JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF GLOBAL VISIONARIES
ARE YOU ARHU?
Want to make a difference and earn a living doing what you love? Then the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) is the place for you!

WE ARE SEEKING GLOBAL VISIONARIES

In ARHU, you’ll learn in the classroom, through technology and in the community with talented students and faculty experts in the visual and performing arts, languages, literatures and global cultures. Over time, you’ll apply the tools you’ve acquired to make an impact in the lives of others, as well as your own. An education in the arts and humanities will equip you with the intellectual and practical skills that employers value.
BE WORLDWISE

Understanding the world around us, past and present as well as near and far, is essential to a well-rounded education and a meaningful life. In ARHU, we inspire and challenge you to be worldwise in the many senses of that word. Open yourself to stimulating courses and many other learning opportunities that help you appreciate human experience, thought, expression and creativity. You’ll define and refine your values, beliefs and sense of purpose and discover the kind of global citizen you can be.

We’re committed to extending your education beyond the classroom. We offer special experiences such as study abroad, internships and engaged research with faculty and career-learning opportunities.

“You’re going to live 60 to 70 years after graduating from college. Training is preparation for the known; education is preparation for the unknown. The only thing we know about the future is that we don’t know much.”

MAYNARD MACK, UMD PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH
We offer exciting opportunities in and out of the classroom: Learn to speak Arabic; intern at the National Institutes of Health; perform in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center; travel to Chile or Beijing to study the people and culture; or volunteer in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., metropolitan area with a children’s health advocacy group. Our unbeatable location just outside of the nation’s capital provides endless internship, research and career options.

You’ll learn and connect with renowned faculty, including Emmy, Tony and Guggenheim winners, who are exploring the frontiers of emerging fields such as digital humanities and language science.

“Maryland is a huge school, but it’s a huge school with opportunities, and ARHU as a family will help you find them. You’ll never be a number in ARHU.”

JOEL VASQUEZ (AMERICAN STUDIES / GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS)
THE ARHU COMMUNITY

We know you’re an imaginative and curious student, who may seek meaning in the knowledge of the past and the promise of the future. We’ll help you develop into a creative, flexible and globally engaged visionary.

In ARHU you’ll experience the tight-knit feel of a small liberal arts college with all the perks of a national research university.

We foster that sense of community through orientation, a shared first-year seminar, engaged research projects with the community, personal advising and peer mentoring. You’ll be encouraged to pursue your interests in the University of Maryland’s more than 800 student organizations, as well as its honor societies.
LIVING AND LEARNING

Are you interested in a more intensive learning experience? Maryland’s highly respected living and learning programs allow talented undergraduates with shared interests to live together in the same residence hall, take courses together and cultivate relationships with faculty through small discussion groups and collaborative research projects. Here are a few specific to the arts and humanities:

**COLLEGE PARK SCHOLARS: ARTS** attracts the university’s most creative performers, artists and designers from diverse majors, who focus on arts and society and are involved in community projects and self-exploration through artistic forms.

**DESIGN | CULTURES + CREATIVITY**, a premier program in the Honors College, brings together art, design, imagination and global citizenship with new media and technologies to work on topics as varied as identity and social justice.

**HONORS HUMANITIES**, another selective program in the Honors College, allows top students with a passion for the humanities to take on important topics such as the meaning of citizenship in a globalized world, the consequences of the digital and information revolutions and how diverse cultures shape the world.

**JIMÉNEZ-PORTER WRITERS’ HOUSE**, a campus literary center for creative writing across cultures and languages, draws students who share an interest in creating stories and new works of fiction and poetry. Students attend readings, learn from visiting writers and develop their skills through peer collaboration.

**LANGUAGE HOUSE** immerses students in a cultural and linguistic environment that emphasizes shared learning and living in a language of their choosing, such as Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Russian or Spanish.

Beyond our unique living and learning programs, most academic programs in ARHU offer a non-residential honors experience in the discipline for third- and fourth-year students. Students participate in advanced seminars and independent research in their major.

“Being a student of the humanities is not just a matter of reading the book and learning the historical facts, but situating it in the context of being a thinking human being. There are degrees of nuance beyond what’s on the page. People are endlessly complex, and it’s hard to get that out of a class, but I’ve gotten that and more out of Honors Humanities.”

**CASEY PATTERSON (ENGLISH) / HONORS HUMANITIES STUDENT**
**INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH**

Through the unique internships and research opportunities available in ARHU, you can apply what you’re learning in the classroom out in the real world. You’ll work in close partnership with faculty and/or graduate student mentors and have the opportunity to present your work to department, college and community audiences.

Our close proximity to Washington, D.C., allows for partnerships with the National Gallery of Art, National Archives, NASA, Facebook, Folger Shakespeare Library and Theatre, Library of Congress and Kennedy Center. In other words, your dream internship is just minutes away.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Investigate classes like “Food, Trauma, and Sustainability” or “Latina/o Transmigration and Transnationalism” through the Foxworth Initiative.

Explore the challenges and strategies of a nonprofit as a Social Innovation Scholar.

Get unique experiences in language-related research and careers (education, technology, health and more) as a member of the Program for Undergraduate Language Science Ambassadors in Research (PULSAR) in the Maryland Language Science Center.

“You get this look at research on campus you’d normally have no idea is going on. I’ve gotten involved with Langscape, this online mapping site, where I’m helping compile a list of words and phrases in not-well-documented languages, so people overseas working in emergency situations can communicate.”

NEOMI ROA (BIOLOGY / LINGUISTICS) / PULSAR STUDENT
Global Engagement

ARHU is dedicated to international education, and our Global Engagement Requirement offers lively opportunities for cross-cultural learning. Use your creativity to customize your global experience:

- Study a foreign language on campus.
- Travel abroad and take language courses while staying in a local home.
- Experience an internship overseas.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

(HINT: ANYWHERE YOU WANT.)

“I’m not a good classroom language learner. The ideal environment is a native, immersion environment, where you’re hearing weird nuances in the language. Having to react in that environment was vital to speaking and understanding the language.”

Morgan Askew (Romance Languages) / Study Abroad Participant in Seville, Spain; and Nice and Paris, France
MAJORS

American studies
Arabic studies
Art history
Central European, Russian and Eurasian studies
Chinese
Classical languages and literatures
Communication
Dance
English language and literature
Film studies
French language and literature
Germanic studies
History
Italian studies

Japanese
Jewish studies
Linguistics
Music: Education
Music: Liberal Arts Program
Music: Professional Program
Persian studies
Philosophy
Romance languages
Russian language and literature
Spanish language, literatures and cultures
Studio art
Theatre
Women's studies

45%
of all ARHU students combine their passions by double-majoring. Here are the top five colleges where our students double-major:

24% ARHU
19% COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
10% COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
8% COLLEGE OF COMPUTER, MATHEMATICAL, AND NATURAL SCIENCES
6% ROBERT H. SMITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

For the most up-to-date list of majors and minors, visit arhu.umd.edu.
An education in the **arts and humanities provides the perfect foundation for a variety of career paths** because it sharpens the many skills employers seek: oral and written communication; analytical, problem-solving and interpersonal skills; creativity, innovation and flexibility.

It’s no surprise that ARHU alumni go on to graduate school and successful careers in a wide range of fields, including arts management, environmental affairs, entertainment, the media, public health, government and policy, education, publishing, museums and libraries, medicine, law, business and nonprofits.

We bring ARHU alumni back to campus to meet current students through our Access2Alumni program, an annual roundtable networking event. You’ll meet ARHU alumni from an array of exciting fields and gain key insight into career options. The University Career Center @ARHU offers a variety of career programs and events specifically tailored for ARHU students, including individual career advising appointments with ARHU’s dedicated program director, an annual language career fair, trips to local partner organizations as well as career panels and workshops.

“ARHU puts on career shuttles, and we go look at different jobs. We went to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Its art department enhances photos and updates pictures of kids. We also went to the Kennedy Center and then to NASA, which has an unbelievable art division. What I learned is **there are so many things you can do in art and how it’s tied to just about everything**.”

**STEPHEN BAIRD JR. (STUDIO ART)**
COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

BECOME A CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
When you graduate from the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU), you’ll take with you practical skills, knowledge and insight that will serve you for a lifetime.

**OUR GRADUATES BECOME CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVERS**

Discover the tools alumni say they took with them in order to compete and thrive in an ever-changing global workforce.
“IN ARHU, YOU’RE LEARNING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE INTERACT WITH THE WORLD AND EACH OTHER. My goal is to build things that people are going to use. Just technology knowledge can only go so far. You have to understand how people are going to use them to be truly successful.”

OZZIE FALLICK ’14
(LINGUISTICS / COMPUTER SCIENCE)
GOOGLE SOFTWARE ENGINEER
“I wanted to set myself apart in the journalism job market as a history major. I use my history degree every single day at my job. What I really learned in my classes was CRITICAL READING SKILLS, THE ABILITY TO ANALYZE AND THE ABILITY TO WRITE CLEARLY. And those skills are invaluable in the workplace.”

AMBER FERGUSON ’14
(HISTORY)
HUFFINGTON POST POLITICS VIDEO FELLOW
“I knew I wanted to do pre-med, but I wanted to spend time along the way focusing on things that didn’t normally fit into those degree requirements. As crazy as it was, there was SOMETHING REFRESHING ABOUT CONSTANT CHANGE: music theory, Italian conjugations, Greek mythology, biology.”

ALEX LAMBI ’08
(MUSIC PERFORMANCE / ITALIAN)
MEDICAL STUDENT, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

MY TOOL IS
Flexibility
“CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS THAT I LEARNED AT ARHU, and I use it to engage and inform the community in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean about our events, exchanges and any other information that supports our key policy priorities in the region. ARHU gave me the tools to understand why in diplomacy, it’s as much about what you say as how you say it.”

KRYSTLE NORMAN ’08, ’10
(SPANISH, MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY)
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MY TOOL IS

INTERCULTURAL
COMMUNICATION
“One of the most important things I got out of my ARHU experience is my **ability to parse arguments, think critically and see multiple sides of an issue**. Being in law school, it’s important to do that—it’s a skill I use every day. Not a class goes by, not a case gets read that this skill doesn’t come into play.”

**A.J. Clayborne ’13**
(Classics / English)
Harvard University Law Student
“I had always loved art, but I never knew you could make a career out of it until I studied abroad in Rome. There, I took a full course load of art courses and learned all about THE FACTORS OF BEING AN ART PROFESSIONAL. It was life-changing. Now I feel lucky that I’m doing something that I’m so passionate about.”

LAURA SHERIDAN RAIFFE ’09 (ART HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY) REGIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER, CHRISTIE’S FINE ARTS
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
“Everything I studied completely informs what I do as a person, as a colleague, as a neighbor and as an employee today. In my ARHU courses we learned about effective organizing and social justice organizing. Those are lessons I think about every day—**BEING ATTENTIVE TO RACE, CLASS, SEX AND GENDER AND BEING INCLUSIVE**.”

**RENEE DAVIDSON ’09**
(WOMEN’S STUDIES / AMERICAN STUDIES)
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) / DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, COLLECTIVE ACTIONS FOR SAFE SPACES (CASS)
If you’re creative, curious and eager to be part of a vibrant intellectual community and you want to love what you do, **YOU ARE ARHU!**

Students and parents often ask, “What’s special about studying the arts and humanities at the University of Maryland?”

My first answer is location, location, location. By attending a large public research university in the Washington, D.C. region, you’ll have unparalleled opportunities for internships and for global and civic engagement with the government, embassies, cultural heritage organizations and more.

Second, our small liberal arts community, with a 10:1 student-faculty ratio, means you’ll study alongside world-class faculty in your specific discipline and also have opportunities for learning in a variety of other fields.

Third, while you want a college education to prepare you for a career, it also needs to prepare you for a lifetime, which is why our curriculum focuses on building knowledge of human cultures and expressions. You’ll work with faculty to create knowledge as well as apply new ideas to challenging problems and projects that empower local communities.

Finally, we teach you the practical skills employers seek—to write well, read critically, listen actively, communicate effectively and think creatively.

Our motto, **Be Worldwise**, is the *synergistic* blending of what you’ll learn both within and outside the classroom. It’s who you’ll be and how you’ll engage with the world.