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MEETS BIG RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY!

ENGAGE WITH THE LIBERAL ARTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE, GLOBAL CURIOSITY,
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CREATIVE
EXPRESSION & FOREIGN LANGUAGE



M | LSA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

EAST QUAD
701 EAST UNIVERSITY
ANN ARBOR, MI 48109

WELCOME!

As you embark on your future academic journey, we're excited to introduce the extraordinary opportunities that await you within the RC.



WE ❤️ THE RC!!



RC MUSIC STUDENTS AT THE PIANO

What you'll find in these pages:

ACADEMICS

RC MAJORS, MINORS, CLASSES, REQUIREMENTS, & MORE!

LANGUAGES

EXPLORE SEMI-IMMERSION LANGUAGE LEARNING!

STUDENT LIFE

OUR COMMUNITY IS VIBRANT, ENGAGING, & STUDENT-LED

HOME IN EQ

WHERE YOU'LL LIVE, LEARN, & GROW AS AN RC'ER

FAQ

ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR RC QUESTIONS!



RC RESIDENT ADVISORS!



RC FRIENDS ARE THE BEST 😊

If you have any questions, please reach out to the RC Admissions team at rcadmissions@umich.edu. We're happy to help!

A CADEMICS

THE RC CURRICULUM



The educational mission of the LSA Residential College is to nurture intellectual curiosity, academic interests, and creative talents, empowering students to find their own voices and unite learning with action.

STUDYING WITH THE RC

As a degree-granting college, the RC also offers its own majors and minors, as shown below. **This means students can choose to study an RC Major or any LSA Major!** 🎓📖



4 RC MAJORS

- Arts & Ideas in the Humanities
- Creative Writing & Literature
- Drama
- Social Theory & Practice

4 RC MINORS

- Crime & Justice
- Drama
- Science, Technology, & Society
- Urban Studies

The RC offers over 60 unique classes every semester covering topics like the humanities, creative writing, environmental science, urban studies, studio arts, and more. **Most RC classes enroll between 9-20 students, allowing for close connections with peers and faculty.** RC students can also take any LSA class and pursue dual majors, dual degrees, or other academic enrichment such as internships, Honors theses, and study abroad! 🌍📖

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?
THE RC ADVISING TEAM IN EQ HELPS RC
STUDENTS WITH ALL THINGS ACADEMIC -
AND BEYOND!



(Dramatization of a student in need of advising. No students were harmed in the making of this visual aid.)

R REQUIREMENTS

SO YOU'RE RC & LSA



Students in the RC are also in LSA! **This means that all LSA requirements apply to our students.** However, we have just a few extra steps to make your college experience more fulfilling.



RC PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENT

GRADUATE WITH THE RC

Every student at U-M takes classes, earns credits, and eventually declares a major before graduating. The various steps to graduation are referred to as “requirements.” There are many ways to graduate from U-M, but for now, let's concentrate on the essentials. **Check out the 5 RC Requirements below** – look closely, some also fulfill LSA requirements! 🎓 😊

1 Live in East Quad for 1 year

2 Complete an RC First-Year Seminar

3 RC Semi-Immersion Language Sequence

4 Take an RC Arts Practicum

Finished the above? 🤔

5 Elect 4 Additional RC Classes for Distribution

FULFILLS...

LSA's First-Year Writing Requirement ✓

LSA's Language Requirement ✓

LSA's Creative Expression Requirement ✓

Graduate with the RC!



East Quadrangle Residential College
701 East University

SEMI-IMMERSION

ABOUT RC LANGUAGES

Most RC Students will take an RC semi-immersion language!



RC STUDENTS ABROAD



DIVE INTO LANGUAGE

RC Language courses, meeting twice daily, are **taught exclusively in the target language.**

Students learn grammar and vocabulary alongside speaking, listening, writing, and culture 🌟 🇺🇸

5 RC LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- German
- French
- Russian
- Japanese

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily RC Language Lunch Tables and Coffee Hours offer relaxed language practice. **Go beyond the classroom to hone skills and build a vibrant community with peers of varying levels!** RC Language programs also host cultural events, invite guest speakers, take field trips, and attend performances to enhance cultural insights and language learning. 🍰 🗣️



RC GERMAN BUILDING SKILLS VIA BOARD GAMES

POST-COLLEGE PERKS

Mastering another language comes with a toolkit of coveted abilities for employers! In the global job market, **linguistic prowess stands out and enhances any career path.** Many RC Language students study or live abroad, thanks to solid linguistic and cultural grounding. Annual RC scholarships support students using their language for internships or studying abroad.



PRACTICING JAPANESE WITH FRIENDS AT COFFEE HOUR!



RC SPANISH HOSTS MEXICAN DANCERS FOR A TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE IN EQ

3 WAYS TO ENGAGE RC STUDENT LIFE

Whatever your passions or interests, you'll find the place (and people!) for you.



RC FORUMS

Students in the RC can take 1-credit discussions called "forums." These peer-led classes include topics like Health & Wellness, Diversity & Politics, and Film. **Any student can start a forum and lead a class as early as their freshman year!** 🍏📝



FACE-PAINTING AT AN RC STUDENT COMMUNITY EVENT!

RC MAP PROGRAM

The RC MAP (Mentorship Among Peers) Program builds a supportive community by connecting first-year and upper-level students the summer before freshman year, promoting peer interactions through shared living, classes, and campus activities. 📧📱

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RC community engagement programs connect students with communities off campus and explore learning outside the classroom. There are a variety of ways to engage: for class credit, as a volunteer, or by attending events. Check out the options below!

- **Apply Spanish or French in an internship:** Spanish Language Internship Program (SLIP) , Freedom House Detroit
- **Develop tutoring skills:** Proyecto Avance, Latino Mentoring Association (PALMA)
- **Use creative arts for collaboration and social-emotional growth:**
- Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP), Telling It
- **Engage in compelling performances:** Center for World
- Performance Studies (CWPS), Shakespeare in the Arb (SitA)
- **Live, learn and work in Detroit:** Semester in Detroit (SiD)



ENJOY SHAKESPEARE IN THE ARB EVERY SUMMER



EAST EQ QUAD



LIVING & LEARNING IN THE RC

With 4 visual arts studios, a Community Garden, the Keene Theater, and the RC Art Gallery, the RC is truly unique on campus!



A PROJECT IN THE RC CERAMICS STUDIO

CLASSROOMS, STUDIOS, DORMS & DINING

Live together with RC Students! Incoming RC'ers live in East Quad their first year with the rest of their class cohort. This makes it easy to meet peers, form friendships, and transition from home to college. Bonus? **Classrooms, studios, music rooms AND the dining hall are just downstairs!** 🎵 😊

LECTURES, PERFORMANCES, & MORE!

Did you know? The Keene Theater is a full theater in the basement of EQ. The space is used for classes, rehearsals, world-class performers, dance troupes, and concerts! With performances in the Keene, events in the courtyard, and plenty of student gathering places, life in EQ is never boring. 🌻 🌼

RC ADVISING & STUDENT AFFAIRS TEAM!



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ADVISING OFFICES

Advisors are just a few steps away! RC students receive Academic Advising on-site in EQ with an RC Advisor to assist in navigating major/minor paths, class schedules, and general academic concerns.



AN RC STUDENT WITH HER NEWEST CREATION! 🎨



AN RC HUMANITIES CLASS EXPLORES DANCE & COMMUNITY!



RC ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR, KRISTIN HEINRICH, WITH AN RC STUDENT MURAL

FAQ

RC COHORT SIZE

Up to 250 students per year.

WHO CAN JOIN?

All LSA students are eligible!
Incoming students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

RC classes are small! Each one enrolls between 9-20 students.

WHERE DO RC'ERS LIVE?

First-year RC students live in East Quad (EQ) with their class cohort.

DO I HAVE TO MAJOR IN THE RC?

As an RC student, you can choose any RC or LSA major. Your academic path is up to you - we'll be there to cheer you on!

WHAT DO RC STUDENTS MAJOR IN?

Everything! Popular majors in recent years include Psychology, Sociology, International Studies, Computer Science and Creative Writing & Literature.

CAN I BE IN UROP OR HONORS?

Yes! RC'ers can join Honors, CSP, or UROP - the RC will be your "home base" for advising, living in EQ, & community building with peers.

RC CLASS OF '23 GRADUATION STATS

- 98% earned a 3.0 GPA or higher
- 53% graduated with distinction
- 43% earned double majors
- 35% earned a BS degree
- 32% completed an Honors thesis

HOW DO I APPLY?

Indicate interest in the RC on the Common Application for LSA!

Contact us any time at rcadmissions@umich.edu.

MORE QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

