

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

➤ MSU's residential college, study abroad, and service-learning programs are recognized as "outstanding programs" designed to foster student success in U.S. News & World's 2012 edition of America's Best Colleges.

➤ MSU was recognized in the Princeton Review's 2012 Guide to 322 Green Colleges, which salutes "the nation's most environmentally responsible 'green colleges.'"

➤ MSU earned a silver rating from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System, or STARS, a new Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education program that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

➤ The MSU Student Organic Farm is a 10-acre, certified organic year-round teaching and production farm that grows food for its Community Supported Agriculture program, on-campus farm stand, and MSU dining halls.

# RISE

## RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE ON THE STUDY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

## RISE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MSU's Residential Initiative on the Study of the Environment (RISE) program provides students who share similar values and academic interests with a focused residential learning environment as well as an academic specialization in environmental studies. And being part of a Big Ten research university with global reach and vast opportunities at your fingertips comes with its own perks.

Our rapidly changing environment opens up a world of opportunities for students passionate about sustainability and environmental stewardship. Michigan State University ranks as one of the nation's top universities for sustainability and it's where next-generation leaders gain the experience needed to address some of the world's biggest environmental challenges.



Want to know even more? Contact Dr. Laurie Thorp, RISE program director, at [ThorpL@msu.edu](mailto:ThorpL@msu.edu) or 517.432.4944

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## LEARN IN A LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Imagine a place where classroom walls offer a lesson in sustainable construction and outdoor greenery is really an edible landscape. The RISE program at Michigan State University provides students with a living, growing academic environment.

RISE students encounter opportunities to learn and explore at every turn—from an on-site, solar-powered green house to a green roof and LEED-certified residence hall and learning spaces.

Even the cuisine is green in the Brody Square dining hall that houses 10 food stations whose offerings include vegan and vegetarian options as well as sushi, made-to-order juices, pasta dishes, and more. An expansive dining area filled with natural light and modern design elements complement the innovative dishes.

## LIVE AND LEARN UNDER ONE (GREEN) ROOF

The RISE program is a hub of activity and learning within the larger university setting. Students live in Bailey Hall, part of the Brody Neighborhood, which also houses classrooms, offices for faculty and advisers, a world-class dining facility, and an on-site greenhouse.

RISE students get exclusive access to special sections of certain courses, providing opportunities for deeper discussion and understanding of subject matter. Living next door to your classmates is also conducive to spontaneous study groups.

Convenient access to faculty and advisers provides face-time and guidance related to academic courses, internship opportunities, mentoring and career planning, and access to MSU resources.

Our students share a vision for creating a more sustainable world and their diverse academic paths converge at RISE, where they benefit from a truly interdisciplinary learning experience. Our program partners with seven MSU colleges: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts and Letters, Broad College of Business, Communication Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Natural Science, and Social Science.

### GREEN ROOF



natural  
light

## comprehensive Recycling Program



## CULTIVATE YOUR CAREER PATH

From the start, all students in the RISE program chart a course for their future career.

Employers look for real-world experience and a wealth of résumé-building opportunities are available to RISE students, including:

- **Internship assistance:** students gain experience relevant to their individual interests.
- **Career mentoring:** experienced advisers offer guidance as students create individualized academic plans with measurable goals.
- **Undergraduate research experience:** students work side by side with world-class researchers, often co-authoring manuscripts.
- **Freshman seminars:** prepare students for success throughout their academic program.
- **Leadership opportunities:** students develop and implement team projects using the campus as a living learning laboratory.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

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