



AN INSIDE LOOK AT LLCs

UC Merced Living Learning Communities (LLCs) unite students who have similar interests and educational goals with academic, social and personal resources across the campus community.

LLCs, partnership programs sponsored by the Office of Housing and Residence Education, are designed to enhance student learning, encourage persistence, spur intellectual development and bridge gaps between students' in-class and out-of-class experiences.

Some benefits for those who participate in an LLC include:

- » A greater sense of belonging, building community and making life-long relationships
- » A higher likelihood of academic success, from additional learning support and access to tutoring centers
- » Facilitated connections to faculty, staff and other programs and services on campus

Some of the benefits of joining an LLC are being around like-minded people who share similar interests and having a really strong support system in all of your endeavors

-TACORIA PERRY

School of Natural Sciences LLC
Carson House





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-Austin John Escobar
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LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

INTERACTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF AN LLC

These programs have specific structures that facilitate interactions with other students, faculty and staff, as well as community outreach components. Some examples of structured activities are field trips, service-learning projects, cluster classes and cohort and community-based social activities.

Students with similar interests or majors live together and participate in programs that cater to their academic, social and personal growth. Students in these living learning environments will have opportunities to interact with faculty, student and staff mentors.



» HOW TO APPLY

Incoming students may indicate interest for up to two Living Learning Communities when they make selections in the Housing Options and Learning Communities page during the housing application process. Declaring interest in Living Learning Communities is not a guarantee of placement. Students will be notified if they are selected to join the LLCs by the LLC program coordinator who will provide the next steps.

» MORE INFO

If you have questions about LLCs, please visit housing.ucmerced.edu/LLC. If you have questions about your housing application, housing accommodations, meal plans, or questions about resident buildings and facilities, please visit housing.ucmerced.edu.

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FIAT LUX SCHOLARS LLC

Fiat Lux is aimed to enhance students' academic performance, drive, 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 other activities designed to aid academic and career development.



AFRO HALL

The AFRO (Afrikans for Recruitment and Outreach) Hall Living Learning Community welcomes first- and second-year students from all cultures within the African diaspora who are interested in exploring their African and Black identities while enhancing their collegiate experience through networking and mentorship opportunities, academic support, and community engagement.



LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE LLC

The Leadership and Service Living Learning Community is open to first-year students willing to commit themselves to exploring and developing their own leadership skills and style, understanding their personal values and learning how to ethically and effectively engage with and in the local community.



TRANSFER LLC

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 here at UC Merced, we aim to provide resources that vary widely from freshmen services because we recognize the support you need is different.



ARISTOTLE HOUSE

Aristotle House: Leadership, Education, Service broadly explores the three pillars of leadership, education and service in the natural sciences. This Living Learning Community is committed to helping students hone their leadership skills, develop lifelong friendships, engage in community outreach and explore careers in all facets of education.



VAUGHAN HOUSE

Vaughan 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 Living-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.



BEYOND THE MD

Beyond the MD welcomes students who are interested in pursuing biomedical and health-related professions outside of the doctor of medicine track. Students will engage with local physician 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.



CARSON HOUSE

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.