

UC Merced Living Learning Communities (LLCs)

LLC Name*	Academic Unit / Department Affiliation	Fall 2020 Program Description https://housing.ucmerced.edu/living-campus/living-learning-communities	Only Same LLC Roommates?	Room Type	Building Location	Number of Students	Partnerships	Who Can Apply?
AFRO Hall	School of Social Sciences Humanities & Arts	This program was established to unite students in the African Diaspora to increase the retention and four-year graduation rates through various resources that enhance students' academic success. AFRO Hall provides opportunities to participate in a mentoring program, academic workshops and community outreach. Through this program, members will gain support systems, leadership skills and an unforgettable living experience.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple, Quad	Cathedral third floor	60	Residence Educaiton, SSHA Academic Personnel, Office of Identity Programs	First- and second-years only
Fiat Lux Scholars	Bright Success Center	The Fiat Lux program is aimed to enhance academic performance, drive and ambition and overall college experience. Members of this program are encouraged to live together as part of the Fiat Lux Living Learning Community. Fiat Lux residents will have the opportunity to participate in monthly faculty receptions and participate in the common course USTU 10.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple, Quad	Tenaya second and third floors	150	Bright Success Center / Educational Equity and Access	First-year students only
Leadership & Service	Margo F. Souza Leadership Center	The Leadership and Service Living Learning Community is open to first-year students interested in exploring and developing leadership and becoming an active and engaged members of their community.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	El Portal	60	M.F.S Leadership Center	First-year students only
Leadership & Service 2.0 (Coming Fall 2022)	Margo F. Souza Leadership Center	All first-year students who complete the full year of the Leadership & Service LLC are eligible to participate in the second-year experience. During the second-year experience students will be introduced to the services of the Center for Career and Professional Advancement at UC Merced. Students will be provided support in creating a career-readiness action plan to utilize during the remainder of their time at UC Merced. Students will continue to participate in leadership development workshops, as well as engage in the community.	No	*Single, Triple	Mariposa	15	M.F.S Leadership Center	Second year students who participated in the first-year Leadership & Service only
Social Justice (Coming Fall 2022)	Office of Identity Programs	The Social Justice Learning Community is for first-year and continuing students interested in engaging in diversity, inclusion and social justice work. Residents within this community are expected to engage in and learn about social justice in an interdisciplinary manner through projects, monthly discussions, community service and social justice programming either in the halls or within the wider UC Merced community.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	TBD	60	Identity Programs, Economic Justice, Health Justice, Environmental Justice, Rural Justice	First-year students only
Carson House	School of Natural Sciences	Carson House: Sustainable Futures UC Merced provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a sustainable economic, social and environmental way of living that preserves the ability of current and future generations to meet their and others' needs. Our faculty, staff and students embrace this opportunity and are building sustainability into every aspect of the campus. Our community provides opportunities to engage with this campus vision and to explore the positive roles that individuals, teams and societies play in interacting with and protecting the environment. We seek to deepen our sense of place and build the skills needed to create sustainable futures through partnerships on campus and in the surrounding area.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	Glacier Point second, third, fourth and sixth floors	60	School of Natural Sciences	First-year students only

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Vaughn House	School of Natural Sciences	Vaughn House: The Digital Abacus is a community of scholars interested in learning how to use computers to simulate scenarios and solve problems in math and science. Students participating in this learning community will use MATLAB, Mathematica and Python to explore concepts in their biology, earth systems, chemistry, math and physics courses, as well as tackle interesting problems written by faculty. Community activities include hack-a-thons with the resident teaching assistant, presentations by faculty who use computers in their research and organized study sessions.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	Glacier Point second, third, fourth and sixth floors	60	School of Natural Sciences	First-year students only
Beyond the MD	School of Natural Sciences	BEYOND the MD: Description: This learning community welcomes students who are interested in pursuing biomedical and health-related professions outside of the MD track. Students will engage with local Physician's Assistants, Physical and Occupational Therapists, Optometrists and other health care professionals, as well as faculty who work in biomedical research and public health in order to learn about career options in clinical, industry, government, and academic settings.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	Glacier Point second, third, fourth and sixth floors	60	School of Natural Sciences	First year Students only LLC
Aristotle House	School of Natural Sciences	Aristotle House: Leadership, Education, Service The Aristotle House will broadly explore the three pillars of Leadership, Education and Service in the Natural Sciences. This living and learning community (LLC) is committed to helping students hone their leadership skills, develop life-long friendships, engage in community outreach and explore careers in all facets of education. Students in this LLC are passionate about making a difference in this world through active leadership, education and service.	Yes	*Single, Double, Triple	Glacier Point second, third, fourth and sixth floors	60	School of Natural Sciences	First year Students only LLC
Transfer Student	Bright Success Center	The Transfer Living Learning Community provides a supportive environment for transfer students to successfully transition to UC Merced's culture and community. As a community of transfer students transitioning from another campus to life at UC Merced, we aim to provide resources that vary widely from the freshmen services because we recognize the support transfer students need is different. We provide academic support for upper division courses, a transition course that is only for transfers, a close-knit community of students who are also looking for a social experience that will help them build a network on campus and an opportunity to meet faculty and learn about the value of research.	Yes	*Single, Double	Valley Terraces	50	Bright Success Center / Transfer, Returning, Veterans	Transfer-students only

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Sophomore Year Experience (Coming Fall 2022)	Residence Education	The Sophomore Year Experience provides participants with experiences and opportunities to maximize the second-year experience. The program's four pillars provide participants with focused support on areas proven to promote academic and personal growth in the second year. These pillars include life skills, academic preparation, major and career selection and community engagement.	No	*Single, Quad	Tuolumne and Half Dome	270	Residence Education, Strengthening Talents Exploring Pathways (STEP), Center for Career and Professional Advancement	Second-year students only
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Traditional Shared Bathroom-Style Halls:

Groups of rooms surround a shared bathroom for 10-15 students.

*Single rooms are limited. Priority is given to resident advisor staff and accessibility requests.

Suite-Style Halls:

In Valley Terraces, suites consist of two or three double rooms, a common room and a bathroom.

In Sierra Terraces, suites consist of two triple rooms with a shared bathroom.

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If you have specific questions regarding housing, including the cost of housing and meal plans, please visit <https://housing.ucmerced.edu/>.