice looking place to come to class. Bland and boring. The lecture halls were dim and dingy...as if they had never seen sunlight in their existence.

Sangren Hall has basically been a trash pit the entire time I have been at WMU. Everything in the building is dirty and dingy. There are very few spots to sit down if you arrive early to a class. I have told many people that Sangren Hall literally depressed me upon entering.

There is no seating in hallways. Doors to offices such as advising look so closed to the hallway, perhaps using glass to the hallway will help it look more open. Flickering lights, poor ventilation and climate control, peeling walls, falling ceilings, have all helped in leaving me with a negative impression of the College of Education, who I associate most with Sangren. The classroom technology installation is pieced together and clunky, large televisions on carts, (are you kidding me?) We're a university not a day-care center.

Sangren is in a state of ruin. Visitors see Sangren and they leave with a poor impression of the college of education and the university as a whole.

Sangren Hall has given me a negative impression of WMU. The walls are crumbling apart, the desks are outdated and many students do not fit in them, and it is a very dark and dismal place.

Conference space is very limited therfore making it difficult to schedule doctoral committee meetings or to invite guest speakers. I would be embarassed if a guest lecturer or speaker came to the building.

I am not happy with the quality of the building as it is right now. There are multiple holes in the walls, the facility is dirty, and the building is not very inviting for incoming students.

No where to sit, uncomfortable chairs, and small cafe.

The overall look of the building gives me a sense of extreme age, filthyness, and a lack of educational value (the most important thing). To tell students that we were founded as Western Normal School, an educational school, is embarrassing when we don't maintain the portion of our school that deals with education (Sangren Hall).

To improve this facility will dramatically increase our University's image among prospective students, and help give our education program back the value it once had.

I like Flossie's Cafe, but the run down seating is a negative, and some of the lecture halls need to be updated. The class rooms aren't always set up for technical aspects.

Needs more of a creative touch.

I feel like I am waiting for the dentist when I am in there.

Sangren Hall has been the building where I have taken most of my undergraduate classes. An update on the interior can greatly improve the perception of not only students, but also visitors of the university. One thing I would like Sangren to keep is the space overlooking the valleys (where the old galleries used to be) as a student/teacher lounge area and perhaps even expand on that area.

I have input for this section; however, I am in a library that will be closing soon and so cannot elaborate.

Sangren hall has always seemed a little too large and aseptic. I liked taking a walk downstairs when it had all the art displayed, and it seemed to me that that is what the upstairs was lacking, as well as comfortable spaces to take a seat and study.

Right now Sangren Hall does not fit in with the new modern, yet still some using traditional materials, like brick etc. Landscaping, color, comfortable furniture, floor, makes a building inviting.

Sangren Hall doesn't go with pair of one of the best education programs in the nation. It is old -outdated and feels unclean. It is hard to learn in spaces that have not updated to go with ages. It also hard to be state of the art without the resources.
The classrooms are so dark and ill-equipped. Many of my teachers use power point presentations and these rooms do not adapt well. The desks are so small that you can only be looking at one thing at a time. Tables with access to outlets would be an improvement. Similar to the set up of the new Brown hall. The cafe area need to be expanded. Departments that are accessed by nonstudents, such as CCPS, should be located on the main level so that they can be easily accessed by those individuals. The larger classrooms are decent. I did enjoy the seating areas near the elevators. More windows are always appreciated, light encourages learning but florescent lights are depressing.

The place is very bland and monotonous. Kinda feels like an old high school. The library seems pretty old but its nice to have there.

The large lecture hall I was in seemed really dingy. The cushens on the chairs were stained which made me nervous to touch anything. The women's bathroom was always really hot, and seemed to usually have a toilet out of order or broken locks which is a disappointment.

Some of the lecture halls in Sangren hall are inconveniently arranged, as in how the seats are placed. An example of this would be in the basement of Sangren. Some of the seats are nasty and could defintetely be replaced. There is not enough room between the isles to get past others as well.

Great location, just needs to be updated. By far one of my favorite building on WMU’s campus. Sangren always looked a little neglected compared to other buildings. It’s dirty.

Confusing, dirty, drab, uncomfortable, noisy.

There are classrooms in Sangren that have no windows. I dropped an English course because it was in one of those classrooms, and I felt claustrophobic.

Sangren Hall reminds me of a high school with the chairs and blackboards and this has negatively affected my impression of Western Michigan University and where my tuition dollars are being spent.

building degradation

Negative: Sangren looks dirty even after it has been cleaned.

It functions as a prison with faculty offices all in a row. Doors have to be shut in order to think because of the high traffic. Many office are too small to accomplish necessary work.

It is a extremely versatile building which can and has handled a variety of classes from nearly all subject areas. Its 50-60’s modern design looked terrible when I had classes there in 2005 and 2006. There are some outside court areas that looked like they once were nice but are no overgrown and unkept. Students don’t need neon lights, or special features that only work for ten years. Keep it simple, use nice materials that are classic in style and high in quality, rather than spending they extra money on modern art, sculptures, or abstract features.

I find Sangren Hall very confusing, every hall looks the same i still find myself getting lost. The classrooms are outdated and plain. i also do not like the parking lot by sangren hall that is currently being take up by tables.

Sangren Hall as a whole has contributed a negative impression of WMU. It has been run down, very dated, and problems galore. Any remodeling of Sangren Hall will be a major improvement on one of WMU’s few eye sores.

Flossie’s is nice. It’s a place to go to relax in between classes with friends in your major.

The advising office is also nice. They try to be as efficient as possible which is much appreciated.

I also really like the area in the staircase on the 2nd level, with the glass windows. It’s nice because it’s spacious and bright.

These places left a positive impact on me. They will allow students to feel good about the school they are attending and in a lot of cases the college that they are in (college of education).

I do think some of the lecture halls need improving though. The old lecture halls with two teal walls, insanely small desks and aisle ways are not conducive to learning. Being cramped and feeling like the building you are in definitely needs improvement is distracting.

Also the hallways are hard to navigate. It seems that there is no real rhyme or reason to the room numbers. It shouldn’t be necessary to have a help desk to navigate the building during the first couple of weeks. That’s a sign of needing better organization.

The huge blacktop has had a negative impression on Sangren Hall because rarely anyone uses it and it would be better off as parking spaces.

Classrooms are too small and overcrowded with desks, especially for the class sizes.
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| positive= it has classes so that i could learn |

| negative= the rooms are all over the place so it is VERY hard to find the room you need to be in (number the rooms in order!!). The lecture halls are nasty! |

| I had some classes in the lecture halls of Sangren Hall and I must say that being a freshman, I thought that the building was a bit dated and sometimes even gross. The seats were stained and the upholstery was ripping or had a dirty, worn out look to it. The seats were also cramped, and placing a laptop on the desk attached to the chair was sometimes unmanageable because the desk was so wobbly and small. The carpet was definitely disgusting and the paint on the walls was very old looking. The rooms were often not as bright as I would have liked and the AV equipment sometimes failed. The halls were so completely cramped during passing periods that one side was at a stand-still while waiting for room to walk in to or out of a class, or just pass a lecture hall. I thought that it was time for a renovation! That building does NOT depict WMU as the classy, modern, beautiful campus that it should be! |

| The way the large lecture halls are set up is poor and it makes me try to avoid taking classes in them. The building is fairly functional it just needs to be remodeled. |

| I had my holistics class in sangren and it affected me in a positive way because I learn about myself while learning about Holistics. Something that negatively affected me was how nasty my room was for my education class. The seats were uncomfortable, and the whole room just seemed old and cold. |

| The building is dirty and I have heard that there is a rat infestation. The classrooms are crowded and the ventilation system is crappy. After spending a lot of time in this building, I feel that Western does not care about it's students, only their money. |

| The building is dirty and cramped. The desks are lousy. It seems like a dumping point for classes that don't have other space. I had a class there my first three semesters at WMU; I felt like I was being relegated there as a number, not a valuable student. |

| The building is scary at night. Also it does not give off a friendly or safe vibe when entering the building. The bathrooms are always too warm and they are disgusting. The walls are falling apart and the floors are also crumbling. |

| How dirty and broken down the building is. |

| Sangren hall seems kind of plain so it really doesn't need much just more color |

| Its falling apart. It should be an embarrassment to the university as many first year students attend classes in this building (whose parents are paying lots of money based on the pitch of a safe, clean and conducive environment for higher education). My impression, what do you think? : ) |

| Considering the state that all the classrooms are in, it gave the impression that the University didn't care so much about their most traditional studies. The lecture halls are especially atrocious. Please get rid of the carpet backed walls!! |

| i can never find my way around. it is cold and uninviting. i do not enjoy having class there in fact i wont take a class if i can avoid it if it is there. i am not comfortable and it is usually very hot. |

| I think there needs to be many more plugs for computers |

| More technology in each classroom. |

| Better painted walls |
I've been at WMU seven years now, doing both my undergraduate and just finishing my Master's degree here. I've seen campus undergo many changes, and have been overall very impressed. I know that the layout of campus and the community feel of a close community was a huge factor in my decision to come to Western initially, and I have been incredibly pleased at the ways this has proved true time and again. However, I know that buildings that are inviting can also be a huge draw. I remember that walking through the library was one of the reasons I chose in the first place. However watching new buildings-- the Health and Human Services Building, the Chemistry Building, and most recently Brown Hall, where I spend a great deal of time-- always impressed me. I knew that WMU had a solid tradition, but was constantly working to remain innovative and provide students with the resources of an ever changing and increasingly technological society.

I was an Elementary Education major as an undergraduate student, and was always disappointed that Sangren seemed so far down the list in renovations. I am quite critical of the state of educational training-- it seems far too often teachers are not asked to be as competitive and professional as other fields, and not held to high enough standards.

Negatively, what used to be a parking lot, that now is space that is not utilized for other means, rip out the asphalt so that then water is absorbed in the the ground, plus that it won't have to be plowed during the winter( students can just walk a few more steps around the area) , plant plants that will stay in the ground for the whole year. Please think cost effective what ever you do, please. Please take this as positive criticism thank you.

Positively: really nice library, nice personnel, good place to study

Crammed Lecture halls, should be more room between seats and students and old desk...need new desks and comfortable charis

By being run down and disturbingly unappreciated through it's upkeep, it made me feel that my money was not well spent. A universities buildings should be attractive and cutting edge because the people they teach are the innovators of the future. It should not feel like you are imprisoned in a soviet era style building where you are taught to be a part of a redundant system and lose touch with the ideas that will change this world.

Sangren Hall has a very old feeling to it which makes a negative impression compared to our new and updated buildings. The florescent lighting and 70's style florling and walls also make for a negative impression. There is also very few work places inside the building for students to sit in between classes and work on assignments.

The lackluster seating in classrooms.

Technology not up to date
Ancient compared to other colleges on campus
not a place you want to show to others
Not enough space

Lack of space in classrooms, especially during test taking
Small desks attached to chairs in large lecture rooms
Dim lighting
Uncomfortable, broken seats
Bugs in classrooms

I took a lot of my classes at the WMU Battle Creek campus. I was very "surprised" to see how old and run down Sangren was. The desk seemed like children's desks, and everything reminded me of my old Junior high school, and I'm 36

As a doctoral student in the CECP department, I can say the clinic space on the third floor is not all that accessible, especially to clients who are not WMU students. There is no parking for the clinic, and the clinic itself is tucked into a corner of the building on the third floor. Once inside the clinic, the rooms are incredibly small, and just not all that client friendly. CECP could sure use a better clinic situation!

one time I got lost for 5 minutes looking for a room - signs are nice

It is hard to say, as I have only been in there once as a guest. However, I did like the study hall located within it.

The design of the larger lecture halls give off a 'vibe' that makes students lose focus. I don't know exactly what it is about the rooms, but they aren't ideal for long periods of attentiveness.

Poor lighting in the older lecture halls.

My current impression of the Sangren classrooms are that they are stark and lifeless, it makes me feel that the university has not invested their interests in the college of education in a very significant way.
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It is out of date and the interior does not look like it belongs on a college campus. The technology looks like it is an after market add in that really does not belong. It feels like your back in high school not on a college campus.

Progression is necessary in the education field; however the past should not be forgotten or ignored. It is fabulous to see old photos, or utilize tools from the past for learning purposes. While updates are made on and within Sangren Hall, please respect it's history as well as the history of WMU in some way.

Old stale looking classrooms with asylum like hallways in spots

The parking lot looks underdeveloped and trashy...it looks like kvcc

Has cramped classrooms

Needs to redo the classrooms and lecture halls in the building

I'm an education major so I'm in Sangren often. the building is in desperate need of a makeover. for us to spend over $8,000 a year it should reflect it. the library is dingy and boring the hallways reaming me of high schools it could be more mature and more of a college enviroment.

Hallways aren't big enough. There aren't enough places to sit outside the classroom in hallways. People sit on the floors then block traffic of people walking. Need more seating.

The classrooms in Sangren are very outdated. I try to avoid taking classes in Sangren lecture halls whenever possible because the atmosphere is not conducive to learning.

It's another one of those brick and concrete buildings that brings no life to the western michigan campus. We need more lively and technological buildings such as tje engineering campus and the chemistry building.

I like the Flosses Cafe because it's easy to grab something fast while I'm running in between classes. I like that there are many doors, which make it easy for entry. I don't like that it is very rundown and old. It makes Western look cheap. I like Brown Hall and the Chemistry buildings new and modern feel, and I feel if they are going to renovate the building they need to make the lecture halls more convenient, and get new seats.

I love Sangren Hall. I've only had one class there so far (I'm a double-major of bio-med and spanish..thus I have classes elsewhere). I think it's historic, and has tons of character. Sure, I do enjoy my endless hours in the new chemistry building, but I feel as though it's sterile and sometimes uninviting. For years, students all over the world have been learning in "classrooms." They don't have to be extraordinary, top-of-the-line, or fancy by any means. Classrooms, or school buildings for that matter, are simply structures for students to learn in and professors to teach. Who's to say a brand new building will improve MY learning? Only I can do that through hard work and studying. I suppose if you see it best to revamp the entire building, perhaps you should start small: some fresh paint, flooring and new desks can go a LONG way. I have an extremely positive view and opinion of Sangren Hall. I think my peers are so obsessed with technology and the next best thing, that they often overlook the good in Sangren, at least we have a venue to learn in, whereas those in Africa and other places have it much worse.

A lot of the lecture halls are horribly hot, and with some of the other things that I know the university has spent money on, I would think that Western would have the money to make sure some of the really hot rooms were air conditions.

Most of sangren is empty, unused, wasteful space.

How run down it is

It's pretty low technology in that building and the seats are very uncomfortable.

The building overall just feels a little dated. Its a nice building, but far from being the nicest on campus. The stairwell with the glass is very nice.

Hard to find the office I am looking for; complicated floor design.

Mostly all the food trash that just lays around in the classrooms or halls. Maybe there can be assigned food areas. Or, a better/larger food center in Sangren that would cut all the trash throughout the building. Signs that say, "no food or drink beyond this point."

The rooms seem to be very outdated. I took a few courses in Sangren Hall and the desk were dirty and gross. They never had enough chairs for students. The didn't have the technology to accomadate the students if they had presentations to present. I am a Master's student at attend all my classes at the College of Health and Human Services. It is hard to compare the two areas.

It's the most out dated building but yet its still open and its still running!!

I didn't like the one woman's bathroom on the four corners of sangren ( Flossies hall) It also seemed very dull, not many windows.
**SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY**

**QUESTION 2**

As an education major I have been to Sangren many times. I believe that it is significantly outdated. I understand that the university does what it can to improve buildings, but I think that since the College of Education is a large part of WMU it deserves to be renovated. If I had only seen Sangren Hall and not any others on campus I would think that maybe WMU was really struggling for money and cannot keep up as buildings require repair.

Clocks that do not work, broken window shades - negatively

Library - positively

1. The stairwells, particularly the one that is on the South side of the building (not the main entrance). There seems to be wasted space.

2. The lower level of the building -- confusing in terms of room locations and seems like wasted space.

3. Floor plan -- the way rooms are numbered, always confusing trying to located classrooms

4. The Library -- should be more central to the building -- it feels as though it's separated, not integrated into Sangren

Old, disorganized, poor lighting, old classrooms, dirty and dull

The condition of the building is embarrassing, especially now that we're in new student orientation. Mini blinds in the computer labs are broken and hanging, carpet is stained and buckled, ceiling tiles are stained and yellowed, artwork is outdated, plates on the stairs are loose.

I think Sangren currently has a design that encourages closeness and interaction between students in a class because of the "high-school" feel. I would like to see that continue after the renovation. Some of the other buildings (Schneider, etc) have a colder, more formal feel.

Negative impressions of WMU caused by - bad lighting; water damage in ceilings; cracked/missing floor tiles; outdated, grimy bathrooms; lack of technology in classrooms; uncomfortable/broken seats and desks; confusing room numbering

Positive - Cafe within the building - expand the menu options

Cluttered space, not well designed to handle traffic loads.....not ADA compliant. Classroom spaces need to be updated with current technology and classroom seating equipment and tables.

Sangren is unkept and falling apart. The windows are ill-fitting and the occupants suffer from extremes in heating/cooling capabilities. I do like the court yard concept.

However, those spaces are not utilized or as accessible as they should be.

Run-down feeling in many offices and classrooms. Pieces of ceiling falling down, things not working properly. Dated colors.

How cramped and out of style the building is. The run-down look of the immediate interior of the building.

Currently the building looks old, there are areas where the radiators have leaked and the walls are cracked and tile floors are cracked, some areas just look old and some areas look dirty, not a positive impression for incoming students and visitors

Halls are very bland--need to be brighter and more welcoming. If you do not know the layout of the building it is easy to get lost...post more user-friendly signs for guidance. The cafe inside is nice (could use some updating).

Sangren Hall is very old, dark, and unfriendly.

The individual classrooms in Sangren hall are lacking very minor improvements that would make the environment much more conducive to learning. Having uniform, matching tables with chairs would make it much easier to work on the many group projects I have had in my classes. This would also be more aesthetically pleasing than the mismatched old fashioned desks that are currently littering the learning spaces. Having clean blinds or window coverings that aren't cheap and broken in each classroom would be ideal. Also, having bulletin boards in each room that are free from clutter and hundreds of staples that never get pulled out would make each classroom less distracting. Last, but most important, fixing any water damaged ceiling tiles and cleaning up whatever is growing on the roof would probably be a good idea.

Just these minor improvements and Sangrens employees and students would be extremely thankful and grateful.
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The building layout and room numbering is absolutely the most confusing of any building I have ever visited. This was because of the internal courtyards, which do give interior rooms light. That's nice, but these courtyards were constantly frustrating, too, because people can't just go out and sit in them. So while the idea was good, the final product had many drawbacks.

Please give as many rooms as possible a nice window. All offices should have windows. CHHS is a great example to go by. And pleasant open spaces.

ROOM NUMBERING and poor signage!!! Constantly get lost.

Very boring, 1960's style building

No clocks

No real comfortable common spaces

Very cold building overall

The current facility does not create a conducive environment for learning. Most education courses are mainly centered around class discussions and group activities. It makes it hard for discussions when the desks cannot be moved comfortably to have small group discussions.

The new building should have rooms that make it easy to watch videos but also able to have small groups.

This isn't so much Sangren Hall as it is nearly every building, but the sixties and seventies were an architectural dark age. Nearly every building is the same ugly reddish shade of brick. Obviously the buildings have little to do with the quality of education to students, but I feel as though the beauty of a campus is a big factor in many student's decisions. WMU is doing a great job trying to beautify campus with landscaping and such: but if you paint a turd gold, it's still a turd.

as an incoming freshman of the school of art, the basement of sangren was an incredibly comforting atmosphere where my insecurities as an artist were nurtured by the homely feel of the building.

Negatively -- the crumbling paint, calcium-coated drinking fountains, dungeon-like spaces in the basement.

Positively -- it has a nice "courtyard" area on either side of the building.

Currently Sangren is dark, dingy and not inviting. No common spaces for students, offices and classrooms are outdated. Very difficult to navigate to find rooms.

It's a bit of a warren, with poor signage and a dated feel. The entrances feel detached from the building, except for the main entrance which has the external charm of a loading dock.

The dedicated library is a plus.

Confusing layout: no easily labeled directions or classrooms, from the parking lot it is difficult to determine the main entrance to the building, it has been renovated to include an elevator in the back portion of the building and a beautiful view of the campus, but there is no building directory to indicate where departments are located.

The long, dark hallways make such a negative impression. Many faculty keep their doors closed when they are working, out of necessity, and this gives an "unfriendly" impression. The building is also dark, and unattractive, with many aspects of rooms, hallways, etc. in need of attention and repair. The courtyard is an attractive feature, which could be highlighted in a new building design.

mostly negative -- grungy tile, institutional classrooms (except the large lecture halls at the Kanley end), uncomfortable seating.

I've found it hard to find classrooms in the building, very confusing.

Classrooms are limited in functionality; hard to create an interactive and engaging environment

Offices are to regimented, small and too enclosed

Cleanliness of building is horrible

No apparent "main" entrance to the building to state you have arrived

The Cafe gives a sense of community and should be enlarged.

Lack of public meeting space. When entering the building, you immediately end up in a hallway rather than in a space where you are likely to bumb into others. Students are always having to sit in the hallway between classes.
Long depresssing institutional hallways are a negative. These need to be broken up.

The lack of technology in a lot of the classrooms has had a negative effect on some of the classes I have taken in Sangren. I also feel like the inside of Sangren is very dull and could use some brightening up.

-difficult to find offices
-cold (unfriendly) lecture spaces
-awkward or no front entrance appeal

I was there when the asbestos was removed. I've been teaching when ceiling tiles fell from the lecture hall. Buckets in my classroom during rainstorms. Students often commented that the lack of attention to Sangren reflects the university's priority on education students, even though they are one of the biggest clients.

I like that the initial Entrance to Sangren feels open. Many students tend to lounge in that space. I think most of the students also really like Flossie's cafe, and I think that should be kept, or even expanded if possible. Students and staff alike like to snack and rarely have time to go get lunch or snacks from the cafe. It does presently seem run down and not very bright or inviting in certain ways. I think having more on the walls or just a different decor would help the atmosphere overall.

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POSITIVE CHHS - indoor water and presence; comfortable and user friendly space for people to study and socialize and eat; computer labs; open area on main level upon which you can look down from above; dining facilities

PARKVIEW - wide hallways; again, open areas and feel; dining facility

When I first walked in Sangren Hall I felt like it was an old run-down high school. I wasn't impressed with Western or its facilities.

Mainly negative: that the treatment of the education building is much like how education is treated on a larger level with cutbacks and no funding. Graduates of these programs apparently do not give very much money back to the university so this was one of the last buildings to be kept up. I try to embrace the tradition of the building and say that the chipping paint and rugged look is indicative of the character of hard-fought educators. I took a friend through that works for Herman Miller-Education Solutions and she was appalled at the condition of the building. She has toured many buildings at other universities and could not believe that WMU has let this one go for so long. Thankfully we are on it now.

It took me a long time to be able to find my way around Sangren -- all the halls look the same and the room numbering system doesn't help.

Sangren has great potential; it just needs to be updated and shown some attention. Clocks aren't needed in every room. The library needs to be conducive to learning, better, more comfortable seating, areas for quiet as well as group work. Make the classrooms accessible and hide the faculty offices. Modernize the bathrooms; don't call them toilet rooms (HHS).

It is pretty junky. Embarrassing even.

It's a major facility with significant capacity to hold classes and provide office space, but it is very un-inviting. It's depressing within its interior.

The age and appearance of its lecture halls--the seating, technology, overall look, etc. The classrooms also appeared to have been overfilled with desks making them cramped and uncomfortable (especially with the metal chair fixed desk that was used.)

Openess.

Outdated looking. 1950s/60s &quot;Modern&quot; MAY have looked progressive and forward thinking in it's time, but does not wear well. Gives us neither the &quot;stately, hollowed halls&quot; nor up-to-date.

it is a rather quiet, bland building

The cleanliness of the rooms

The maintenance of the classrooms (cracked tiles, burnt out lights, bulletin boards)

The furniture in classrooms as well as in the halls

Walls falling apart, literally, creates an impression of neglect.

Atrium lounges and Flossie lounge promote an impression of welcome and stay.
The harsh florescent lighting, dirty linoleum floors and larger lecture halls with graffiti-scrawled desks are the negative part. I recall an ugly, painted sign identifying the hall name (south side) and the crumbling steps, and dark hallway entrance (also at south east entrance). The white exterior of the building is distinctive and makes it easy to recognize. As a graduate student years ago, the ERC (ed library) and the many smaller classes I had where student-to-student and faculty-to-student interaction took place are my best memories of Sangren. The grounds surrounding Sangren have some stately conifer trees (east side) but the north end opens onto a huge expanse of asphalt (parking lot). I vaguely recall once seeing a courtyard (?) inside Sangren, but this was never used to my knowledge. The building's room numbering system was a source of frustration to many during my years as a student in Sangren. The classrooms were dingy and drapes/windows unpleasant looking, I recall. I have since visited the Education advising office and this is not a pleasant or modern looking area--and dark, like many areas in the building.

I worked in Sangren for 6/12 years and with exception of Flossie's the place just looked run down and dirty. There is an outdoor area in the center of the building that could have been a nice place to sit and relax, but it was left to turn into a pile of weeds. The building has been neglected for years. Hard to control temperatures. Classrooms should be able to be bigger or smaller with sliding walls. Desks should be very movable as Education requires a constantly changing environment.

Sangren lacks natural light. It is dark. The dated architectural design is quite uninviting.

It is completely outdated compared to most of the other buildings on campus and really needs to be re-done. Having small classrooms with very small desks makes it an uncomfortable learning environment.

The education library has been very beneficial, but the building is just old and it's not as inviting as some of the other buildings on campus.

Sangren is so confusing to get around. You often see the "Lost in Sangren" look when people are trying to find a room.

In addition; the lecture halls are accessible by stairs or by going outside. This can't be ADA compliant.

Almost all of my classes are located there meaning that it is where I spend most of my time on campus. As a transfer student it was my first and last experience taking classes at Western. I think that it needs to be more organized and more enjoyable to spend time in considering so many of us spend most of our time there.

The building is difficult to navigate, even though I visit often. I attended WMU in the 70s, and have found it to have changed very little in 30+ years.

Sangren Hall seemed to be a place where they placed classes they didn't have any where else to put. It made me think of Western as a University that did not have the up to date resources, technology that other universities have.

Drab, dirty, lack of technology, lack of ADA access, poor bathrooms.

Sangren Hall is a good building and very purposeful. It just really is quite an ugly structure though with drinking water that is more metal than the pipes that it came from. Also I think students would be much more moved if on tours they perhaps saw the east campus. East campus is awesome and very beautiful and really assist in making Western look more like the prestigious university that it is.

Utilitarian, Cleanliness, clean lines, good equipment give me a good impression--that WMU realizes the times.

I have noticed how run down some of the classrooms are. My chief concern is that this be another building like the Health and Human Services Building that serves as a shining example of our commitment to being a leader in environmental sustainability.

It seems old, not historical old but old as in outdated. The Buildings on east campus are old but historically beautiful, the kind of architecture that won't ever go out of style or be outdated. I think Sangren should be redesigned in this way to help our campus have a historical feel and beauty about it.

The building is very dark and uninviting at the moment, also it is very dated and run down. It really was a shock to sit down in that building for a class first semester and see how dirty it was. And as years went by it seemed to get worse. I am not sure if it was due to the privatization of the custodial services or the fact that students didn't take pride in their surroundings and the cleaning staff couldn't keep up.

I really like the atrium on the north side of the building. It is a nice place to sit in between classes and also big enough to meet with a group of students.

Have always thought of Sangren as the heart of campus. Growing up, it was the one building you heard of mentioned. To see our friend aging and in need of dire repair, it has to be brought back to life like it was in the glory days, it's hayday.

The smaller classrooms are nice, however most of them in the past were lacking any sort of electronic equipment. ie. projectors, speakers, etc.
Negatively: CCPS Clinic as outdated, dirty; Front of building (facing center campus) as confusing, concrete, no clear main entrance; Classrooms as neglected compared to those in other, newer buildings; Office space on 3rd floor as tight, old, dirty. Building layout is confusing. Cafe is a great and essential idea, but needs to be redone for welcoming atmosphere.

Postively: Renovated back entrance with elevator as modern, pretty, and useful. But no clear signage.

I am a WMU alum and obtained by BA in education and my MA in counselor education, so the majority of my classes were in Sangren. While I love WMU and am very proud to be an alum, Sangren was/is very embarrassing. The old furniture, lack of attention to spaces and needs of students, and lack of common area meeting places made it difficult for education majors to have the same perks as other students. It seemed like everything was always broken and the classrooms were very run-down.

A lot of it is falling apart and affects the ability to concentrate on learning.

open

Sangren brings in the majority of students because of the education department, but is the building with the fewest improvements; there are no new rooms or furniture. There are other buildings and departments on campus that receive a lot more funding for improvements than Sangren does and this needs to change!

Sangren’s classrooms are dated, mechanicals are often not functioning, limited maintenance

The building is old and needs lots of repair. The paint in my office is peeling off. Bees found a way to get in too. Sangren classrooms do not have computer hooked up. We have to bring our own laptop for teaching. I hope the new Sangren will have a computer in every classroom, saving instructors the hassle of hauling their own laptops.

Sangren has the most uncomfortable desks, except in the lecture halls. New desks would be the best improvement ever.

Sangren Hall feels rather dark and imposing. It’s very aged and the wallcovering near the larger lecture rooms is gross and needs to be removed.

I like the Sangren Hall Library. I also like how user friendly the building is for students/faculty/staff with disabilities.

dirty class rooms and hallways
very old classroom equipment/ furniture
hard to navigate...where actually is the &quot;front&quot; entrance
not welcoming to outside guests

Classrooms very dingy, and acoustics are terrible. Lots of wasted space. Old building and upper floor always smells bad.

Two years ago, I was made aware that people who had offices in Sangren couldn’t vacuum their floors because of the asbestos (spell?) in the building. Knowing that such substances exist and not removing it immediately (regardless of how inconvenient) is unsafe and irresponsible. This is also the case with many other buildings on campus and needs prompt attention.

It is old and worn out.

the umbrella section is an eyesore...it needs to be moved to either the west end of sangren or possible behind sangren overlooking Goldworth Pond...We are wasting a beautiful asset to our university...

this would provide MORE parking for buildings once again.....for both staff and students!!

parking is such a pain for education students!!!

the building looks old and crummy.

Sangren has been difficult to navigate. It’s like a maze and the signs, when you can find them, are not helpful in getting you to your destination. The allocation of space for each program should be relevant to its intent. I was so glad that the art program got out of that dank basement!

Sangren just seems old and falling apart

The rooms, desks and hallways of Sangren have seemed like a cheap high school classroom. Some High School’s actually had nicer rooms than Sangren did. I absolutely hated whenever I had a class in that building. There’s no where to sit outside of class on the first floor, the hallways are cramped and the whole building is a dump.
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I feel like there needs to be more windows. Also the halls need to be repainted and the hall needs to be more futuristic. A lot of the buildings at western are so new and vibrant it makes Sangren look really old and like its not taken care of.

Its old, dirty looking right now.

The patio idea is great BUT when you build the new building put it back overlooking Goldworth Valley pond... make 4 entrances and have a couple umbrella tables outside each entrance.

and open up all the rest for parking to be shared by your students and staff!!

Negative: Very small desks, small rooms, and very close to everyone that is in your class.

When I attended under grad classes in the early '80s, I didn't think much about the environment at Sangren. Recent visits as a grad student, however, have left me with a distinctly negative impression. The building is in disrepair, the furniture in the classrooms is extremely uncomfortable and not conducive to adult learning. The building is badly in need of updated technology.

The numbering of rooms in Sangren has been the most confusing and frustrating experience I have ever had in an academic setting. Not only do students get lost, but trying having a guest in your class - they are stressed by the time they find the room and have to debrief about it. The building creates an experience of "not wanting you there." The area by the elevator has been a little more hospitable, but is clearly experienced as an "add on." I usually want to get out of the building as soon as possible. It would be wonderful if students from the various departments - and especially grad students - had a place they could go to relax, discuss issues relevant to their major, run into professors for informal conversations, and feel connected to their department.

I like the new projectors, it is easy as a student for teachers to give lessons, and PowerPoint. I don't like the desk they are old and to small to fit all needed material for class. I think that new desks and new chairs like the ones in Brown Hall would be nice to add in the renovation. I don't like the bright fluorescent lights, and the cracked walls in the classrooms. I don't like chalk board, horrible for people who have allergies to dust I would rather use white boards.

The building is old and run down. The buildings on campus should really make an impression on our value on education. If our buildings aren't adequate learning environments, how can potential students take the school seriously?

The industrial, unwelcoming look do not invite people into the community. The difficulty of making sense of the structure of the building make me dread having to go there to a location that I'm not familiar with. Each time I approach the building I have to reorient myself and figure out how to get to where I need to be. The best thing has probably been the Cafe as it provides a central location for people to gather and the large number of conference and other meeting spaces. The library is also an important positive part of the existing building, for the same reasons.

There is nothing about the physical space that I can identify as positive. The building layout is confusing. The technological resources are limited. The look and feel is antiquated. There is nothing to be proud of here. HVAC systems are poor.

My dad works in Sangren Hall, so it has always been my favorite building on campus. However, it is quite old, and in need of repair. This has only affected my opinion of the University slightly.

I take many of my grad courses within Sangren. The seating in classrooms are not very comfortable and the furnishing in the classrooms are very similar to what you can find in high schools. I have attended classes at the Battle Creek campus and love the seating there. The tables with rolling chairs were much more comfortable and I was able to focus more in class rather than on my discomfort.

Its dirty and old. The floorplan of the current Sangren Hall is confusing. The restrooms are not well placed. There are few good meeting and seminar rooms. We need some classrooms that are well planned for group work within classes.

The energy waste of the building and university makes me sick.

The basement and first floors are considerably dingy and run down. Sangren was a central building during my undergrad experience, especially for gen. ed. classes, so its general appearance and atmosphere, I believe, negatively affected my impression of WMU's facilities.

Sangren looks run down, dated, and neglected. I don't think that it reflects well upon the university, and it is in much need of a make-over.
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**QUESTION 2**

1. It is very difficult to use modern instructional technology when teaching classes. To many breakdowns in equipment, hard to focus on teaching when having to troubleshoot technical difficulties.

2. Building is dingy, bringing down mood compared to being in other new campus buildings.

3. Education Library in the building has been the major asset. Convenient, more personal service, etc.

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As a graduate student in the educational leadership program, I appreciated that the education library was located in Sangren Hall. As a parent and member of greater Kalamazoo community, I appreciated the Reading Clinic. As a WMU staff member, I appreciate the central location and room availability on main campus.

There is a noticeable absence of space designated to building the community of education students i.e. we need more space conducive to collaboration, working and socializing in small (and sometimes large) groups. This applies to both class-related work and to the networking needs.

Office space and classrooms need windows -- visible green space is an appreciated bonus.

Seating needs to comfortably accommodate long hours of sitting for adults. Only in areas where children are served should the seating be suited to children. Please do remember that adults vary in size. The old paradigm of desktop attached to chair simply does not cut it. These rarely fit everyone, and even if they are an appropriate size, hard plastic is anything but comfortable by end of a three-hour class, let alone an all-day seminar, meeting or work session.

Ample classrooms, it main purpose
the classrooms and lecture halls- very negatively. Even the hallways make it look uninviting.

Sangren is very run down, which in my first year at Western gave me the impression that Western either didn't care about its buildings or about its Education and Sociology programs. It's outdated and dark, and if I were a film maker I would film a horror movie on the lower level. The seats and desks in the large lecture halls are not conducive to learning. They are too small. The other classrooms are cramped. Admin tries to cram too many desks into the classrooms, which is distracting and uncomfortable during class time.

Negatively-old looking, leaking roof, bland hallways and classrooms and "childlike" seating.

There must be more seating areas. It's the worst thing when you have to sit on the floor for two hours because there is no where else to go. Heat is also a good thing, use it more often. We pay enough money that we should not freeze in our classes. Use more color. Relaxing, bright or energetic colors are always good.

The cafe doesn't carry any good, local, and organic food. A place to find vegetarian food at a reasonable price would be nice to have on campus for those of us who do not support industrial farming practices. The courtyard between Sangren and the Wesely Foundation is a positive green space on campus with mature trees. I would like to see this maintained during an after construction.

Sangren produces a very poor learning environment. Everything is crappy from the desks that you have to sit in, to the holes in the ceilings to cracked floor tiles and then the unclean bathrooms. It leaves a student, undergraduate or grad, feeling that the university doesn't care about the Education Department as well as feeling you are not getting your money's worth

The building is very difficult to navigate. There doesn't seem to be enough space for students to queue prior to large lectures.

the parking lot in front is the worst spot on the entire campus. Walking past that does not make me feel proud. It makes no sense that nothing has been done to the lot over the two years I have attended Western. Brings the campus down

Positive: I like the "squares" design with a lot of activity going on all the time. It's a building that almost all students have a class in at one point or another and it should reflect the university. In its current condition it does not reflect the university in a tremendously positive manner.

In my opinion, Sangren Hall is crowded and out-of-date.

Sangren is one of the focal points of campus, having a lot of activity going on all the time. Its a building that almost all students have a class in at one point or another and it should reflect the university. In its current condition it does not reflect the university in a tremendously positive manner.

I love the hall with the Centennial Timeline. It looks gorgeous and the benches are so modern.

I like the Lounge area over the Main Entrance (opposite the Library), but it needs better furniture. Usefulness and comfort is important. The Library furniture is out dated and kinda gross looking. I tend to avoid studying in there because it's feels gross.

I HATE that the furniture in rooms don't match and are falling apart. Also the floors falling apart and having pieces missing is a BIG negative. I feel like the university doesn't respect us students enough to keep us safe.
Although Sangren Hall should be one of the most up-to-date buildings...due to holding education classes...it's definitely old fashioned in both appearance and technology. It looks old, outdated, like an old 70s school. Needs some modern renovations, such as the chem building, but not so scientific. The art building is nice too.

The dark carpet walls really make the building seem dark and drab.

Positive: Lounge/study areas with windows overlooking valley by the elevator; snack shop; a.v. equipment in large lecture halls

Negative: allowed to get run down; basic maintenance not done to repair small but unsightly problems

Positively affected:
The central entryway with the marble benches is very inviting.
The lecture halls are nice.
It's great to have a cafe in this building but needs to be kept cleaner.
All the art in the building is appeasing.

Negatively affected:
The bathrooms are very outdated. Paint is chipping off the walls throughout the building.
The library is also very outdated, which makes one feel like the materials are outdated. The contents are very good and the staff is great, but the environment could use a lot of updating. Please keep the private study rooms.

Sangren, being an older building, has made me have feelings of comfort and reliability. This building seems like a sort of core to WMU and although I appreciate the work and dedication that seems to ooze out of it I would love to see a new design to reflect the future scholars that are being produced in the classrooms. I’ve always had a positive impression of Sangren but I think that it's time for an update.

The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services in Sangren Hall has made my experience at Western as a student and now as a staff member remarkable. They are so helpful and have helped in self-development and self-growth processes. It is such an important service to have on campus and available to the community. I believe it is also a mutually enriching experience for the counselors as they are able to benefit from real sessions.

Outdated, Dark

Sangren Hall is outdated, which is fine, but the chairs were the only thing I took real issue with (in the larger lecture halls and the smaller rooms). When you compare it to the CHHS, the differences are vast. On the other hand, the CHHS looks like they are spending too much money on cosmetic, decorative items. I’d like to see a clean, comfortable, modern building, but nothing over the top or gaudy.

If things could be made with recycled materials, I would be extremely proud. Energy efficient would be amazing as well, especially if it would save the university money in the long run (and tuition rates lower).

Old lecture halls need improvement
Technology upgrades
Lounge / Eatery (re-done,bigger)

It is really difficult to navigate the halls of Sangren...similar to Parking issues at WMU

The central location of the building on campus should be very welcoming

Sangren is a horrible building. We are supposed to be learning cutting edge ideas to teach students and implementing technology, all while our instructor is using a light bulb overhead, some of the lights don't work, and the air conditioning or heat is broken. Also, the aesthetics of the building are poor and outdated.

Sangren is an Ugly confusing unfriendly building I am glad in my college career I only had two classes there.

Some of the rooms are dark and some are bright. The rooms are not the cleanest on campus, nor are they the most modern.

The deterioration of Sangren Hall has given me a negative impression of the University, as I spend a majority--well, all--of my time in this building. The classroom chairs are uncomfortable, and almost all are broken, stained or have desks that are too small to work on. Ceiling tiles are falling down and/or are stained, drinking fountains are stained and/or broken, several things need improvement.
Negatives: chalkboards are still used, the layout is somewhat confusing making it hard to find the main offices and library, the condition of the building lets you know that renovations are long overdue.

Positive: the sitting areas with large windows overlooking the landscape at the ends of the building are peaceful for rest or studying.

Current clinics are not accessible and poorly designed to accommodate community clients, i.e. CECP counseling clinic and reading clinic. We need to remember that going forward for the next 50 years the goal is to make these expensive facilities more user friendly to the community at large.

Negatively: very institutional (dull walls and floors, cold colors, stark); in disrepair, "high school" desks

Positively: students' work (art, educational bulletin boards) adds color and personality

All public spaces affect attitudes about quality, progressiveness and value of the university because first impressions stick with people and are hard to counteract; consequently this building should have a WOW factor that impresses those who enter and yet serves the needs exceptionally.

Just that some of the buildings need to be updated and I think doing this to Sangren would be of a great benefit to WMU and the incoming years of students.

Overall look of Appearance: negative

Colors: negative

Building Shape: negative

broken chairs in lecture halls, bathrooms broken or unuseable.

Negatively, everything in Sangren is out of date and needs to be up to date.

That hallway full of lecture halls just seems so old and overused. If all potential students saw of WMU was that wing, they would get the impression that the school hasn't tried to update much since the 70s.

It is so old and dingy...it needs life, character, and purpose.

It is both spacious and vibrant which represents how I feel about WMU.

The clutter of chairs in many of the classrooms leaves a negative impression.

Library is always a nice, sunny place to work.

The courtyards are nice but they have not been kept up as well as they might. I don't think they are used very much.

I haven't been an employee of WMU long enough, I've never actually been in the building.


Sangren given me a negative feeling of WMU. The building looks great, but inside none of the walls match in color and there are junk flyers hanging all around. The bathrooms are always dirty and cramped. Overall, it's really not pleasant to be in there. Plus there are chalkboards in every classroom which is very outdated and makes me think that WMU is not with modern technologies and that WMU does not take pride in its appearance. The walkway is really beautiful but that is about it.

Sangren Hall is currently very outdated, some classrooms are extremely small and ugly, the ceilings are molded and rotting, the large lecture halls are dreary and uncomfortable.

the positivity factor of the hall.
**Negatives -**
- small classrooms;
- dated furniture and decor;
- dark, circuitous hallways;
- lack of large elevators;
- ugly parking lot in front entrance.

Basically hasn't changed in looks since I was a student there in the early 1970's.

**Positives -** front exterior architecture and renovated rear entrance.

It's an old building and needs desperate attention for academia. It does not give the greatest atmosphere of conducive learning with the maintenance issues.

WMU lacks places for casual conversations in pleasing surroundings. How about a great coffeehouse with a reading area and conversational seating?

There isn't much distinction of the front entrance facing main campus. The building should be more site cohesive with the surrounding dormitories, Bernhard Center and West Michigan. The building isn't very attractive from the exterior with building materials cracking and "age" showing through.

Traditionally, Sangren is the building which most students get lost in. I would recommend "You Are Here"-style maps to guide students from one location to another. Also, what about taking a page from Google headquarters and color-coding areas of the building? The south hallway could have a red stripe on the wall, the north a blue stripe, etc etc. All that a new student would need to know is which color hallway their classroom was in.

It's always hot.

Sangren Hall is in dire need of renovation that coincides with the theme of the new Human Services and Engineering buildings. Using the innovative concepts from those buildings as a foundation for the renovations seems cost effective and time efficient.

As a WMU Student Ambassador, the buildings classrooms showed guests that we are out dated. When actually, many of our classroom buildings have innovative technology and user friendly set ups. The feel of the lecture halls is that of an old large classroom (looking as thought it holds many more students then it does). One of Western's best programs is in this building! We need to update it now.

The deck carpet on the walls by the lecture halls look dirty and old. The old building is a maze, you are never sure which area you were in and have walk in circles to find where you need to go.

I was always a big fan of Flossies.

Lack of good air quality--too hot or too cold many times. Library is not in good location--outdated appearance. Hand railings missing on back outside stairwell. Not easily accessible for the disabled.

I really enjoy the room overlooking the Valley Residence Halls, it's a great place to work on last minute homework due and to chill before class. I wish that Flossies was more open environment with maybe some couches, I sit there in between classes for a snack and would like it to be more comfortable. I recently had a class in the basement, and it was kind of creepy being down there. So maybe opening up the layout so it's more welcoming.

I feel that WMU campus is working towards being more "Green" but still has a lot of work that can be done. With the renovation of Sangren we are able to apply new green practices to show the rest of WMU and of other campuses the possibility of becoming green.

Run down, dirty, cramped give a negative impression.

When I have visited I felt chaotic. The building was run-down and cluttered.

Just the sheer worn down state of the building gives you a dull impression. Like "here we go again" when you go to class. Sit in rows and fill in bubbles... :(

The public elevator is in a very remote location. I had to wander for long time before I finally found it. Now I can't remember where it was so I am reluctant to return to Sangren Hall.
The overall run down appearence of Sangren really contradicts many of the other buildings on campus, such as Brown Hall, the Chemistry building, and Waldo. The building as a whole feels unkempt and significantly in need of repair and improvement. Also, the layout is horrible. Finding a classroom or office is very difficult, even if you've been at the school for a few semesters.

The building desperately needs an update. It's dark and confined.

None. I am an Education major and the majority of my classes were in Sangren and it is old of the most non appealing buildings on campus.

The lighting needs to be upgrades and fix the clocks. No clock in Sangren is ever on time but neither is any college student. Relative eh?

I have had 2 classes in the basement, and it is very old and run down. Even the big lecture hall seats are ripping and falling apart.

Sangren looks so old and like nobody cares about the building. We are teachers in training at one of the best teachers colleges and the place we train is a disgrace. The classrooms need to be bigger and less sanitary. How about some color?

I really enjoy the space of sangren upstairs that allows you to look out over the parking lot and see the view of the dorms. It's a relaxing, beautiful space that allows you to study inbetween classes.

I taught in Sangren for 15 years. The graffiti in the bathrooms that was there when I arrived was still there when I left. Some of the same dirt is probably still in the stairwells. I don't care how warm and fuzzy it becomes via remodeling, just don't fix it and forget it.

Some of the classrooms are very scary and a major turn off to students especially perspective ones. Hallways are always crowded due to all the major lecture halls being in one area with little space to accommodate the amount of people is also very disrupting to a day. Nothing has affecting me positively. All has been negative.

Some of the classrooms are dirty and dark...yuck!

wonderful tech/media carts in rooms confusing to get around in beautiful window view of the valley

It has gorgeous views of the valleys. I'm happy the fine arts department finally got out of the basement. I really dislike the look of the "parking lot" on the McCracken side of the building. It's ugly and really isn't very useful. The inside of Sangren isn't too bad, but it's in need of some paint, some updated technology, and whiteboards vs chalkboards. I really enjoy Flossie's cafe.

There is no welcoming area to the building where a student or visitor can be directed to his or her destination within the building. It has been a frightening and frustrating experience for many new students to try and figure out the room numbering system.

Sangren is hot in the winter and stifling in the warmer months of the fall and spring! Improving the ventilation is a must for the renovation.

Some of the rooms are really nasty. The bathrooms downstairs are HOT and stifling. Parts of the building look really nice but other parts are just ugly. It's a little odd.

To be honest my favorite part about Sangren is a little message someone wrote in chalk on one of the brick walls outside, which has been there since I started school two years ago. It makes me smile every time I walk past it. I'm glad no one has washed it away yet (at least as far as I know).

Lecture halls are good size, not to big or too small. Classrooms are dated and need updating. Building is always dark inside. Since the building is in the center of campus it should be more attractive on the outside since most visitors will see Sangren.

Positively - The small lounge areas in the front of the building are very nice. I enjoy Flossie's and the Education library

Negatively - The layout of the building itself can be confusing, the hallways and classrooms can seem bleak.

Overall Sangren Hall has negatively affected the impression brought onto Western Michigan University. Almost all of the classrooms are dirty, and need to be updated tremendously. The building as a whole needs to be replaced from top to bottom with a brand new, modern and innovative building. One that will stand out from above all other buildings surrounding the campus, considering many of the main major courses are held here in Sangren. A clean, up to date classroom with comfortable seats does have an affect on how the student learns and concentrates as well, keep that in mind. It is hard to concentrate in Sangren during class time because the seats are uncomfortable and everything looks bland and old!!
When I attended WMU, the majority of my classes were held in Sangren Hall. Walking in there always felt like stepping back into a tired, run-down, 1960's hall. Cheap tile, boring plain manila walls and desks upon desks stuffed into classrooms just was so depressing. All the right-handed connected desks smooshed up against one another just made me feel claustrophobic. Compare that to my classes in the business college where we had stadium style seating with room to breathe, whiteboards, sunshine, and modern facilities.

Walking into Sangren was like stepping back in time. Why would the busiest building on campus, teaching the future educators of America, future protectors of America, and future artists of America be so stuck in time.

Sangren, along with the former incarnation of Brown Hall, is the examplar of how “gritty” Western is. Functional, not beautiful. Brown Hall is now a pleasant place to teach and learn. It’s warm and clean. Make it like Brown Hall, or Wood Hall, but make it able to handle and endure the heavy traffic it must bear.

In terms of style, I think of Sangren Hall as 60's-ish... Not bad in itself. I like the sculptures on the grounds, and the mural about East Africa on the second floor. Try to preserve some of these period aspects of the building.

The two courtyards are assets, they could be better used. We always enjoyed the ducks that nested there!

I’m not sure I would want to have an office in Sangren as it’s set up now.... It’s certainly not very secure.

very confusing to walk through. No places to sit and study

The building is too old and run down and the rooms are way too small for the classes.

It is the home to the College of Education and the University’s roots. As for the classrooms, future teachers are taught in these rooms so they should be model teaching spaces.

Positive:
The openness of the stair cases.  
The brightness of the classrooms.  
The efficiency of the technology (A/V) personnel and equipment.

Negative:  
Old building.  
Technologically outdated.

Negative - old chairs, rooms, tables, floors, etc.

Positive - its basic importance to WMU as a whole  
the impression currently of Sangren hall are negative , the building is falling apart and there seems to be little care to maintaining the building. I also get very confused by the numbering and layout of the building.
**SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY**

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Sangren Hall is very dated. WMU was founded on its education programs and the new Sangren should reflect this focus. I feel that we have lost sight of our original purpose by offering so many different options for students. Options are good, but maybe we should focus on the basics for awhile.

*Health and human services is a very warm building, which is technological but has meeting spaces. However, I don't think that the exterior of Sangren needs to look extremely modern or artsy (like the tiled library) but rather fit in with the buildings around it. We don't want it to stick out, but to meld.*

I remember walking the halls and feeling like I was welcome. The building had a strong presence on campus; like a cornerstone.

Peeling paint and stained ceiling tiles - negatively

New tech carts - positively

Mismatched floor tiles - negatively

Atrium areas - positively

Cleanliness (lack of) and overflowing trash in classrooms - negatively

Mismatched and broken chairs and desks in classrooms - negatively

Few "conference-type" classrooms - negatively

It's uncomfortable, old, and confusing. Tear it down and start over!

The building is out of date.

The restrooms are outdated and not pleasant to use. The technology available in every room is great and shows a good effort to keep up-to-date on technology. A lot of the furniture (desks, chairs) and design of the building are out dated and old.

I feel as though there is not enough space for people to linger around in Sangren Hall waiting in between classes or just catching up on small talk with staff and peers.

I don't like the small classrooms, and the old fire horns are just plain scary.

The building is like a maze, difficult to find where you are going. Needs updating for technology in classrooms. The library needs more space and a computer classroom, study rooms for students, updating in general.

In general, Sangren looks in disrepair, outdated, and in all ways.

Needs to be less depressing
As a freshman it was hard to navigate all the hallways.

All the furniture was old and dingy, walls were ugly, it was generally a downer to look at while sitting in the classroom.

The upper windows that lookout over the campus were beautiful and the lounge was peaceful to sit at.

Having a cafe is an absolute must. Perhaps it could be larger to accommodate all the people trying to get to class on time.

The auditorium chairs in the lecture halls definitely need to be more comfortable.

The location of the building was nice, as well as the ability to pass through the main hallway.

The building which seems to be right in the heart of the campus, looks to be out of place when compared to the other buildings adjacent to it.

As a former student, I loved WMU but hated going to class in Sangren. Please renovate East Hall first!!!

Mostly negative impressions - clocks don't work in classrooms, desks are too small, temperature in building is not easily regulated (I have been both too hot and too cold in classrooms), there needs more lounge or gathering space

I feel that because with a have a well know education program that things just need to get a face lift. the room set up are okay but it would be nice to have rooms just for secondary edu students.

It should be more open and environmentally friendly like other recently renovated buildings on campus. It has a good location, and traffic for students and passer-bys, so I think it should capture the modern, yet relaxed feel to it.

Sangren hall is kind of confusing to navigate and it seems impersonal sometimes (due to the plainness of the hallways - maybe if you differentiated the North/South hallways from East/West with some sort of color palate change it would be less confusing), which makes WMU seem impersonal. Also, the mural with the Grecian columns at the bottom of one of the stairwells is rather odd looking and unsettling.

It looks old and run down inside

The inside is very run-down, it seems like the one of the oldest buildings on West campus. The outside needs work but the inside really needs work. New bathrooms, floors and a new layout would catch this building up to the rest of the university.

The featured history of the Normal School is interesting and important, and the buried bodies of Paul and Flossie (rumor or true?) are intriguing and cool. Also, the outlook with the chairs and the big window on the second or third floor is nice.

Currently, Sangren doesn't seem very clean or well-maintained at any time. It seems very out-of-date... seeing things like signs for smoking areas in some wings, etc. It just looks so old, run-down, and gloomy. For being the education building, it sure does not offer much in terms of technology and resources that future teachers will need access to and need to be familiar with. Currently, Sangren Hall would never be a building I would want to show someone if I was trying to give them a good impression of WMU. I would like to see the building resemble the newly renovated Brown Hall, in terms of technology, comfort, and just overall vibe... it is very welcoming and really has a lot to offer in every classroom, including easily movable/re-arrangable chairs AND tables in every classroom, cameras, computers, document cameras and other advanced technology systems, and much more.

It is outdated, cold, unorganized. The basement is very unpleasant and gives poor representation of the University's desire to promote a good learning environment.

The run down look of the classrooms, especially the lecture halls. They are not horrible, but are definitely in need of updates.

Sangren is not well cared for and many times is dirty. Sangren is a cold, unfriendly building.

The rooms are out of date. Needs a face lift.

negatively Sangren has the worst classrooms the desks are horrible there are still blackboards!

It was the first building I had classes in, and it seemed to me to be rather run down. The classrooms were technologically advanced, but appeared dingy and outdated. It gave the impression that Western was not a terrible place to be, but it did make it seem like a second tear school.

There is nothing positive about Sangren Hall to me. The building layout is confusing, traditional, and in desperate need of repair/remodeling.
It's very old and outdated; that's what makes it unattractive from time to time. It is one of the less maintenance-d buildings I've experienced at Western so far and I realize how much more renovation it needs because it is so widely used throughout campus. So many students are in that building during all parts of the day.

negatives:
- room numbering system poorly organized
- insufficient technology for lecture presentations

You can tell it's old. The lecture halls are dark, musty and dirty; walls are cold and very uninviting. Classrooms have a cramped feel.

The overall decay of the building has an overall negative affect on the impressions of visiting parents/future students. Of all the buildings on main campus it is kind of an eye sore, in and out. Of course Brown Hall had a similar situation, but the University did an amazing job transforming that building! Sangren Hall just looks very dirty and unkempt due to that age of the building. The walls/ceilings/floors are deteriorating and does not look good at all

The outside parking lot area with the tables definitely does not help the overall appearance of the building, giving you a negative impression before you even enter the building. On the inside, the lack of windows and natural light diminishes from the buildings appearance.

Old, outdated desks. Lack of technology. Drab colors. Get lost easily with the current layout. Having taken many classes in Sangren, it was never a place I was excited
to go to.

Positive - It's homey

Negative - It's old and falling apart. Doesn't look very "modern" or "technical" for a research University.

Not being able to find rooms and getting lost trying to find rooms

The entrances (main and side) did not give a sense of organization or welcome

Hallways were wide and felt open

The general appearance and outdated nature of the building have been a negative. Some areas can be difficult to manuever and find your way around.

The hallways of the building are narrow and feel very "sterile" and the classrooms are not comfortable (I focus more on getting comfortable that what is going on in class). As a criminal justice major, I spend the majority of my time in Sangren and I would like to see it have more of a "comfortable, community" feel.

Narrow, confined, dirty

When I enter Sangren Hall. It is confusing, dull and feels dark (depressive) to walk down those Halls.

In the last few years Sangren seems run down and dirty.

Main entryway is dismal and dark.

As a student, the library was a great place for information and to study.

In the 60's, I appreciated having the snack and pop machines room. Many of my classes were in Sangren and it gave me a place to go and relax/eat something - Don't know if you still have it.

Long empty halls with office doors are not very exciting spaces. The building has a very nice inner court yard that is locked up and never used. Making that useful and accessible would be a good thing.

I love the study lounges that have large glass panels on both second and third floor, overlooking Sangren's parking lot, Sindicuse, etc... I also appreciate having a cafe in the building. However, the state of the hallways, and lecture halls are very "rough" looking; I would appreciate seeing the buildings beautiful original qualities utilized and incorporated with a modern more spacious and functional update. I think the front stoop of the building should be kept for historical purposes (that is in front of Sangren's parking lot).

The hall currently seems extremely outdated. I work with prospective students, and I think that this hall is unimpressive. A new, modern look would be nice. When I walk into the hall, I feel as if I am walking into an old high school building.

Sangren Hall is very confusing and hard to navigate through. It seems as if there is a lot of wasted space used for classrooms that aren't equipped for the courses being taught there. Technology is a major issue as we all ventilation for the entire building.
Postively - classroom spaces are large and could be multipurpose except for the furniture chosen.

Negative - confusing and too much wasted space, i.e., interior patios.

There is no way to get out in the courtyards. This is a bummer. I do wish like some of the other buildings that you could.

After having a class in Sangren I gained a slight sense that Western Michigan's buildings are in poor shape and gaudily designed. This feeling lingered until it was alleviated by visiting the Health and Human Services building.

I have loved Sangren because it is an old building, and has been around for a while. It is nice to have an older building on campus, but it would be nicer if it was an older building that was updated. Especially since Sangren houses the College of Education. The rate that Education is advancing with technology, it would seem that we as a university would want to stay up with that technology. Sitting in the old grungy classrooms that we have made me remember back at the time that I was in middle school. The classrooms were never big enough for the amount of students that were in there.

unkept stairwells - negative
helpfulness from the library staff/entry way welcoming - positive

It's a large building and nice that it has some cafes for gathering, like many of the other buildings. However, it's very confusing and hard to navigate. Would be nice to have a building that is easier to navigate and has more open space that is inviting, much like the CHHS building. However, there is no need to spend exorbitant amounts of money for this to happen.

chairs are not in very good shape

Probably the corner where Sangren apparently resides.

Our students are tested in the old Art History lecture hall which is disgusting. It's original 1964 issue and it's our students first impression of the university. Not good!

I love Flossies Cafe. It is a great place to go and get "a pick me up" for classes. I think the newest addition to Sangren that faces the Valley's is a great place to study and relax before/after classes.

I can say that all of my classes are in Sangren and I don't feel like the classrooms are a great atmosphere for learning. The desks are old, a lot of the classrooms are smelly and are dirty. As a grad student, I have to say that I sometimes wonder why we have to be in the worst building of all of campus. Graduate students are eager to learn but when the environment is old, smelly, dirty, and blinds are falling off the windows it sometimes is very distracting.

In all honesty, most of Sangren Hall's characteristics come from faculty, staff, and students.

I've always considered Sangren Hall as very depressing and dirty. The halls are much too narrow, especially around the largest classrooms. The heating zones are messed up, so that some rooms are always freezing and some are sweltering hot. As a college representing cutting edge and progressive educational practices, the hall itself promotes little of the education college's mission.

They are all great spaces though out the building

Negatively:

Many small classrooms are outdated, dirty, stained.

the basement is depressing.

Room numbering is confusing.

Positively:

Tech carts in most rooms
the new facade/elevator/lobby on North side

it is in my opinion that Sangren Hall, though of historic significance to the campus and the university, has become dated and out of place on the campus of Western Michigan University. When looking at Sangren, one of the first things that i noticed is that it is hard to access the building and once inside it becomes difficult to navigate through the halls due to the maze like arrangement of classrooms throughout the building.
As a graphic design student that graduated in '97 I found Sangren to be a fairly depressing environment. Our department was relegated to the basement - light quality was very poor, air quality was poor - overall, it was not a welcoming or inspiring place to be. I am aware of the new facility for art students and am envious! As an on-campus resident I liked my "commute" from Zimmerman to Sangren.

The hallways look outdated, which gives the campus an outdated vibe. Flossies Cafe is very convenient and nice for between classes. I love the lounge that looks out to the parking lot. It is a great place to study or relax between classes and something should be kept for the renovation.

Sangren Hall seems to be severely outdated. The classrooms are small. The desks are for middle schoolers. It is not easily accessible for people with disabilities. I am a master's student in CECP and I feel that the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services should have a unisex bathroom nearby. The dilapidated hall gives me the impression that WMU doesn't respect the departments that are housed in Sangren. If I was interviewing for grad school knowing nothing about the program, I would be discouraged by the state of the building.

Having a Flosse's has been one of the positives. Something similar to the mini cafeteria's in the dorms would be great. That way students could meet professors in the cafeteria. A new tv area should also accompany this new eating area. The computer labs have been a plus. A bigger computer lab for students would be great. The elevators have never seemed to be in disrepair.

The hallway's and bathrooms have always appeared to be clean.

Sangren was the oldest building I had been in during my time at Western. It was dirty, cramped, and there were many issues with the ceiling and windows leaking when it would rain. It would be nice to have a building that would welcome incoming teachers and those in the social sciences and be a place where they would want to stay after their classes are over.

I just remember it always being poorly lit and it never seemed clean.

The condition of the building from old technology to broken floor and ceiling tiles has affected my impression of WMU negatively.

I would like to see more areas designated for QUIET time, small conference areas where groups can work without interruption. Also a place designated for silent reading or silent reflecting.

I like the courtyards and would like to see them accessible for studying, places to meet or relaxing.

The inside needs to be updated and made more advanced to compete with other colleges in the state or nation to attract the top notch student. Education students are the ones that will be teaching our children so they need the best possible place to get the best possible education to go out and shape future generations.

(1) The building is difficult to navigate unless one already knows their way around -- certain room numbers are not listed on direction plaques near stairwells or hallway intersections (for example, rooms A-D straight ahead, rooms H-L right, rooms M-Z left; my room is F -- where do I go?).

(2) Significant noise distraction intrudes into some classrooms (for example, classrooms near the restrooms when the restrooms are being cleaned).

(3) Some classrooms do not have basic instructional needs (for example, overhead projectors, erasers).

(4) Some spaces, though appearing functional, appear to be deserted and give the building a ghost-town-like atmosphere (especially the first floor).

(5) Poor lighting and stained carpets/upholstery give the impression of a run-down and poorly maintained building (for example, in some computer labs).

(6) Keypad locks are easily seen/deciphered by students; a more secure system would be card-swipe locks such as in Brown Hall.

(7) Classrooms reserved for use are often not in use at the reserved time; this causes other departments to have to schedule classes in less convenient/desirable

Sangren Hall is a very confusing building to navigate.
When I walk through the current Sangren Hall, it gives me a very dingy and outdated impression. The color scheme and the building materials (i.e., wall covering, floor tile, etc.) are worn, and several decades outdated. Also, the layout of the building is confusing, and it lacks clear signage to direct visitors to room numbers or specific departments within the building.

I have never taught in or used any of the lecture halls, but just from peeking in them as I pass through the building, they seem utilitarian. They are able to house large groups of students, but in the sense that a warehouse would house students -- there is little in the way of technology, lighting, or use of space that seems conducive to learning.

Also, the three library collections housed in the building -- Visual Resources, Video Collection, and Education Library -- are hidden away on two floors in the building. These are important service points for faculty, staff, and students, and need to be made more prominent and easy to find, whether through a more prominent location or

East campus hints at university's heritage, interior of Wood hall and Library suggest a technologically updated university.

Negatively has been the disrepair of the interior. Lack of fresh paint, uncomfortable class seating and confusing direction finders for locating classrooms.

Positively: I enjoyed the central location and the proximity to the bookstores and parking.

Sangren is way to small.

It's very confusing to get around.

Sangren, to me, is part of the heart of campus - a building that most every student has had a class. As a freshman, I had activities there for fall welcome week, classes, waited for the bus there, and ate lunch at Flossie's. I've visited every semester for academic advising. In its current state it doesn't reflect ANY of this importance or the impact it has on the campus.

The rooms are dark, and the lights do not adequately illuminate desks and boards. The lights are not replaced when requested, and they are not installed in locations that allow them to illuminate areas students need to see. The seating is old also old and uncomfortable. Sangren does not make a positive impression.

Old-looking floors, stained carpets. Uncomfortable tables and chairs in the 3rd. floor computer labs.

As an Elementary Education undergraduate student as well as a graduate student in the educational department I spent most of my time in Sangren Hall. I was never pleased with the building due to the drab feel of each classroom as well as the limited space for group meetings. Also the building was very cold in feel and the rooms did not have enough sound insulation. At times it was very hard to stay focused on an exam due to massive noise coming through the walls from other classes.

1. Very, very difficult building to navigate. The interior space should be significantly redesigned.

2. Very small spaces (e.g., offices) combined with large unused spaces (e.g., hallways and intersections).

3. The exterior of the building is now shabby and outdated looking.

Sangren hall looks outdated. The classrooms are small and very used. It does have a good location though.

Negative- dumpy, not worth tuition money. a joke of education. speaking of tuition money...where does it go? needs to be more environment friendly.

Sangren is the building I am in the most and I like the larger stadium seating style rooms but the others are often overcrowded. The building just feels out of date and would like to see it be more up to date.

Current classrooms are not at all supportive of graduate adult learners...they need tables to work at, chairs that fit their bottoms, and carpet on the floor.

Everything is old, the desks are uncomfortable. Things just don't seem to be &quot;kept up&quot; and it is obvious.

The 70's style rooms and floor

Positive: Wide Staircases, Beautiful outlook over the Valleys', elevator, quiet library, tall ceilings

Negative - old style desks/chairs, overcrowded rooms, blackboards are outdated.
Since this is one of the oldest looking buildings on campus, people may look down upon it since it does not look as new as the library or science building. Once it is renovated, people will look at it with a more positive attitude. I’ve heard many stories of the bottom floor of Sangren being dirty and dingy with mice running around.

The building is run down now, what does that say about the place we learn?

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The chairs have been uncomfortable whenever i had a class in there. They were cheap and hard and not intended to be sat in for long periods of time. Also, the building looks old and sometimes has an old smell. However, I like the big open lecture halls and the fact that there is a cafe in it where you can get drinks and snacks.
I liked Sangren Hall much more before the parking lot was changed into whatever it is now—that change into a wasted space made me embarrassed of WMU. I would have much rather seen grass planted instead of the umbrella tables that are hardly used. In my opinion it was an irresponsible waste of money.

Sangren's rooms (classroom numbers) are very confusing and the layout could be improved.

I do like that Flossies is located there, though it could be a little bit bigger.

The outdoor space is important, the courtyards are nice. A common space for students to sit/study could be better then the stone benches currently on the main floor.

Sangren is a well known building and it needs to be maintained/respected.

Sangren Hall is dank - the hallway on the main floor feels very narrow and is ugly. The lecture halls are dark and unmotivating. Flossies Cafe is a highlight, but could become a much nicer environment as well as the library. Make the library full of light and beautiful.

Sangren is dark, old, and falling apart. I have had classes on all three levels and had the same types of experiences in each classroom, though the basement lecture halls are by far the worst. Sangren looks the same to me as it did to my mom more than 25 years ago, which is sad. Sangren Hall is a poor representation of what WMU has to offer it's students. It is especially sad because it houses the Education department and all it's students.

Sangren Hall is not as set up for a technological learning experience as are other buildings, nor is it as handicap friendly.

Sangren Hall, in its current state, is obviously rather depressing. It is falling apart, which radiates a negative image about WMU's Education Program.

The hall ways are always so crowded and it's impossible to get through the halls with all the students standing around waiting for their classes to start. I'm not sure how to fix that problem.... wider hallways maybe. Also more seats by the classroom doors would be wonderful!

The stairways are plain and the halls to lectures are also unappealing.

The classrooms were way too small, and the technology wasn't good.

In its current state, Sangren does not present a good view of WMU. If our University were to be judged by this building alone, we would see unclean, outdated, and not at all up to the task of preparing students for a 21st-century knowledge economy.

As you walk through the halls -- old and needing repair and updating. It makes you feel like WMU needs to get up-to-date with today

The current building is not the most beautiful on campus. It often is a bit of an eyesore for prospective students. Additionally, the handicapped accessibility is terrible.

Sangren has negatively affected my impression of WMU. The building is poorly laid-out (classroom numbers do not make any sense and are shoved in odd corners and mysterious hallways) and the tiny classrooms crammed full of old, broken desks completely disrepute WMU's proud stance on faculty-student ratio and makes most students feel like they are in a high school. Sangren is a HUGE building that houses many important programs, I wish the space could be used better to make these students proud of their programs instead of dreading coming to class.

I love Flossy's cafe in the middle of Sangren. It's a great place to grab a snack, chill, or get some home work done. The outdated feel of the building is a bit of a downer. It feels like an old high school with no windows or comfortable places to sit and wait for class to start. It would better serve the WMU public to make its design similar to the College of Health and Human Services.

Sangren hall is not a visually appealing building. The new entrance is the only nice part, the rest of it seems so plain and boring. It's ugly.

Positively? Is that a joke?

GVSU is taking our students simply because they have a nicer looking campus. It has nothing to do with the quality of instruction or research expenditures. For WMU to take its rightful position as being more attractive to students than GVSU, it needs a more attractive campus. Sangren is a glaring example of this. Go to GVSU and try to find a building in disrepair.
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| how old the school really is. Sangren like MCracken has a very old inclosed feeling. Unlike the newer buildings it wasn’t as inviting and comfortable to be in. Sangren, while being a great historic building on campus, now merely an eyesore. From the ridiculous painting on the parking lot outside the building, to the pathetic interior, Western should be ashamed to have let something get that far down.
| Sangren always been the eye sore of campus. Every tour group walks through there and every freshmen has classes in there. I hate the ugly lecture halls, with the terrible looking floors, as well as the drop tile ceiling with drip marks. Also, the uncomfortable tiny desks.
| I’ve had class in Sangren Hall and I’ve found that the chairs are incredibly uncomfortable. The material used in the cushioning makes is course and itchy which makes it harder to concentrate on the lecture. Also the outside seems closed off and hidden. You don’t see a door or an opening to a learning institution; you see only placed lawn furniture, bushes, and a big cement building that is actually kind of intimidating.
| As an Education undergrad and Literacy Studies grad student, I have spent a great deal of time at Sangren. It has always felt as if the Ed students’ environment has been treated as inferior, even though WMU began as a teaching college. Peeling paint and stained, falling ceiling tiles are encountered daily. I would love to see the “historical” influence somehow included/celebrated in the new space.
| Sangren always seemed kind of dark and 70s-ish. More like a re-used office building instead of an academic building.
| It’s a very confusing building...which is not good, because there are a TON of classes held there. I just think it needs to be simplified. The classrooms need to be more effective for the purpose of teaching and learning. It’d be nice if there were clocks in the rooms. The big lecture halls need some major work. The seats are horrible right now. And most of all...the building needs some color! It’s the plainest building on campus, and really does not invite anyone inside.
| Visibility
| the basement (negatively)
| Spacious, but hard to navigate.
| The classrooms and library look like something from a 1970's movie about a run-down old school. It's dirty and depressing.
| Sangren hall has been around since the dinosaurs roamed the earth. updating the building, to make it more spacious, environmental, and keep some traditional aspects as done in brown hall would be my suggestion.
| Sangren has some new wings/rooms that look very nice, but overall the building is unattractive and the rooms are disorganized. It is difficult to find your way around and that was always frustrating!
| Sangren is so old that it never seems clean. The desks are uncomfortable for most students, temperture is always opposite of what it should be. It is embarrassing when recruiting.
| It is supposed to be the college of education which is one of the primary areas of study at this institution and the building does not live up to that. The walls in the lecture halls and in the walkways are worn and damaged and the desks don’t match in the rooms. The layout in general is rather confusing as well.
| The classrooms currently are not well equipped technologically.
| poorly maintained
| confusing layout
| not accessible
| The seating areas facing the valleys have been very peaceful for me during my four years.
| The condition of some of the classrooms compared to other facilities on campus is stark. The layout of the building can be confusing for visitors.
| The overall feeling of the building is very old/gloomy...ironic since it is the education building and it is not stimulating or exciting at all.
| The old rooms in the building really made me rethink whether Western really cares about the future teachers attending...
| The blinds in at least some of the classrooms are bent, broken, generally in disrepair. The paint on the walls is old and peeling. The place feels seedy.
| The lecture hall seating is way too uncomfortable. The seats are hard to sit on and they are also too close together. It is hard to even take notes when the hall is full.
| the age of it makes it seem dirty.
I enjoy the open feeling of the front door area.

Sangren is a nice lecture hall, and in a centered place on campus- it would be great for it to be a good example of how Western is advancing my renovating some of the building, as well as making more sustainable advancements.

The desks in Sangren Hall are very small and uncomfortable, and there are too many in one room. The classrooms with tables are much more comfortable.

The building looks old and dirty. The water from the drinking fountains and sinks is yellow.

when attending classes in sangren hall one of the things that bothered me about the building was the smaller size class rooms. I thought that WMU was trying to save money by cramming the small class rooms with wall to wall desks and students. This did not create a positive learning environment for me.

POSITIVE
positive atmosphere
diversity (art/education)

NEGATIVE
confusing!
not much technology
some really tiny rooms
HOT in the summer

On the negative side it just looks quiet and boring it lacks liveliness in terms of no pictures no sight of life in it. although there is one level that has some chairs and a few art pictures and a nice view of outside life, which is a good place to start with making sangren better overall.

If you notice the college of health and human services building compared to Sangren Hall, it makes you think about the rumors that health care professions are most important than the studies of sociology. So the buildings are a symbol of proof to the stereotype.

The outdated look of the entire building, the unused classrooms (especially on the &quot;basement&quot;/1st floor), and the lecture halls that are falling apart gave me a negative impression of Western.

The dirty outer appearance. The scattered rooms and hallways making it confusing to navigate.

I usually attend class in Grand Rapids and the building is such a bleak and dim place to be that I avoid classes there are all costs. Sadly I have not been able to stay completely away.

The classrooms are often over crowded. However, the building itself really stands out when looking at a wide view of the campus!

It is the most confusing building on campus. The way the rooms are numbered are difficult and it doesn't help that the building is built on a hill. I do enjoy the study areas that look over campus (the ones that you can see Sindcuse and the Valleys from).

broken desks, odd assortment of desks in each room, and very 70ish. who gives a rip about education at our school...partying is more important is one impression that I have have taken away from attending Western, and not a good one I may add.

Sangren has the feel of an old High School, the chalk boards, the old desks, the foam ceiling that kids throw their pencils in when they are board. I would like to see it obtain a more collegiate feel, but keep the intimacy in the class rooms

Outdated / worn out Lecture Halls, lack of installed technology in each room.

The hall is not very clean or nice to look at. The hall is old, and not very inviting to students. The hall lacks technology, it needs new updated technology. Also the hall is hard to find your way around, when I was a new student it was hard to find the correct class room in the hall. The hall needs to look nicer and newer, it needs to be updated very badly. The hall always seems dirty and old to me when I go into the hall. It would be nice to study in a clean new open, welcoming building.

how old it looks
The building is so UGLY! The brick really looks outdated and unfriendly. It is also right by the bernhard so alot of visitors see it.

A fair amount of the seats in the lecture halls are broken and give the university a impression.

It is dirty with poor restroom facilities, poor acoustics, and difficult to get around in.
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The condition of the Sangren basement which used to be the art department was embarrassing. The overall layout and construction does not reflect the quality of the university; it reminds me of a decrepit high school building.

The unorganized setup, lack of updated furnishings and technology, and shabby and dull appearance make Western Michigan seem like a poor and outdated place to study. The elevator and atrium provide some modern and positive contrast.

It is a large space that I have always enjoyed working in. With better foresight, the building does not need major construction - only better brainstorming about how the space should be used. Every time a building is renovated or added to campus it ruins the beauty of campus. The space by Sprau and Brown hall looks terrible, not to mention the mess of a building - the new chemistry building, which appears to have been dropped out of the sky into a random spot - wherever there was room on campus - without planning on how it would affect the flow and aesthetics of campus. After being here for so long, it pains me not to be able to say "it's a beautiful campus."&quot;

Sangren Hall is very outdated for today’s teachers. The rooms are no bigger than a elementary size classroom that has limited to no technology for the upcoming teacher. There is no comfortable space for students to socialize inside the hall. Many of us are (or were) non-traditional students that commute to campus. The only place that we have to study when we come to campus is hardwood benches in the middle of the hallway. The desks that are in each room are much like middle school or high school sized... most adults are not this size anymore. It would be nice to see tables in the classroom and more like movie type seats for the lecture hall rooms. The basement for art classes were more like a dungeon than a learning environment.

The use of chalk boards is depressing, my local public school system has been using dry-erase boards since 2nd grade. Also the seating is archaic and frustrating. I feel that these two factors downgrade the quality of our beloved school.

Flossie's --VERY convenient!

The classes that I had in Sangren were always enjoyable and interesting which is a positive, but it was run-down.

WMU has attempted to do its best within its monetary constraints

All the posters make it look trashy and the seats in the classrooms are very uncomfortable and out-dated.

Sangren is a little confusing because there are some parts of the building that are just offices and not classrooms, but there are no real signs.

bathrooms are somewhat cramped, needs more seating in hallways all the students would sit on the floor to wait for class doors to open

I've walked in the building in April to return in Sept. and see the same dirt in the corners. The building has steadily deteriorated since I was a student here in 72

larger desks or tables.

**Positively-great teachers and staff**

The temperature within the building is horrible and it feels like a prison because it is so uncomfortable.

**Negatively-older, not up to date, technology doesn't always work easily, etc**

I think that the lecture halls need major work on them, they look old and seem somewhat dirty. I think that the classrooms are to small and need some work. The library is nice.

Sangren reflects negatively on the university because it is old, run down, and dingy overall.

The building looks old. For example, the Cafeteria at Sangren looks like it is almost out-of-business with tables/chairs almost broken.

It's very confusing when you are trying to find classes and especially when trying to point new students/visitors in the right direction.

The rooms are small and outdated.

Of all the buildings I have spent time in at WMU, Sangren Hall has impressed me the least. First, it is difficult to find your way around. Directions are not clear, and room numbers seem to jump and skip randomly. The classrooms are crowded, noisy, and awkwardly arranged. The lecture halls are tolerable, except for the hideous color schemes. Flossie's is usually unpleasant, with trash all over and the TV and radio blaring, too much activity and noise for such a small space. The two exceptions are the education library and the newer wing at the front of the building. The library has nice wide aisles, tables the right size for group projects, and a clean layout. I like the way the study areas in the front wing are set apart from the building traffic, effecting a quiet, calm space. I also like their moveable furniture, which allows the spaces to be adjusted to the needs of the people using them.

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It is old and very uninviting.

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<td>I like the physical history of the building. A reminder of years past. How students from previous generations used Sangren's facilities to its maximum. One negative about Sangren is the lecture halls. The seats are dated and it is more cramped for today's students. Over the years students have wrote constant graffiti and messages on the wooded desktops of the seats. A very much eyesore. On the positive side. The people of Western have worked hard to incorporate newer technology in a 55+ year old building. Sangren has more potential in the 21st century.</td>
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<td>The quality of air in the building. In the large lecture halls the classes did not have enough ventilation, becoming stuffy and humid. The layout of the classrooms was confusing and difficult to navigate when first using Sangren. The cafe in Sangren and the Library were hard to locate. The look of the walls and floors made the building seem grungy and unclean. Some classrooms still had chalkboards, and teachers no longer carried with them chalk making it difficult to write on the boards to demonstrate concepts and ideas.</td>
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<td>I really enjoy how big Sangren Hall is. I think the rooms should have dry-erase boards. Each room should have laptops like Brown does. I wish the technology was available in ALL rooms. I just think a lot of this building needs to be remodeled.</td>
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<td>The classroom desks are very uncomfortable and need to be replaced. It is very hard to sit in them for long periods of time.</td>
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<td>The updated Faculty Development training room has outstanding furniture and re-arrangement capabilities. We should do more of that in more classrooms. The technology was also impressive in its day. Not sure now. Definitely a positive impression.</td>
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<td>This is the only room I’ve spent any significant amount of time in within Sangren.</td>
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<td>The rooms on the lower level seemed to new upgrading last time I was in there.</td>
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<td>Traditional Chalk boards aren't fit for a university to grow and be modernized with today's technological society.</td>
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<td>Needs to have air conditioning.</td>
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<td>Sangren Hall has a old look. However, this did not positively or negatively affect my impression of WMU. The first floor of Sangren makes the departments on the first floor appear they are not important as the other departments.</td>
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<td>every time I walk into sangren hall I feel as if Western has forgotten something. There are four buildings in particular at Western that I believe have been left behind when it comes to developing and revamping. These four buildings are: Bernhard Center, Dunbar, Sangren, and Moore hall. I love being in sangren and I love the atmosphere, so keep that, but please revamp what I see when I bring family and friends to Western.</td>
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<td>When I first started taking classes in Sangren I thought what a dingy building. Now in spite of its age I feel like it is my building. I want some of that traditional Sangren left but also want it updated.</td>
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<td>I love that is has the cafe. The room numbers and layout is confusing. I had a hard time finding rooms, even after I had been at WMU a few years with classes there every semester.</td>
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<td>My experience with sangren is that it is a horrible old building.</td>
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<td>With so many other great buildings on campus, Sangren could really use a revamping.</td>
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<td>I had classes in there when I was a student. It was kind of drull and drab. Would like it to be more modern and conservative. More technologically advanced</td>
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<td>Compared to all the other building Sangren Hall seems to be ignored. Western is largely know for their education program so it is disappointing to see it being ignored. As an education student I was surprised to see that it was not up to date along with the other building.</td>
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<td>Sangren has been great for classes and is in a great location on campus, it will be nice to see some new changes and updates to the hall for more inovative learning.</td>
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<td>It looks old, and almost like it is not a part of the campus. If it is going to be kept around, renovate the inside, and put some ivy or some nice plants on the outside. Make it a place I want to be.</td>
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<td>Sangren is old, dingy and dirty. It is a poor reflection on the value of the education program.</td>
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Not enough room for students to gather to do work.

I had a 3 hour lecture there for a education class and the lecture hall that we were in was not up to date at all and made me feel that western really didn't care about that building. All of the other buildings I had classes in have been very up to date and nice. Also I always had a hard time finding the Eduction advising office. I think it would be helpful to have better maps etc.
	negatively

Sangren is outdated and the classroom numbers jump around - which kind of gave a negative impression during orientation.

- cleanliness
- functionality
- friendliness
- open

Positively... It great to see the art all around the building

Neg... The courtyard is closed. The lecture halls are horrible. The numbering of the classrooms seems to follow no order. Also its always seems to be to hot or too cold in the building.

Old, Dirty, unmaintained, unhealthy -- negative

spacious, multiple entrances -- positive

class rooms locations need to be better described

The condition of the tile floors and stairwells are poor. The building itself is like the cubicles it the movie "Brazil", only with full walls (which are also in poor condition, eg. water damage, patch jobs...)

These of course are negative impressions.

Dim classroom lighting negatively affected.
Artwork positively affected.

Seating is limited near food, negative.

Negatively: Classrooms are "underground," with no natural light, bad speaker systems to hear professors, and make me tired and unmotivated to be in class.
The upstairs classes always seem very small and crowded, with little to no room to move in desks. The desks are also very small in the class rooms.

positive: I enjoy the lobby's that face the back side of the building with the large windows. It lets in natural light and is a good place to study. Only problem is they can fill up fast. I would like to see more natural light being used in the new building because it makes it easier to study and work in class.

Positive-The atmosphere of constant learning with all the classroom filled during Winter and Spring. Also the idea that research is happening with the "centers" around the building. The open area along the area for sitting and working. The sound of WMU's fight song on the hour from the clock tower.

Having a library accessible in the building.

Negative-locked classroom doors seem to say there is no freedom in learning, rules that windows remained closed. The older atmosphere feels outdated. The traditional school desks are stifling.

I purposefully took classes at the BC campus to avoid a class at Sangren hall!
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Question 2

Negative: lots of places to get mugged; dirty; one update on top of another, but it's still hopelessly behind technologically; WMU has to move away from mid- to late-20th century architecture.

Positive: good location.

Maybe these changes will inspire the College of Education to be a more friendly, supportive place. Those folks are sending students to GVSU in droves.

The peeling wallpaper and dated facilities have negatively affected my impressions of the importance WMU places on high-traffic buildings and venues for student learning. Students don't merely walk through the hallway on the first floor, they also spend time there waiting for classes to begin. Also, when our department brought in a speaker from a major research university a few years ago, I was embarrassed that the space available for him to speak was in Sangren. There were dated desks in the room, a general dinginess about the space, and we had to have the audiovisual equipment wheeled in. A few smart more classrooms in the building would greatly help teaching and reflect positively on the school when we have visiting scholars.

I have taken many classes at Sangren Hall. Classrooms seem small for the rise in class size. Many of my classes were packed with standing room only. It was always too hot in there also. It is a large hall with many different types of classes, and a new hall should encompass this diverse population of different class types. The library has been a great resource for me.

The building is dark, not enough natural light - which gives it a gloomy, depressing feel. Not a positive learning environment for future teachers.

classrooms are old, and stuffy.

When you walk in - it smells old and musty. Not a good impression.

Sangren was one of the first buildings that I had a class in at WMU, and the layout of the rooms and how they are numbered has always been one of the most frustrating things about Sangren. Also, the condition of the lecture halls has always been a little gross. The lighting is also very dark and dim and makes you want to sleep, rather than sitting up and paying attention. These things have not affected my overall positive opinion of WMU, but they are things that affect the way that I respond to my classes in Sangren.

I remember thinking that the sitting room near the windows and the entrance near the parking lot both looked rather modern and professional.

I have had many classes in Sangren Hall and I feel as though Sangren was in need of some updating. It didn't change my opinion of the university.

It is hard for me to compare - I have had very nice offices with good furniture in the past. Offices and buildings were planned to have a lot of natural light, and there were not classes of people (such as TA’s and doctoral associates) who have horrible offices that are not conducive to research and work, and also make a bad reflection on the instructor and the university when students come in for office hours.

It is a pit. blech

The building simply needs to be updated. The building has not changed my impression of WMU generally; however, updating and accessibility issues are frustrating and unnecessary.

Although I love campus, too many of the buildings look like county hospitals. They’re dark and oppressive. I think Sangren is one of the worst, and I would love to see a facelift. It needs to be conducive to studying - quiet and calm, with all of the resources students need. Particulariy, there should be plenty of outlets for plugging in laptops. I would also love to see a lot of natural light and some plants! Plants clean the air, and add a wonderful element of nature.

Sangren is very difficult to navigate. The floors are often slippery, especially in winter, and it is often difficult to tell on which level, or which wing of the building you are in.

Sangren is not handicap accessible!!! It is hard to get to the main lecture halls. Then once you are in the main lecture halls it is impossible for someone in a wheelchair to not fly down the aisles to the front. If you’re in the front and in a wheelchair, then good luck getting up the aisles.

I really enjoy Flossie’s cafe, so more amenities such as this would be great! More hang out locations for students to relax, enjoy a book, or do some homework.

Negative - Dull lights, wall conditions

Positive - Education Display, Flossie’s Cafe

It’s an older building and Sangren shows that. You can tell that lot of other buildings at Western have been reinvated and look better

large, easy to use lecture halls
The only parking close to the building is either visitor parking or staff parking, making it less of a destination for students.

I graduated from WMU with my Bachelors and Masters. It was obvious in the decline of the building, and the lack of technology, that WMU didn't (at the time) appreciate the academic programs that were housed in the Sangren. It was clear to us that the Business and Engineering programs were much more prized than the Education department. Many students attend WMU for the Education programs, and it is really nice to see WMU investing into those programs.

The lack of technology in the classrooms gave me a negative impression of Sangren and Western in general. There is now projection equipment but no computer is in the classroom. Coming from my last institution (a state college of similar size) where this was standard, I was surprised to see this was not standard at Western.

I worked in Sangren for 3 years. I found the colors (and lack thereof) tacky, the rooms outdated and dull, and the larger lecture halls are uncomfortable. The entire building is poorly lit. There were mice. The basement is disgusting and scary as hell.

The classrooms lack the technology of some other classrooms and don't seem to be very clean (although I haven't been in a classroom in Sangren for quite some time. The chairs, tables, desks, and chalkboards are very old. The set up is slightly confusing. The outside is really nice, but when one enters the building it looks extremely old, worn and outdated for a university campus.

The large open lecture halls have a really nice design to them, but the seats and stuff are definitely showing their age.

All of my classes are located in this building and I hate it... Most of the rooms have chairs that are too small for me. If the room has larger chairs I have to get there early to get one of the few large chairs available. It's just sad.

Sangren Hall is currently very confusing to get around and things seem to be falling apart which can be distracting when studying. Also with a lot of freshmen classes in this building it makes the school seem like its not that great of a college. The way the CHHS is set up its very relaxing and inviting for studying and because its so open and the lounge area has comfortable chairs the work well for sitting in study groups for longer than 20 minutes.

It looks old and run down.

Utter lack of a caring caretaker comfort space. Sangren is not clean, not daring for sanitary needs in its restrooms nor in their availability to many. It does not welcome visitors, alumni nor students. The rodent, insect, water running- down the walls of classrooms and offices problems are reprehensible.

Ill-equipped, unfriendly classrooms did not welcome/accommodate left-handed nor larger people at desks, and without table and chairs, there was little chance of accommodating all.

The heating/cooling system is as capricious as the weather itself.

There is little space for student or faculty interaction.

The peeling paint, especially in the stairwells is very unsightly as is the neglected courtyard. Together that's a big negative impression of WMU, doesn't make you feel like teaching is that important (or as important) compared to engineering or health and human services.

Negatively: My first on campus class was in Sangren Hall and I was disgusted. The hallways and classrooms were filthy. I was very uncomfortable.

Sangren as it is now is just very outdated and makes one feel like the whole campus is stuck in the 1970s.

The bathrooms are horrible and they negatively affect the atmosphere of the entire building. I worked an on campus test over the weekend on multiple occasions in Sangren, and often times the toilets didn't even work (one time, they were even overflowing with sewage). Gross....

Sangren Hall is the most confusing building on campus that I have been in. I like having the cafe and the common areas but if it could be easier to get around that would be great!

1) Outdated
2) Not in line with most campus facilities

The current Sangren Hall is bland and stuffy. Tiles are missing and water damage is present in the ceiling tiles. The chairs in the smaller classrooms are reminiscent of the ones we used in jr. high. I have no positive feelings about the building. It would be nice to see the building match the quality education provided within.
Sangren Hall has an old feeling to it. Students these days want a technologically advanced and modern campus.

I feel I have been negatively affected by Sangren Hall because the building's current state (and condition for the past 15 years or so) conveys a negative message to the school's education students. As one of the biggest producers of teachers in the country, WMU should treat their education students with respect and pride, much like they do the science and engineering students. The way WMU has allowed Sangren to physically fall apart tells students and the public that the students in that building are not as important as the students in other buildings.

The bathrooms in Sangren Hall really surprised me in a negative way, they look so old and give a sense of being unclean all the time. The classrooms look like they have been abandoned spaces for years, especially with all the blinds almost falling apart. Murals seem unprofessional and have an old style to them. I really like the locks to the classrooms, very innovative, and the audiovisual systems, including the projector, which give it a touch of technology.

It is very disjointed—no openness to the building; old; not inviting as a place to stay and study.

The old halls and classrooms with out of date technology, peeling tiles and wallpaper, and small desks gave me a negative impression of WMU. Additionally, the creepy rather deserted basement and the way it echos gave me a negative impression. However, the beautiful big study/reading spaces with the large windows gave me a good impression (great places to relax, read, and hold small receptions).

The hallways are very confusing the way they are numbered. Is there a map inside the building that say's 'you are here!' maybe there should be in the next version.

I think that the front is very over grown and needs to be much cleaner. Also the inside is very dark and uninviting. It is not very well designed either, very confusing to get around.

I think Sangren, like most buildings on campus, looks small and boring. I think that too much of campus is covered by buildings and if they were just taller instead of wider it would open the place up a little and not seem so small.

It was the largest classroom building on campus when I attended WMU and being across the street from the Oaklands I always thought it should be more traditional instead of the progressive style. I think East Campus traditional is too far but Sangren could do with some columns. How about Roman style like Ceasers in Vegas?

The classrooms (in particular the seating areas) are very outdated and are not very welcoming. Also, because the classrooms that feature desks are often over crowded the space feels even smaller. As a CJ major I'm in the building everyday and often get the feeling of being in a tired, and neglected environment. However, my favorite places are the atriums where you can sit and view campus or work quietly. Those spaces are more welcoming and pleasing to the eye.

Sangren Hall is falling apart, and looks TERRIBLE. WMU is an awesome school, and Sangren hall just doesn't fit that characteristic. Make Sangren look like the chem building or Parkview campus!

Technology in classrooms up-to-date yet felt like it was the only aspect of Sangren that was so. Classrooms, bathrooms, lecture halls, cafe, etc. all feel too old.

It looks like it run down and everything looks dirty. I want it to be modeled after the new chemistry building.

My first experience was a workshop held in Sangren before I became affiliated with Western. I thought the building looked like a 70's era highschool. The state of Sangren definitely gave me a negative impression of Western, one that was difficult to shake.

no automatic doors

The old small chairs.
Not working clocks.
Lack of chairs in classrooms.
rundown interior walls.
I taught and had an office in Sangren. I liked that we had our offices on the same floor as our classrooms. Students, therefore, would pass by our offices on their way to classes and stop for a minute. Ours was a relatively small program and this was a good way to get to know our students better and for them to get to know us.

Other buildings (e.g. Sprau and Brown) separate offices from classrooms and students never see their prof's outside of class unless they have a problem and go to office hours.

I hope Sangren maintains that office/classroom relationship. I see that the new HHS building has not.

Positively: Good Location

Negatively: Old, Small Classrooms, not technologically updated like other buildings on campus, and honestly pretty ugly inside.

While I think Western is a beautiful campus, yet Sangren gives off the impression of our campus being dirty and poorly kept. Having had several classes in that hall, it gives off this grey, run-down, very tired vibe because so many of the classrooms are poorly lit and there are dents and cracks in the walls. I think it represents the school negatively as it is now.

The older style building brings out the fine arts of WMU. Don't make it too technological because its too old for that.

negatively - felt like a cave, very old, rundown

The water in Sangren is really bad, I can not and will not drink it!

I feel like some parts of the hall are dimly lighten.

I know that Sangren is an old hall and the imperfections have not had an affect on my overall impression of Western.

I did not like when the School of Art was located in the basement. And the hallways always seem to make me lose my sense of direction.

Flossie's is a destination when i'm at Rood hall for classes.

Compared to the other buildings of WMU, Sangren is just disappointing. The bathrooms are disgusting--there is writing all over the stalls, and most the time half the toilets don't work. The one word that comes to mind when thinking of Sangren is RUN-DOWN.

I had a couple classes in some of the larger lecture halls in Sangren and to tell you the truth, it was kind of embarrassing how old outdated the lecture halls looked. I remember thinking back in the day this was high tech, but now it just looks old and bad.

Negative- It's dark and uninviting.
Negative- Needs more social/study areas
Negative- Flossies Cafe is dirty and needs to accept credit/debit cards.
Negative- needs computer access

Positive- Lecture halls are big.
Positive- Contains cafe

how small the classrooms are and how there is hardly any technology in the building-this has affected our ability to learn in the way that we should be learning for the amount of money we are paying to go to this school. It is dirty and outdated and is some places not safe.

most buildings are bleak/boring on the inside and out. the new chemistry building should have been designed in accordance with some level of LEED certification. we should have a much greener requirement for renovations and new buildings.

Sangren hall always seems to feel like high school. I don't have a problem with people sitting outside classrooms before their class starts, but it's WAY too much like high school. I think a vision of college needs to be present in that building to make people feel like they're getting a high education.

Sangren is run down, old, dirty and uncomfortable.

The basement is awful. The whole building seems dated. The color is boring, ugly brown.

Sangren feels stuck in the past in a bad way and is unwelcoming and difficult to navigate. Sangren does not have many resources or inviting areas to meet or study. Sangren is cold and cramped.
BAD LIGHTING, VERY DEPRESSING TO WALK THROUGH THE HALLS.
LACK OF TECHNOLOGY, OUTDATED.
NEGATIVELY - VERY OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY. HAD TO HAVE CLASSES CANCELLED FOR A COUPLE WEEKS TILL A NEW CLASSROOM COULD BE LOCATED.
THE BUILDING IS SO OUTDATED, DARK AND DREARY THAT IT MAKES WMU LOOK BEHIND THE TIMES AND ALMOST THAT THE STUDENTS COMFORT AND THOUGHTS ON THEIR BUILDING WHERE THEY SPEND ALOT OF TIME, DO NOT MATTER.
I LOVE THE LECTURE ROOMS. SO FAR THEY SEEM PRETTY EASY TO HEAR THE PROFESSORS. WHAT I DON'T LIKE ARE THE SEATING THAT SEEM TO BE MADE FOR ONLY A CERTAIN TYPE OF BODY. SO BIGGER SEATS WOULD BE GREAT OR MAYBE A FEW TABLE OPTIONS.
I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE CAFE IN THE BUILDING AND OVER THE YEARS HAVE NOTICED THAT IT IS VERY DATED. I AM HOPEFUL THAT ANYTHING NEW WILL SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE BUILDING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE BETTER USAGE OF THE SPACE.
IT IS VERY DULL AND BORING AS IT IS. IT ALSO HAS MANY FEATURES THAT ARE JUST OUTDATED.
The building itself is a grand building. The classrooms just need a bit of an update. If walls could be painted and floors re-tiled that would be fantastic. It doesn't need much, just a little bit of work. Also, those chairs in the lecture hall, please replace the padding!
cold &amp; unwelcoming.
Maze like
needs an upgrade, retro does not bring students, it also is in a condition that can not look clean
I'VE FOUND ALL THE BUILDINGS AT WMU TO BE SAD AND DEPRESSING. GOING TO CLASS IS LIKE DRAGGING MYSELF TO A FUNERAL PRECESSION, NOT A VERY NICE PLACE TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON.
THE BUILDING IS OLD AND OUTDATED...DOESN'T QUITE FIT WITH THE IDEAS OF MODERNISM AND NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT IS OBVIOUS IN OTHER PARTS OF CAMPUS, SUCH AS THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING. THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING GIVES PEOPLE A SENSE OF INTELLIGENCE AND LOOKS LIKE A SERIOUS PLACE OF LEARNING. SANGREN IS OLDER AND STUFFY. IT NEEDS TO BE OPENED UP AND MADE TO LOOK LIKE A MORE SERIOUS PLACE OF LEARNING.
THE LAYOUT OF THE BUILDING IS UNIQUE AND WONDERFUL.
sangren hall is old and needs to be rennovated
Currently, the way I feel about Sangren Hall is that it is too small (i.e. classrooms, desks), run-down, and is very out-dated, especially in comparison to other buildings on campus.
lack of technology and outdated rooms
I love the common area on the first floor with benches and such.
The interior/classrooms look SO outdated that it's really odd having classes there after being out at the Parkview campus which is basically new.
The lecture halls hold a lot of people, however the layout makes them seem more personal. The large lecture halls in some of the other buildings are not set up so the professor can easily move around and interact with students.
I really like those big pictures, baners, and those windows. Just the outlook is somehow not really transparent, and light is not really bright.
My first impression to the inside of the building is &quot;Am I in a maze?&quot; There are so many exit and so many hall ways. However, I think if we do need to change it, the only thing will be needed is the clear sign.

BEING A STUDENT IN THE CLASSROOMS AND HALLWAYS AT SANGREN I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH. THE CLASSROOMS ARE VERY OUTDATED, THEY ARE SMALL, CRAMPED, SEATING IS TERRIBLE. OFFICES ARE NOT CONVENIENT AND ARE TOO SMALL AS WELL. PAINT IS CHIPPED AWAY ALMOST IN ANY DIRECTION YOU LOOK AND THERE ARE STAINS EVERYWHERE. AIR CONDITIONING IS NON-EXISTENT SO IF ITS HOT OUTSIDE IT WILL BE VERY HOT. BATHROOMS ARE SMALL, OLD, AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS ARE SO OLD THEY ARE FREQUENTLY ROPE OFF BECAUSE DRINKING FROM THEM IS UNSAFE.
The current state of the building suggests that College of Education is not a high priority for facilities. It does not match the excellence of the College produced by the students, faculty and staff. It's a little of the &quot;we do this in spite of the antiquated facility.&quot;
SIMPLE HOUSE-CLEANING MODIFICATIONS: NICER BATHROOMS, REPLACE MISSING TILES FROM THE FLOOR, REPLACE THE BLINDS SO WE CAN ACTUALLY SEE OUTSIDE, REPLACE CHAIRS THAT ARE DECADES OLD (YOU CAN BARELY FIT A NOTEBOOK ON THE DESKS IN SANGREN).
the building was nice because it held many class rooms, yet it was imposible to navigate. I still have no idea how to get around in that building and i had 3 classes there!

I dont like the seating area in the front of sangren, i think it should be turned back into a parking lot, and have the tables moved out to the pond. I dont like the cracked walls, and dirty floors. I do like the document overheads in some of the rooms, those are very benificial

I have had a several classes in Sangren, one of these classes was a special education class. We had an assignment where we had to go around the building and look for areas that would affect a disabled student. It was a huge eye-opener for me. A disabled person would not be able to get around in Sangren. They would have extreme difficulty. It made me think that Western really didn't care about the disabled. I know this is not true because we have affiliations with the disability center next to the college of health and human services, but it made an impression on me. This new building needs to address these issues and be accommodating to the disabled.

It's the same building I did my undergrad work in-1992! Everything is the same-outdated old and dirty. A basement for art students.

I try not to take a class in that building if I don't have to. It's very old, falling apart - and it stinks. I'm glad the University has plans to update this building!

The classrooms are small with very uncomfortable desks, leaving a negative view of Western with students/visitors.

The carpeted hallways is one of the many details that make the building look aged.

Negatively in that the building is not user friendly in trying to navigate yourself through it. Very difficult to locate rooms even though there are signs.

negatively because the rooms are so old and nasty and the desks are falling apart

Lack of Technology

The paved park on the south side of the building are a BIG negatively. Build an underground parking structure there. Cars drive up Michigan and then go underground. Then you can have a grass park/open space on ground level.

Crumbling paint, clocks that don't work, and outdated and cramped work spaces tell me that the university is not real big on training future educators with cutting edge technology. It is a slap in the face to have to learn in this environment, while football and baseball stadiums (things that have nothing to do with education) receive constant face lifts. It certainly speaks to the universities priorities.

The building seems pretty old and outdated, and not in the kind of way that shows character or history. It just feels like it really needs renovation. It feels more like an Elementary School than a University building.

To me the lectures were so opposite of everything I had come to know Western to be. Western is alive and vibrant. However, Sangren is dull and extremely dated. I know it's an older university but I thought they would have done a better job with maintaining the building.

The only building I have had classes in on the main campus during my graduate studies is Sangren Hall. In has given me a negative impression of WMU. It makes me miss the facilities I had classes in at Michigan State University during my undergraduate studies. Compared to the Southwest Campus, where I have also taken graduate courses, Sangren really looks terrible.

The desks are uncomfortable. The rooms are not cleaned well. The technology installations look sloppy. Temperature control does not seem consistent. In one classroom a quarter of the lights did not work or flickered. In another room the wire-molding had pulled off the wall.

It looks old, dirty, and run down. With it being in the middle of campus it should represent what we want our campus to look like. It should be a focal point of the campus as nearly every student on campus has at least one class in there while at Western.

I have had over 10 classes in sangren in the past and since it is in the middle of campus walk past it almost everyday. I like it and and have good memories of it and its an old building i cant imagine how cool a newly rennovated sangren will be!

no impression either positive or negative

The building has always seemed so old, but nostalgic. Both my parents attended WMU and had classes on Sangren and my husband and I met there in this same building. It was probably the building I liked the least of all the classroom buildings I utilized.

Sangren Hall appears to need renovations, badly. Especially in terms of technology, the building needs advancements. It's too important of a building (the College of Ed is housed there, many classes are held there, etc.) to be overlooked!

The 3rd floor isn't bad right now, but the 1st and 2nd floor (especially the 1st) is downright appaling. It looks like only one of the rooms is ever used (the room I used last semester) and the rest of the rooms are unusable from a lack of upkeep. Sangren Hall needed this renovation 5 years ago!!!
During my first semester at Western I had a math class in Sangren Hall and the hall always seemed to be deserted. There really wasn't any decoration or anything that made me want to stay in the building longer than I had to.

I think the blacktop area with picnic tables and yellow posts has no purpose, it just takes away from the surrounding area aesthetics and enjoyability. It doesn't seem like much thought was put into that area after the road running through campus was closed off.

It has a really old smell to it - and the basement hallways are cramped and hard to navigate for first-timers.

The design of the building isn't very appealing. Difficult to navigate, or even find a bathroom are problematic.

Negatively - old classrooms, old tiles, old bathrooms, no seating areas by classrooms for students, sometimes difficult to navigate.

Positively - Nice student lounges

small windows and dark classrooms negatively affect my view of WMU. Each room is boxed in and very concrete and prison-like.

sangren just feels really dated, namely a couple of the tiny lecture halls with wooden desks

The majority of my impressions of Sangren Hall have been negative, which in return has given me a negative impression of WMU. The facilities of Sangren are quite sad. The desks are horribly uncomfortable, the blinds on the windows are torn up and ragged, the hallways and environment of the whole building is not inspiring or inviting whatsoever. The whole basis that WMU started as an education school and the education school facilities are the worst on campus.

The class room blinds and floors. The tile on the floors in the class rooms are missing and cracked. The blinds appear to be the original blinds. And the desks are outdated.

I love the areas by the elevator. I found the building confusing and hard to navigate for awhile. Signage was lacking.

The support staff is excellent in Sangren on the positive side, but the lack of electrical outlets for individuals makes bringing a laptop to class to take notes difficult.

History of the building

I was in the Art Department in the basement, which was poorly maintained and was very crowded. I have also had several classes in the education department, and have found the rooms to be small, stuffy, and aesthetically displeasing because of the mismatched desks and haphazard organization.

I think Sangren Hall is one of the cornerstones of WMU. Many students occupy those halls on a daily basis and moving can be a problem at peak times. I think the classrooms are pretty standard. The upstairs could use the most improvement in my opinion. The hall could definitely use a look and feel like Wood Hall.

I was pretty general in my earlier statement. I have found that there are wonderful instructors at WMU, and some not so much - but a majority are. Students all seem to be friendly and social. I am a non-traditional student so may be looking for more than those who primarily attend classes in this hall. However, the chairs with attached desks are far to small for anyone to seriously be able to take notes when you need an open textbook. Tables/chairs would be much more helpful. One instructor even commented that she thinks the furniture is the same as when she attended 20 years ago - I believe it. It is also very warm. I have watched the thermostat begin at 73 degrees and at the end of class be upwards of 81 degrees. The classrooms are not big enough for the size of classes, and the building itself just appears rundown. I am totally unimpressed with this Hall and think there could be so much done to make it nicer for those who spend their hard earned money investing in their education. I have been in some very nice halls at WMU, but Sangren has always puzzled me. I guess I wonder about all the funds put toward the new

The study halls and the end of the building looking over towards the pond and valley's are nice. Although it needs a major face lift in and out especially on the side facing the heart of campus it looks so boring and bland. the inside the halls are the same way to the lecture halls are very old and need some work.

I've taken many classes within Sangren Hall, and once while I was in class, a light fixture fell. Thankfully, no one was sitting under the area, but if someone had been sitting there, the outcome would not have been pretty. As of now, Sangren seems to be boring and run down. I would hope to see a more modern building with places to go in order to study. I do like that there is a cafe (Flossies) in the building. It's a nice spot to go and grab a bite to eat between classes. I would make sure to keep that in the building.

I like the comfy seats by the windows and Flossie's, as well as the Ed Library... the remainder of the building needs many updates to make it clean and inviting, like most of the other buildings on campus... I think it is strange that the Education College students bring the most money to the school and are the majority of WMU's graduates, yet we are in the most rundown building on campus.
There are no common spaces or continuity on campus. Even though East Campus is small and cramped, there is flow between the buildings.

Every new building has things that make it stand alone, which is good in the winter, but there is a lack of connection between the buildings and spaces on campus. Having a food court in one building that serves many is better than every building being its own ship.

Sprau Tower (not built to handle growth or capacity) is a good concept. Everyone in the Miller plaza area congregates, eats, and interacts.

The building is difficult to navigate and I have several times found myself lost. The decor is out-dated and visible damage and deterioration can be seen in many rooms. Ventilation and lighting need to be addressed as well.

I’ve had many classes at Sangren hall and was always disappointed with the entire building. The seats and desks in lecture halls and classrooms are old, worn and falling apart. The rooms aren’t equipped with enough electrical outlets to power multiple student laptops at once. The library has dated furniture and technology as well.

Although I enjoy western very much, I often dread my classes in Sangren because of the uncomfortable classroom. I always feel that they are very out dated and are crowded. I often find it very hard to concentrate because the desks are so crowded and small it’s hard to get comfortable and have space, and I feel like everyone is sitting on one another.

dark, old, dirty

I have always enjoyed the quiet reading areas at the end of the halls near the elevator. Unfortunately the traffic and noise from the elevator was very distracting. Also there is little room to wait outside of classes in the hall where you are not in the way of hallway traffic.

Sangren is always too warm, terrible desks, bleak, dirty, not appealing. It does not make for a good learning environment and would influence anyone in a negative way. It seems like going back in time and seeing what your parents high school used to look like, but then adding on the age and ware to go with it.

The absolute waste of space that has taken place in front of Sangren Hall has negatively affected my impression of WMU. Parking spaces are needed much much more than some oddly placed benches and weird paint scheme that cost thousands of dollars to create.

The lack of technology in the classrooms has caused professors to have difficulties in having effective classes.

The building, hailing from the dark age of American architecture, could definitely use a throwback redo.

The building was previously falling apart. How are future teachers supposed to learn in a classroom when there are non working overhead projectors, etc. We need cutting edge facilities if we were expected to be cutting edge when we leave Western.

Infrastructure failures. Leaking pipes windows and air ducts.

Sangren is stuffy and sterile. Sangren also has a horrible room numbering system and students typically have to sit on the floor to meet with one another. It gives a horrible impression of WMU.

The classrooms are older and there are few plugs so I can plug my computer in.

Some of the classrooms are very old. New desks would be appreciated. Also, most of the lecture halls can have some work done on them to make it more comfortable for the students but also a learning environment.

The bathrooms in Sangren are awful and half don’t work properly. The halls are bland and uninspiring, especially the basement is awful. There are a lot of kids that use that hall, a better eating area would be nice, with more food options.

The classrooms are dirty and we should be embarrassed that we pay so much to attend and sit in a class room like the ones in that hall. The desks are too small and the rooms are too crowded!

It’s an old building that has needed remodeling for a while.

The peeling old pipes and registers near the floor make me wonder if I am inhaling asbestos. The garbage cans are not emptied daily so I know I am inhaling plenty of dust. It is a very dusty building and there is absolutely no excuse for that.

The building is not only unappealing but also unsafe. It is a building that needs to be torn down and replaced with a modern, spacious, and comfortable building.
The desks in the classrooms takes me back to high school, and when I am pursing an advanced degree I am putting forth a great deal of time and money into this building I want something that is student friendly and that I can show my non-student friends and be proud of. The floors are losing tiles, chalk boards need to be updated to white boards. I like Flossies and the open areas in the front of the building on the differing floors. A number of different stairways help as well. The lighting in the building is atrocious.

The building had all the negative aspects of high school. Dark, narrow, hallways, congestion, hundreds of people crammed into dingy halls. It’s a building everyone sees when they go to Western, and it needs to make a good impression. Not be someplace where kids have there Calc or Sociology class and then bolt. I should be more of a hub.

Basements so horrible and is not a good atmosphere for learning. Classrooms are really hot during the summer. Need more windows and places to study.

Sangren Hall needs new desks. Maybe tables and chairs? Grown adults have a difficult time fitting into those small desks. Plus, most students now bring their laptops to class and are often seen using two desks--one to sit in and one for their laptop.

It always seems very packed with people; students are desperate for space to sit and study quietly without getting walked all over. The &quot;lounge&quot; area only has 5 tables for such a huge Hall. Many of the classes have chairs/desks that are broken and very outdated. The larger lecture halls are very poorly lit. It hasn’t effected my opinion of WMU itself because other buildings are much more modern, clean, open, technological, etc. It is a sad statement, however, that such a highly used building is in such poor condition. I can’t count how many times the bathrooms were flooding.

The building is very dark, dingy, and out dated.

The lecture halls were relatively run down in my four years there. It would be nice if these spaces could be comfortable and equipped with everything they need to teach students.

The lecture halls are uncomfortable and out of date - the tables attached to the seats will not support a notebook or a laptop. The bathroom setup is bad, and the building in general looks and feels rundown and drab.

the classrooms are to little. not enough room for education classes to be effective. better technology to help future teachers. larger classes for group work.

Sangren Hall’s classrooms are very small, often there are classes that fill the room and were looking for more desks and squeezed in. For being the Education building, and Western having such a large and amazing Education program, the building does not reflect the program. The lounge is so small and tight I spent a lot of time in Sangren with no place to study or relax comfortable. The lights in the classroom are always out or flickering.

The classroom seating is very crowded and the seats are uncomfortable. The desks are way too close to each other, so you feel like you are on top of the other students and this does not conduct a good learning environment. The rooms are too overpackated with students for the size of the room.

My experience in Sangren Hall has not been overly pleasant. The building seems like it’s been built and added on to several times, seems cramped and in disrepair. This may or may not be the case, but it’s the feeling I get.

There is no good common area. The building is incredibly confusing to navigate.

I like how Sangren has the old school feeling to it. I would love to have a modern building that was nothing more than what it looked like with pictures all over of what sangren has been and how it has changed... What it has gone through since being built!!!!

It feels like the heat is on high year round in Sangren. It makes me think of how old and out of date some of the buildings at Western are.

The grime that touches every corner and the filth of the floor and carpet has impacted my impression negatively.

had large classes in the big halls, all were nice

I found it confusing at first and couldn't find the offices I needed to. I realized that many of the older building are confusing and hard to find my destination. I can tell that the newer buildings are eliminating this problem which is very positive for the future.

Negative: The heating/cooling, the water leaks, the bubbling of paint on the walls caused by those water leaks, the mysterious irritants that make me sneeze at least once an hour, the window that doesn't open!, the courtyard that's always locked, the trash left in the locked courtyard for months, the broken tiles on the floor and on the bottom of the wall

Positive: the courtyard (though it should be unlocked), the simple design, having many entrances/exits is convenient, centrally located bathrooms (though more smaller bathrooms would be preferable)

Old interior and poor upkeep made WMU seem like it was still in the 70's or 80's. Foyer was nice though.
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<td>For Western being know as a teaching school is is one of the worst building on campus. I hate having classes in the building but if you are an education major you are stuck in the building. If you are a art major it is even worse the basement classrooms are just gross. This building should have been replaced a long time ago. Its just blah. It's bland. It's not pretty or open or anything of that nature. The only thing I really do like is the little cafe, it gives the hall personality and character. The building is a dinosaur and does not represent a state of the art educational setting. It lacks technology. How can we possibly attract education students when we are behind the times. It might be nice to have department faculty in a central location, rather than lined up down the hall. The building is fine, all we need is new desks. Difficult to navigate at times. Looks like a high school inside. Makes me think of mold. Sangren looks a little run down compared to some of the newer buildings on campus. The classrooms are small with small, uncomfortable desks. -- The building is too small in the middle and is dirty quite occasionally. Sangren is very depressing in the basement and other rooms. Everything was falling appart. The lights would flicker in the class rooms, and it was very dark. I had many classes in Sangren as a freshman and it was not a welcoming experience. I love WMU and I am in the special education program. This will be my last year of courses. Because, I am an education major, many of my classes are held in Sangren Hall. Sangren is horribly outdated, often smells bad, and most of the restrooms are &quot;out of order.&quot; It will be very refreshing for new students to attend a school who's buildings and atmosphere match it's excellence and innovation with education. Old, small classrooms. The lack of handicap accessible entrances has negatively affected my opinion of WMU. The building also does not usually appear very clean. flaky tiles, old blinds hanging off their strings, dirty, dusty chalkboards, OMG THE 4TH GRADE DESKS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT IN FOR 6 HOURS STRAIGHT!! The lounge areas are nice, relaxing, and modern-looking, but the couple classrooms I've been in are quite decrepit-looking. Many floor tiles have been missing, the desks are mismatched, and everything just looks like it's in need of an update. I remember one of the small lecture halls having at least three different colors of paint on the walls, which made me wonder when the last time they had had a change. Unfortunately, If Sangren Hall had been the only building I'd seen as a visitor, I’d have a pretty bad impression of the University. I would think that much more attention would need to be paid to the interior of buildings. I liked having the Library available as an alternative to going to Waldo Library Seams old and out of date I love having the cafe in Sangren as it is very convenient, but I think the actual look of the building (including the cafe) is very worn down and it's clear that it hasn't been updated recently. Mostly the outside, its pretty boring. I dont have a problem with the inside. it just needs a facelift. I like the long hallways, and all the glass doors. Lecture halls are a good size but need better seating and updated technology. Classrooms need to be updated similar to brown hall. I like the idea of having individual desks it just needs to be unified. I like everything to match and not have a variety of different desks in one room. Most of the time some students would come early to get the comfortable desk rather than the small tiny one. The location clearly is a great quality for the building to have it just needs to be more accessible. Entrances are located in weird spots and sometimes you have to walk a lot farther than you should. The building looks like it could be on any high school campus. It does not give the impression that WMU is a modern institution of higher learning. The idea of a student lounge is great! Carpet on the floor, natural light, and great seating are simple things that really enhance a long day on campus. The building was not maintained well and it seemed as though the departments that make up the building were not important to the University. The layout of the counseling center on the upper level made it seem closed off and not welcoming. The Education advising offices were not well layed out and seemed cut off as well. It would be nice to see a more open space. The Education students tend to have a lot of group projects, it would be nice for them to have a better environment to support that. Also, Flossie's should be a bit larger as it is a very busy building.</td>
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**SANGREN HALL USER SURVEY**

**QUESTION 2**

The sagging nasty brown water spots over your head in class are pretty disgusting. You always wonder if a bunch of water or gook is going to come crashing down on you. The windows and blinds are almost all broken and it's impossible to use them. The bathrooms are pretty bad also, the automatic flush is nice, but the locks on the women's bathrooms are not secure...if someone next to you closes thier door - your door will come flying open because the locks are all bent and won't stay closed. The library is pretty old, but not too bad. And the little reading areas overlooking the parking lot are very nice...the one place in the building that I go to get away and feel like I'm at a nice university.

The side facing Kanley gives a negative feeling and also the interior layout that goes in circles. The parking lot side entrance is very nice, but sometimes blocked by the big tree.

Sangren is cool because it is always so used and lively. It feels like the central place to be on campus but it is just so ugly and it doesn't represent WMU very well. I mean just the basics are terrible from allllll of the chipped paint and yucky colors to the fact that no one classroom has the same desk and chairs in it. There are also little rodents in that building. Yuck!

I really like the little cafe that is in the building but I think it needs to be updated. Newer flooring would be nice and I sometimes think the staff could be more pleasant. I also really like the rooms by the elevators. Those are nice to sit and relax in and do your work or wait for your next class, just put more things in the show cases for people to look at.

Seats are very uncomfortable to students of larger size, seat desks are tiny and difficult to take tests on, lecture halls need updated. These features make me choose smaller classes in other building over large lectures held in Sangren.

It's almost as old as McCracken. Flossie's is so small and the carpet is stained and gross. I'd rather just walk to the BHC if I wanna get something to eat and lounge.

None of them have affected my impression of Western, but if anything I would say that it still looks well kept for how old the building is.

Sangren feels outdated. The paint is peeling in several classrooms and the seating looks like it could've been there since the building opened. It makes the university feel behind the times when such a prominent and populated building is in this condition.

I personally like the trees/shrubs along the front of the building by the sign. I love that view in the winter. Honestly you can tell without going inside that it is one of the older buildings on campus, and once you go inside it's obvious it needs some work. I came to WMU for the much-talked-about Education program, and you would think that the building focused on that and related topics would be a little nicer. It's definitely time that it gets improved.

It seems old and outdated. This gave me a negative impression of Western.

I was told by my mom when walking through campus that the building looked the same as it did when she went to WMU in the 80s. It was not the kind of nostalgic feeling she was hoping for.

The classrooms look "thrown together." The desks inside all the classrooms tend to be unorganized, and lacking flow between and inside the classroom.

The terrible up keep of the building, it just looks like everyone stopped caring.