

Academic Residential Communities AY16-17

Frequently Asked Questions (rev. 6-19-16)

What are ARCs?

Academic Residential Communities (ARCs) offer students with shared academic interests, creative passions, or majors an opportunity to live together in a residential learning environment that interweaves in- and out-of-class engagement with faculty, advisors, tutors, and peer mentors. The curriculum and pedagogy of each ARC is uniquely designed by the sponsoring academic department and college, and students typically co-enroll in one course each term throughout their first year. Each ARC has a designated Faculty Director who collaborates with the instructors of the ARC courses, and partners with the live-in student and professional staff of Residence Life to dovetail co-curricular programming with course content.

What are the benefits of participating in an ARC?

ARCs foster a meaningful set of mentoring relationships early in students' undergraduate careers that endure beyond a single course or term, and reinforce a human scale to students' undergraduate education ensuring they enjoy an opportunity to know, and to be known by, faculty. ARCs support students' social and academic transitions to a liberal arts and sciences research university through these high-touch interactions with faculty and specialized academic support staff and peers mentors. ARCs cohere a spectrum of learning spaces, from a formal classroom setting to a casual meal in the residence hall café or lounge, which scaffold sustained conversations between students and faculty about what it means to be a learner at the UO—from exploring majors and navigating general education requirements through thematic lenses to getting involved in undergraduate research and potential career and graduate school paths.

Who is eligible to join an ARC?

All admitted, incoming students who will begin their courses at the UO in summer or fall 2016 and have completed their Housing Application (<http://housing.uoregon.edu/apply>) by August 1 are eligible. Currently enrolled students who complete their Housing Application by August 1 are also eligible.

What ARCs are offered for AY 2016-2017?

- Building Business Leaders (Earl)
- Carnegie Global Oregon (Living Learning Center)
- Clark Honors College (Global Scholars Hall)
- College of Business Residential Community (Earl)
- Community for Ecological Leaders (Walton North)
- Community for Multicultural Scholars (Carson)
- Community for Musical Scholars (Hamilton East)
- LGBTQIA Scholars (Carson)
- Living in Chinese (Global Scholars Hall)
- Living in French (Global Scholars Hall)
- Living in German (Global Scholars Hall)
- Living in Japanese (Global Scholars Hall)
- Living in Spanish (Global Scholars Hall)
- Service Learning Cohort (Living Learning Center)

- Umoja Pan African Scholars (Living Learning Center)

Descriptions of each ARC are available at <http://housing.uoregon.edu/academics>.

How do students join an ARC?

Students indicate their top three ARC preferences on their University Housing application and complete supplementary ARC application materials if required for their ARC. ARC Faculty Directors call and write students between April 1 and June 12 to discuss their applications and make admissions decisions. Students may also receive calls between June 13 and August 1. Faculty Directors submit ARC rosters to University Housing by August 4 for University Housing room assignments.

Which ARCs have supplementary applications or questionnaires?

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| • Building Business Leaders | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=116263 |
| • Clark Honors College-GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=115310 |
| • College of Business Residential Community | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=115450 |
| • Living in Chinese - GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=113801 |
| • Living in French - GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=113801 |
| • Living in German - GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=113801 |
| • Living in Japanese - GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=113801 |
| • Living in Spanish - GSH | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=113801 |
| • Social Justice/LGBTQ Cohort | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=114519 |
| • Gender Inclusive - Same Gender | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=114519 |
| • Gender Inclusive - Different Gender | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=114519 |
| • Gender Inclusive - Any Gender | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=114519 |
| • Umoja Pan-African Scholars forthcoming | https://housing.uoregon.edu/form?id=118617 |

How do students know if they have been accepted to an ARC?

Faculty Directors will confirm acceptance/admission to an ARC during a phone conversation and email correspondence. Pre-enrollment in ARC course(s) when they arrive for their IntroDUCKtion advising appointment also indicates a student has been accepted/admitted to the ARC. Student may also contact Faculty Directors or Kevin Hatfield to confirm their ARC acceptance/placement.

Which ARCs have required courses?

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Students in the Clark Honors College ARC enroll in their regular CHC courses. There are no ARC-specific courses for the CHC ARC.

See accompanying **Fall 2016 ARC Course Table** for full ASC course information.

How do students register for fall term ARC course(s)?

The Registrar pre-enrolls ARC students in their fall term ARC course(s) and discussion sections prior to IntroDUCKtion. ARC Faculty Directors submit ARC rosters to the Registrar by June 12 for pre-enrollment in ARC-reserved seats in designated ARC CRNs authorized by the home department/college.

What if students drop their fall term ARC course(s)?

Students may drop their pre-enrolled ARC course(s) without any restriction, however, this may affect both their admission to the ARC and their University Housing room assignment. ARC students considering a withdrawal from their ARC course(s) should contact their ARC Faculty Director or Kevin Hatfield (kevhat@uoregonl.edu) before they depart their IntroDUCKtion session. Faculty Directors may approve students to remain in the ARC without enrolling in the fall term course(s), and with the expectation they enroll in the ARC courses beginning winter term.

What if a student wishes to change ARCs or withdraw from an ARC?

If the student has already been accepted to an ARC by a Faculty Director they need to contact both the Faculty Director and Kevin Hatfield (kevhat@uoregonl.edu) to confirm their change/withdrawal from the ARC. They also need to update their ARC preferences on the Housing application. If a student has not already been accepted to an ARC by a Faculty Director they simply need to update their ARC preferences on the Housing application.

May an ARC student enroll in a non-ARC designated course section or discussion section of the same course?

This varies per ARC and students who have a course conflict or other reason for wishing to enroll in a non-ARC designated course section/discussion section should contact the ARC Faculty Director.

Can students join an ARC and enroll in a FIG?

Yes. All FIGs are non-residential beginning fall 2016. Unless the specific course times of a particular FIG and ARC conflict, students may participate in both programs. There is one combined ARC/FIG—the Carnegie Global Oregon ARC/FIG, however, this FIG has a non-residential FA and two ARC Resident Assistants. Student will enroll for the Global Oregon FIG courses during fall term through the First-Year Programs website.

How do students register for winter and spring term ARC course(s)?

The Registrar pre-authorizes ARC students for their winter and spring term ARC course(s) and discussion sections and students enroll during the priority registration schedule. ARC Faculty Directors submit ARC rosters to the Registrar by the end of Week Six of the preceding term confirming the designated ARC CRNs and number of ARC-reserved seats.

Is there an additional fee for ARCs?

No. Although there is no additional program fee* for ARCs, room rates do vary based on room type and the residence hall where the ARC is located. The location of each ARC is listed with the ARC descriptions at <http://housing.uoregon.edu/academics>. *The Community for Ecological Leaders charges a \$400 “trip fee” for their Week of Welcome orientation field trips that also covers their early move-in cost. See cel.uoregon.edu.

Who are the ARC Faculty Directors?

- Building Business Leaders (Earl)
 - Tayah Butler (tbutler@uoregon.edu)
- Carnegie Global Oregon (Living Learning Center)
 - Shaul Cohen (scohen@uoregon.edu)
 - Leslie McLees (lmclees@uoregon.edu)
- Clark Honors College
 - TBA
 - Emily Chinn (echinn@uoregon.edu) [Student Liaison]
- College of Business Residential Community (Earl)
 - Collette Niland (collette@uoregon.edu)
- Community for Ecological Leaders (Walton North)
 - Steve Mital (smital@uoregon.edu)
 - Kim Carson (kcarson@uoregon.edu)
- Community for Multicultural Scholars (Carson)
 - Jeanne Hall (jmhall@uoregon.edu)
 - Will Hatchet (whatchet@uoregon.edu)
- Community for Musical Scholars (Hamilton East)
 - Alli Bach (abach@uoregon.edu)
- LGBTQIA Scholars (Carson)
 - Julie Heffernan (jheffern@uoregon.edu)
 - Maure Smith-Benanti (maure@uoregon.edu)
- Living in Chinese (Global Scholars Hall)
 - Matthias Vogel (matvogel@uoregon.edu)
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- Living in Spanish (Global Scholars Hall)
 - Matthias Vogel (matvogel@uoregon.edu)
 - Julie Sykes (jsykes@uoregon.edu)
- Service Learning Cohort (Living Learning Center)
 - Deanna Belcher (deannacb@uoregon.edu)
- Umoja Pan-African Scholars (Living Learning Center)
 - Charise Cheney (ccheney@uoregon.edu)
 - EnJolí Alexander (ealex@uoregon.edu)

Where can students learn more information about ARCs during IntroDUCKtion?

Students (and their families) who are already accepted to ARCs, have pending applications, or are interested to learn more information are encouraged to attend the ARC Special Interest Session hosted on Day 2 of each IntroDUCKtion schedule from 1:00 to 1:50pm. Location currently TBA. The Director of Academic Residential and Research Initiatives will facilitate each session and ARC Faculty Directors and their representatives will attend sessions as they are available.

Who can students contact for general information and questions about ARCs>?

Student may contact the Director of Academic Residential and Research Initiatives (DARRI), Kevin Hatfield.

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