

# EMU COLLEGE IN PRISON PROGRAM

## QUICK FACTS

- 1 of 200 universities nationwide to be chosen as a Second-Chance Pell Institution
- 1st public 4-year institution with an accredited prison education program
- 1st and ONLY public 4-year institution serving incarcerated women
- Program launched in Fall 2023 with 22 students - growing rapidly.

### HISTORY OF EMU AT WHV

EMU has a long history of engagement with Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV), offering uncredited courses since 2008. Prior to the restoration of Pell eligibility for all incarcerated students, EMU was granted Second Chance Pell access in 2022. Barriers related to COVID-19 pushed back the launch until fall 2023.

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

We offer a general studies degree with courses from across the College of Arts & Sciences as well as other Colleges. During the 2023-24 academic year, our offerings include Counseling, Creative Writing, Economics, History, Management, Philosophy, and Social Work courses. In future years, we plan to offer courses in Africology and African American Studies, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Criminology, Literature, Media, Political Science, Sociology, Urban Planning, and Women's and Gender Studies.

### WHY IS THIS PROGRAM IMPORTANT?

Bachelor's degrees enable greater job opportunities and higher earnings. Additionally, successfully completing a degree boosts self-esteem for incarcerated students and provides them with fulfilling activities during incarceration. As a Carnegie Engaged Institution (Community Classifications 2008 and 2015) and a public university dedicated to local and global impact, EMU has a long history of expanding opportunities for students to earn bachelor's degrees.

## QUOTE FROM AN EMU CiP STUDENT

"The College in Prison program was a blessing to me. I have no idea if I would've changed my outlook on life without the encouragement from instructors, opening my eyes to the realization of my full potential. I now know my purpose and who I am destined to be."