Special Academic Programs

There are a number of special academic programs at the University of Maryland designed to help students become part of the Maryland community and make important connections with faculty, staff and other students. More than 40% of first-year students find their niche in one of the university's special living/learning programs that cut across academic disciplines and deepen their education in ways they may never have considered. Many of these programs are selective, and one must apply for freshman admission by the priority December 1st deadline in order to be considered. In addition to these programs designed for entering freshman, there are a number of other opportunities from study abroad to undergraduate research to engage you in an amazing college experience.

Please follow the links below to find out more about each of these exciting opportunities!

- **Beyond the Classroom**
- **CIVICUS**
- **College Park Scholars**
- **First Year Learning Communities**
- **Freshman First**
- **Global Communities**
- **Hinman CEO's**
- **Jiménez-Porter Writers' House**
- **Language House**
- **Markets and Society**
- **Presidents Promise**
- **Quest (Quality Enhancement Systems and Teams) Honors Program**
- **Study Abroad**
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant Program**
- **University Honors Program**
  - **Gemstone Program**
  - **Honors Humanities**

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