

# Community-Engaged Learning in the Residential College

Learn while making a difference for the people in southeast Michigan

## TELLING IT

There are two RC courses that partner with Telling It, a trauma-informed expressive arts program that serves school-age youth in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. Students can take either:

1. Empowering Community Through The Arts
2. Advanced Practice In Community Engagement Through The Arts

Students practice serving youth in a weekly class and at their weekly internship at one of the Telling It sites.

More information: [lsa.umich.edu/tellingit](http://lsa.umich.edu/tellingit), Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel, [dmgordon@umich.edu](mailto:dmgordon@umich.edu)

The Spanish Language Internship Project is an engaged learning class designed to expose students to the study of Latinx experiences in both historical and contemporary settings. SLIP focuses on the importance of experience, struggles, and the examination of racial and ethnic intolerance resulting in inequality in the United States. SLIP also provides opportunities for students to engage with the Latinx community and challenges students to obtain a deeper understanding of real and existing social issues. Every student commits to volunteering three hours, one day per week, for the duration of the semester with a community-based partner.

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## SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERNSHIP PROJECT (SLIP)

## FREEDOM HOUSE DETROIT WITH THE RC FRENCH PROGRAM

This course sends advanced students of French to Freedom House (FH) in Detroit, an organization that provides shelter and legal help to victims of persecution who are seeking asylum in the US. Since many FH residents come from French-speaking Africa, students help them learn English and American culture.

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## PRISON CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT

Prison Creative Arts Project (PCAP) brings those impacted by the justice system and the University of Michigan community into artistic collaboration for mutual learning and growth. Students can facilitate weekly creative arts workshops, join the literary journal editorial team, or help select and hang artwork for the Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners.

Register to volunteer at [prisonarts.org](http://prisonarts.org) or write to [pcapinfo@umich.edu](mailto:pcapinfo@umich.edu).

PALMA (Proyecto Avance: Latino Mentoring Association) is a bi-weekly, bilingual tutoring student group that helps Latinx students in the Ann Arbor area with their schoolwork and gives ESL lessons to their parents. PALMA offer students a chance to work with the Latinx community and learn from their experiences. Tutoring takes place at the Ann Arbor District Library every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. following the U-M academic calendar.

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## SEMESTER IN DETROIT

Semester in Detroit is an immersive experience which helps students foster intentional, sustainable relationships with people, organizations, and communities in Detroit. Students participate in community-based internships, take Detroit-based classes, and live in the city. The fall semester runs from September through December, and the spring/summer semester runs from May through July.

More information: [semesterindetroit.com](http://semesterindetroit.com), [semesterindetroit@umich.edu](mailto:semesterindetroit@umich.edu)

Migrant Worker Outreach is composed of two courses:

1. Principles and Practices of ESL Teaching in Migrant Communities, in which students explore the themes of "Language and Community" as they learn about the experience of migrant farmworkers in southeast Michigan
2. Migrant Community Outreach and ESL Teaching Practicum, the actual service learning component, in which students either teach ESL to migrant farmworkers and their families or intern with an agency or organization servicing the health and legal needs of the migrant community.

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