



September was a beautiful time of year to visit colleges in Michigan! If a person can escape the trap of dismissing a school “up north” because of the winter months, you will find some of our country’s most beautiful campuses along with top-notch academics. Having an opportunity to explore a beautiful part of our country during those college years is certainly a bonus!

One of the universities I visited was Central Michigan. Central is located in Mt. Pleasant, in the heart of Michigan. Mt. Pleasant is a quaint town that supports the university and offers a home town feel. I had the pleasure to have a tour of the campus from a talented and special young woman, my niece!! She is a junior from Chicago and left her comfort zone of family and friends to take advantage of Central’s academic opportunities and is thriving in her major, neuroscience, complimented with a Spanish minor.



Although Central Michigan’s enrollment may seem large (a bit under 30,000) I never felt like I would get lost on campus if I was a student. There is one main walkway that is in the heart of campus that connects academic buildings, residence halls, athletics and the amazing recreation center. There is no need to take a shuttle or bus to get you to class like many of the other large universities.

The student living accommodations are plentiful and diverse. I was impressed with *The Towers*, 7 buildings each having a corridor that leads to a central location where all residence halls meet. There you will find the main dining hall and the “success coach” that resides in the residence halls to assist students with exams, learning skills, career and course discussions and time management, to name a few. I loved the fact that there was a support staff readily available for the students in their living area. There are also Living and Learning Communities made up of Residential Colleges and Theme Halls.

Touring the academic buildings, residence halls and the state of the art recreation center there is an array of coffee spots, grocery markets, and every type of eatery imaginable.



A Few Points of Interest

- ☐ There are several merit scholarship opportunities to receive in-state tuition that makes Central Michigan very appealing for out-of-state students.
- ☐ The new four-story, 169,000-square-foot Biosciences Building, will open for classes in January 2017, and will dramatically advance the university's instructional learning and scientific research space.
- ☐ CMU's undergraduate neuroscience program is America's Neuroscience Program of the Year, as ranked by the Society for Neuroscience.
- ☐ CMU's undergraduate engineering programs were ranked 86th among the nation's universities that offer bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering by U.S. News & World Report for their 2015 rankings of engineering programs without a doctorate degree.

To learn more about Central Michigan visit:
<https://www.cmich.edu/>



Park Library



Fabiano Botanical Garden

