Theme Programs are special living and learning spaces, which allow students to enjoy the opportunities of a large university, while benefiting from being part of a smaller and close-knit residential community of students who share a common thematic and academic interest. Residential Education partners with various campus departments that support the specific mission of each theme program.

Benefits & Requirements
Theme Program residents are offered a variety of opportunities that integrate living and learning in the residential environment, including field trips, workshops, faculty dinners, study groups, and daily living with roommates and neighbors who share the same interest.

All Theme Program communities also have a set of requirements and expectations that enrich the resident experience. Theme Program residents will be expected to participate in a weekly for-credit seminar, semester retreat(s), community service, and leadership activities related to the program’s theme.

How to Apply to Theme Programs
To apply, complete a UC Berkeley housing application online (housing.berkeley.edu). Indicate which Theme Program(s) you are interested in and submit your application. If you’ve already applied for housing and now want to live in a Theme Program, visit the Theme Program website for instructions.

Visit themeprograms.berkeley.edu to learn more about the programs and how to apply.
CASA MAGDALENA MORA  
*A Familia Exploring Chicanx and Latinx Identities and Culture*

The Casa Magdalena Mora Theme Program is named in memory of Magdalena Mora, a Cal alumna and proud Chicana scholar, activist, feminista, and labor organizer. Casa’s mission is to keep her legacy alive by creating a safe, welcoming, and affirming space where Chicanx and Latinx students successfully transition into life at UC Berkeley. Casa Seminar, retreats, and community service hours aim to engage residents in critically thinking about the social issues impacting Latinx and Chicanx students at Cal and within the larger societal/global context. Casa residents live together in Unit 3’s Beverly Cleary Hall.

THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT THEME HOUSE (GETH)  
*Championing a Greener Way of Life*

GETH provides a small community experience within the larger University, and attracts students who are committed to protecting the environment. GETHies will learn about green living and giving back to our environment, grow as leaders, and develop friendships; they will be empowered to create their own footprint in the community by developing their own programming. GETH residents live together on the Clark Kerr Campus.

NATIVE AMERICAN THEME PROGRAM (NATP)  
*Building Native Community to Foster Future Indigenous Leaders*

NATP provides residents with the unique opportunity to be part of a close-knit network to share experiences and engage in being part of the Native community at Berkeley. The program immerses students in indigenous scholarship and history, engages students in critical thinking around identities, and fosters the development of residents as future leaders. NATP residents live together in Slottman Hall in Unit 1.

UNITY HOUSE  
*Exploring Diverse Genders and Sexualities*

The Unity Theme Program focuses on building an affirming community of LGBTQ students and their allies who are interested in exploring gender and sexual diversity through an intersectional lens. Our academic seminar, programs, and resource center encourage residents to reflect on queer/trans identity, xhistory, representation, and community, and to queer leadership as we integrate education, advocacy, and activism. Unity residents live together in Unit 3’s Spens-Black Hall.

THE WOMXN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING THEME PROGRAM (W.I.S.E.)  
*Exploring the Intersections of Gender with Math, Science, Technology, Engineering, and the Arts*

WISE is for residents who would like to explore their interest in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEM) fields, and intersections of social identity in their profession. WISE provides a community where residents learn about the gender gap, power, and privilege in the STEM fields and advancements in current research, and empowers women in the STEAM fields. WISE residents live together in Foothill Complex.

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