

Thatcher Global Cultures Program

Thatcher Language & Culture Programs provide an experience that includes both academic and social components. Whether you choose to live in Thatcher Residence Hall or not, you will become part of a connected living and learning community where students across Thatcher Programs share interests and meet in community spaces for fun, music, games and food. It is an opportunity that offers students the chance to explore world languages and cultures. **If you are passionate and want to immerse yourself in an interactive cultural experience, then consider joining the Global Cultures Program.**

Fall 2019:

Thatcher Global Cultures Program includes a weekly, two hour, two credit seminar that is the centerpiece of your engagement in the Thatcher Language & Culture House living and learning community. Students enrolled in the program will explore a wide range of visual, virtual, performative and written texts designed to refine their critical cultural analysis skills. This seminar requires students' active participation in class discussions, presentations and tasks that will increase their awareness and understanding of social, political, and cultural aspects of a variety of world communities.

The intended learning outcomes of the course include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Developing intercultural competence skills and cross cultural awareness
- 2) Establishing a pluralistic perspective on the relationship to culture, selves and others
- 3) Developing interpersonal communication skills
- 4) Demonstrating respect and appreciation for difference

Students in the program will:

- Work collaboratively in a variety of structured social and academic activities designated for community and cultural enrichment.
- Have the opportunity to select topics that interest them to learn more about.
- Have a variety of opportunities, both on and off campus, to participate in cultural and social events such as film screenings, cooking nights and Community Nights where students will socialize with students from the other Thatcher Language Programs.

The Global Cultures Program is open to all students (sophomores through seniors) and language mastery is not required. Students may be new learners of one of the six languages offered in the other Thatcher programs or may have language mastery in a different language.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please make sure you have read the Thatcher Language and Culture Programs detailed description and then click here to start your application. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Barr jbarr@llc.umass.edu

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.