

# Thatcher Language & Culture House

## Academic Year 2019-2020

### Program Explanation

- The Thatcher Language & Culture House is an **immersive living & learning community with both academic and social components**. Being part of this diverse and vibrant community helps students increase their cultural and language competency while building strong and meaningful connections with their peers and instructors.
- Thatcher residents are **passionate about cultural and language competency**. Residents may be: native speakers, heritage speakers, language learners, as well as students who have studied abroad, or who are planning to go abroad.
- Students who are interested in language proficiency should apply to one of the **Language Based Programs** (i.e. German, Italian and Japanese). **Students in the Language Based Programs are expected to speak and interact in their target language whenever possible in Thatcher.**
- Students who are interested in exploring world cultures through academic and experiential opportunities should apply to the **Global Culture Program**. **Language mastery is not required for this program.**
- **Course Requirements:** In support of the academic component of the program, each semester, all students **MUST** enroll in the designated weekly, two-credit course associated with their specific program.
  - Each Language Based Program includes a conversational Language and Culture Course taught in the target language.
  - The Global Culture Program includes a Global Culture Course, taught in English.
- **Community Requirements:** In support of building our diverse residential community, all students participate in a variety of structured social and academic activities outside the classroom. This includes in-house events as well as outreach activities across campus. Examples may include watching films in their target language, cooking cultural foods together, and/or creating and sponsoring events designed to include students not living in Thatcher.
- Students should expect the total academic/community commitment outside of class time to be up to 4 hours/week. (This follows university guidelines for each credit hour to generate up to two hours of work.)

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful program, please be sure to read your individual language and culture program's description.

**APPLICATIONS TO LIVE IN THATCHER ARE DUE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**