

USF Learning Community & Institute Descriptions

Martín-Baró Scholars (MBS) (Location: Hayes-Healy)

- Martín-Baró Scholars explore social justice in contemporary urban life by participating in an integrated curriculum and community experiences that meet the academic needs of most first-year students.
- With a focus on diversity and service in the multicultural urban environment of San Francisco, MBS provides opportunities to build strong relationships during the first year of college.
- Students who successfully complete both semesters (fall and spring), earn the following credits: Writing and Public Speaking (Core A1 and A2), Literature (Core D), Service-Learning (SL) designation, Cultural Diversity (CD) designation, Elective credit (4 units)

Esther Madriz Diversity Scholars (Location: Phelan)

- Named after a beloved USF professor, the Esther Madriz Diversity Scholars (EMDS) is a collaborative effort between the Sociology Department and the Office of Multicultural Student Services.
- The community explores issues of identity, community activism, and social change through the theme of "crossing borders, discovering home."
- Students who successfully complete both semesters (fall and spring), earn the following credits: Social Science (Core E), Cultural Diversity (CD), Service-Learning (SL), and Elective credit (4 units).

Erasmus (Location: Lone Mountain)

- Erasmus students delve deeper into their understanding of the intertextuality of ethics, service, and justice at local and global levels.
- Students engage themselves as a community in coursework, community living, and involvement at a number of organizations all related to a common theme.
- Students who successfully complete both semesters (fall and spring), earn the following credits: Ethics (Area D) Service-Learning (SL), and Elective credit (4 units).

Global Residential Community (Location: Pedro Arrupe)

- The Global Residential Community (GRC) strives to develop an intercultural community that values the exchange of cultures and learning about diversity in one of the small residential buildings at USF.
- Supported by a team of staff members, residents will organize and engage in events and activities that increase their awareness about different cultures and learn skills to plan programs that shape members into "global citizens."
- The community is open to both U.S. domestic and international students who have an interest in developing a global perspective and desire to build community with a diverse group of students.

St Ignatius Institute (Location: Phelan Hall)

- A community of 1st and 2nd year students who engage in an in-depth study of philosophy, theology, and the humanities in addition to their chosen majors.
- Supported by the Jesuits and St. Ignatius staff, the community regularly has Tuesday evening programs and special events.

*Please note, the responsibilities, training, and compensation may differ in each community

Residence Hall & Independent Living Housing Style Descriptions

Please review the following descriptions before listing placement preferences on your application. Placement decisions are based on availability, staff fit, and resident needs.

Fromm Hall: Fromm is an all-women's residence hall is nestled between the Geschke Learning Center and Saint Ignatius Church. This community houses 1st and 2nd year women and has a variety of community building opportunities for residents

Gillson Hall: Gillson houses approximately 375 first-year students in double and triple rooms across eight floors. Gillson provides a stable and supportive environment for the transition to college life through programs, leadership opportunities, and individualized attention to meet the specific needs of new students at USF.

Hayes-Healy Hall: This hall is home to approximately 400 first-year men and women. Additionally, the Martín-Baró Scholars and the Garden Project, two multidisciplinary living learning communities, reside here. The formal lounge is a popular programming and quiet studying space. The informal lounge has a recently renovated kitchen, a big screen TV, vending machines, pool table, and ping pong table.

Lone Mountain Hall: Lone Mountain is located one block north of the main campus in a charming and historic facility and houses primarily sophomores. This building is the one residence hall that has physical singles as well as doubles, and was completely remodeled in 2007. Lone Mountain is equipped with spacious lounges with flat screen televisions and pool table and there are also two modern kitchens in Lone Mountain for student use. The Erasmus Living and Learning Community and The Global Living Community are housed in this hall.

Pedro Arrupe Hall: This hall is an off-campus traditional residence hall located one mile west of main campus. With easy access to several bus lines, Pedro Arrupe Hall is immersed in the vibrant Richmond District, and is two blocks from Clement Street's restaurants, shops and coffee houses. This hall houses upper division and graduate students, and features strong international student population. Pedro Arrupe Hall is also known for having a very strong, tight knit, and mature community. Residents of this hall are not required to purchase a meal plan.

Phelan Hall: This building is USF's oldest, largest, and most centrally located hall. This co-ed hall houses first and second year students and provides diverse living options. Students may choose single sex floors, coed floors, as well as themed floors such as the St. Ignatius Institute, SentiPensante, and Ester Madriz Diversity Scholars Community.

Loyola Village: This residential facility provides a unique living experience for upper-class and graduate level students. Our condominium style housing offers the amenities that come with living on-campus plus some of the independence of living off-campus, such as each unit has a living room and full kitchen.

Fulton House: Fulton House is located adjacent to the USF campus. It consists of two separate buildings, providing a living environment like "home" for 12 non-first year (typically sophomore) students.