While each college has its own mission and set of traditions, they have chosen to work together through the ACM. As a consortia, the ACM aims to strengthen its member colleges as leaders in liberal arts education through significant, innovative, and sustainable collaborations. Through the consortia, the ACM colleges:

- Promote excellence in teaching and learning through collaborative research and events for faculty and students. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Jerges Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and other key partners help to fund these efforts.
- Focus professional effectiveness and peer networking of faculty and administrative leaders through meetings of ACM presidents, deans, faculty business officers, athletic directors, admission, and financial aid staff, and many others. This cross-campus sharing of information and best practices contributes to institutional excellence.
- Highlight student achievement through activities such as the NAF Adams Short Story Contest, athletic tournaments, the ACM Student Photo Contest, and the ACM Student Symposium on Off-Campus Study.
- Provide exemplary experiential and academic learning through off-campus study programs. These programs, staffed by the faculty of the ACM colleges give students from any college or university access to a world of opportunities in the U.S. and abroad. See the middle pages of this brochure to learn more.

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ACM programs engage students in active learning, with internships, study abroad, self-directed, personalized attention, reflection discussions and independent research. Courses take advantage of their location drawing upon local expertise and diverse resources for experiential learning. Visiting faculty from ACM colleges collaborate with our faculty colleagues to teach and mentor students. Grounded in the liberal arts and sciences curricula of the ACM colleges, these programs offer rewarding and enriching student experiences to students from across the ACM land colleges around the country.

ACADEMICALLY FOCUSED

ACM programs offer courses that build on students’ prior educational experiences and provide hands-on opportunities to learn. The programs are in the best liberal arts tradition of marrying classroom learning with engagement with real-world questions.

MEANINGFUL

ACM programs engage students with local and global communities, fostering learning experiences with impact. Home stays, immersion with local students, and involvement with area organizations provide meaningful experience through cultural immersion. Field trips and experiential learning offer opportunities for in-depth exploration of the program site and its surroundings. Applied study in ACM programs prepares students for future careers and a lifetime of learning.

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