Our mission is to enhance university-community collaborations by engaging the university’s academic resources in the enrichment of civic and community life in South Florida.

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OUR INITIATIVES

Focus on Affordable Housing
This initiative connects UM faculty and students with community partners to address strategies for improving housing options in Miami. In addition to offering courses that link students with community-based organizations, UM will host a series of public programs that brings together leading scholars, activists, developers, architects, and civic and political leaders to promote shared dialogue about how to better develop affordable housing in Miami.

Southridge High School Partnership
UM students partner with Southridge High School teachers in history and language arts to enhance the curriculum, give guest lectures, and mentor students. The goals are to promote a college-going culture among traditionally underserved students and to enable UM students to translate their research interests into practical classroom learning.

Gables Fellows Program
This program is a paid internship with the City of Coral Gables that provides students with hands-on knowledge of the day-to-day operations of municipal government. The interns rotate through various city departments, including Economic Sustainability, Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Manager, Planning, Finance, and Parks and Recreation.

Good Government Initiative
Developed by former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, this initiative cultivates leaders of excellence in South Florida through the development and training of elected officials as well as those aspiring to run for office. It also seeks to engage the community in its governance through outreach and education.

Imagining America Research Collaborative
This research collaborative will create a baseline of information regarding the role of civic engagement in undergraduate liberal arts education. It seeks to develop and implement a national framework for promoting civic engagement as the connective tissue between liberal arts education and the values and skills of civic professionalism in the workplace.