University of California, Merced
Student Housing and Residence Life

Theme Learning Communities

There are three (3) theme learning communities available at UC Merced.

1. Academic Excellence –available to continuing and transfer students
2. Green Theme – available to continuing and transfer students
3. Residential Management Program (RPM) - incoming freshmen and continuing students

Students who sign up to live in theme communities are required to participate in the program.

The **Academic Excellence H**all seeks to create a flourishing community in which the pursuit of academic achievement is a primary focus for students. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to participate in this program. Like an honors hall, residents will engage in programs and activities that support and encourage academic success, research, service, and leadership. As role models and mentors, members of this community will assist other students with tutoring, study skill workshops, academic goal setting, and much more.

The **Green Hall** brings together students dedicated to making a concerted effort to live harmoniously with the natural environment. Members of this community will participate in programs and activities centering on issues of global environmental change, policy and management of natural resources, sustainable rural and urban environments and environmental leadership. Opportunities to work closely with representatives from the Sierra Nevada Institute and Yosemite National Park will also be presented.

The **Residential Management Program** (RPM) brings together Management and Economics majors and minors to further explore the field of management. Continuing students, with experience living in this theme community serve as mentors to incoming freshmen. Management and Economics students bring their vitality and creativity to this community, sharing activities which explore their widely divergent interests, foster intellectual growth and discussion, develop student/faculty contacts, and challenge them to broaden their horizons. Activities may include informal presentations by faculty, alumni, or industry representatives. Topics may include graduate school preparation, career exploration, professional development (resume preparation, effective interviewing skills, job networking), faculty research, and other areas of interest expressed by residents. Members of this community will work cooperatively on service project(s) during the spring semester.

First-year Management and Economics majors and minor interested in living in this community should contact Tori Gottlieb, SSHA Academic Advisor at tgottlieb@ucmerced.edu or (209) 228-4131.

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