The interests that inspire you now don’t have to stop on your last day of high school. RCAH is a vibrant residential learning community immersed in the arts, humanities, community engagement, and culture. You will explore, create, learn, and collaborate with peers and professors who share your passions.

Find Your Future Here

As an RCAH student, you live your passions and change the world.
RCAH is a small residential college at a large university, which means personalization and opportunity. RCAH students share a unique living-learning community in Snyder-Phillips Hall, where you’re not just a number and you don’t fall through the cracks of a large institution.

- Much smaller classes than at other colleges.
- Personal guidance from academic and career advisors.
- Students sleep, dine, and go to class in the same building.
- Access to fitness and health services, libraries, and cutting-edge research tools across campus.
- Four seasons of arts, recreation, and world-class sports.
- Lifelong friendships with students, faculty, and staff.
- Active alumni network that helps grads navigate life after college.

Because RCAH is part of MSU, students enjoy all the opportunities of life at a Big Ten university in a lively metropolitan area.
It’s good to be curious.

In RCAH’s flexible major, students are not lectured to, but led on journeys of discovery. They study a compelling blend of the arts, humanities, culture, and community engagement. Through life-changing experiences in and out of the classroom, students learn how to turn their interests into skills that will make them successful throughout their lives.

Some of our most effective graduates come to college not knowing what they want to major in. Others know exactly. In RCAH, both work just as well. RCAH gives students the flexibility and support to figure out what their lives could look like. It’s telling that the 100% placement rate for RCAH graduates over the last 7 years is the best at MSU.

So, why an arts and humanities major?
The arts and humanities have long been cited as key to preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. The rigorous RCAH degree combines challenging core courses with pathways in the arts, humanities, community engagement, and language and culture that help students address critical current issues—and develop creative ways to resolve them. Courses like these sharpen the top skills that employers look for: writing and communicating; critical thinking; teamwork; technological literacy; and cultural understanding.

Learn more at rcah.msu.edu.
Preparing students for a meaningful life after college means encouraging their inventiveness in gaining insight, problem solving, and communicating. Creativity and self-expression work their way into nearly every facet of an RCAH education.

Rather than a final exam that tests only what students memorize, an RCAH final project might be a film, performance, research paper, painting, or other creative piece that demonstrates a deeper understanding.

Imagination, Not multiple choice.

RCAH’s unique spaces inspire and nurture creative endeavors:

- RCAH’s Language and Media Center (LMC) is a technologically-rich space for creating, learning, and collaborating.
- The student-centered art studio hosts many of the College’s creative workshops.
- The Center for Poetry creates an awareness of the place and power of poetry.
- The LookOut Gallery showcases art and programs by visiting and local artists, students, professors, and community groups.
- The theater is a performance space and home of RCAH’s Wednesday Night Live series.
- With music rehearsal rooms and other corners of creativity, RCAH is home to an abundance of performing arts.
Traveling to learn is a hallmark of an RCAH education. Each year, RCAH students venture to Costa Rica or Appalachia, Israel or South Africa, Italy, India, Abu Dhabi—and everywhere in between.

As an RCAH student, it’s likely that you will spend anywhere from a couple of days to a couple semesters off campus—connecting with people, bridging cultural divides, and discovering how you can use the arts and humanities to thrive after college.

Reach the world through RCAH and MSU.

MSU offers nearly 300 for-credit education-abroad programs around the planet—all of which are open to RCAH students.
Beyond the classroom, RCAH students are community builders and world changers.

RCAH students and professors understand that working in the world around us is vital. RCAH’s unique learning environment emphasizes community engagement, connecting with people and groups to build strong communities and bring about lasting change.

Whether it’s in Greater Lansing, across Michigan, or around the world, RCAH students and faculty form community partnerships that result in dynamic learning opportunities. Students use their arts and humanities education in classes, internships, jobs, and other connections. These opportunities demonstrate what is possible beyond the classroom—and how students can make a difference.

Learn more about our community engagement projects at rcah.msu.edu.
Achieve Here

An RCAH degree translates into real-world skills.

Thinking critically. Communicating clearly. Solving problems. Collaborating. RCAH students graduate with these valuable real-world skills sought by employers and graduate schools.

RCAH graduates’ 100% placement rate for the last 7 years into jobs or graduate school is top at MSU and beats most competitors. The unique residential learning community—a rigorous curriculum, meaningful engagement with community partners, personal interaction with inspiring professors—helps develop skills that lead to success.

A world of options.

RCAH’s Career Consultant works closely with students from their first year through after graduation, exploring internship and career opportunities, developing career-related skills, making professional connections, and building strategies for success after graduation.
Apply to RCAH

- Apply to Michigan State University (MSU) in the fall of your senior year.
- Select “Arts and Humanities” (8503) as your major preference.
- No additional application materials or fees are required.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Your application for admissions is your application for Office of Admissions scholarships. **Apply by November 1 to receive highest consideration.**
- A limited number of scholarships are available for incoming RCAH students. Visit rcah.msu.edu for information.

Visit RCAH

The best way to get to know a college is to visit in person. We’d love to meet you and show you what RCAH has to offer. Check out rcah.msu.edu for more info or to schedule a visit.

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