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Living Learning Communities

Many academic departments and colleges partner with Housing & Residential Life to offer incoming first-year freshmen and, in some cases, Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) students the opportunity to experience a Living Learning Community (LLC). These communities are specifically designed to deliver a variety of educational, social, and developmental programs and services to support students in their transition to the University. Living Learning Communities exist to maximize students' retention and academic success and provide positive experiences at the University.

Living Learning Communities offer eligible students the option to live in a "house" with residents who share similar academic interests. Each program has a limit on the number of participants. When you consider applying to be part of a Living Learning Community, please keep these considerations in mind. Some programs have limited enrollment, it is important to apply early for housing as many programs use the date that the application has been received by our department to create a priority order for consideration. Some programs may fill well before the March 1st priority date.

Some programs admit any first year student who has an interest in the focus of the LLC. Additionally, there are some programs that do allow non-LLC roommates. When you complete your housing application, complete the question regarding which choice is more important to you—having your roommate or being considered for a Living Learning Community. That information will be used only when necessary to provide you with the best fit for your priorities.

Please go to our website www.housing.umn.edu/student/sllc.shtml to learn about the current information on the Living Learning Community choices for 2008-2009. Reading through all of the full program descriptions will help you make the best choice for your interests.

Students may apply for housing and for a Living Learning Community before the outcome of the admission application to the University of Minnesota is known.

Honors Housing

What is Honors housing? Honors housing is a place of connecting and community building featuring co-curricular activities for Honors students. It is a hub of social and intellectual events with talks by esteemed professors, authors, artists, and distinguished campus visitors. Here you will find on-site tutors and community assistants who are part of the Honors program. Informal study groups, an endless variety of spontaneous activities including Ultimate Frisbee, soccer and chess games, and engrossing conversations with Honors peers are part of daily life in Honors Housing.

Honors students share a passion for learning, discovering, and contributing to their community. The University Honors Program (UHP) is designed to help students realize each of these goals. Living in Middlebrook Hall, students of diverse backgrounds and interests exchange ideas and learn from one another. Honors students develop friendships and make connections that benefit them in all aspects of their present and future lives. By far, the best part of Honors housing is living with other Honors students from across all colleges at the U of M.

Every student admitted to the University Honors Program is eligible for Honors housing. You are encouraged to apply for housing and indicate your preference for housing at any time. You do not need to be admitted prior to submitting your housing application. Those students not admitted to the UHP will be assigned to their next available housing preference. The University Honors Program strongly encourages Honors students to reside in Honors housing.

For further information about the University Honors Program, please call 612-624-5522 or e-mail honors@umn.edu. The UHP website address is www.honors.umn.edu.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES



Positive living experience
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American Indian Cultural House

The American Indian Cultural House is a co-ed community open to all-incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students. Participants may include students across all colleges who are interested in past and contemporary American Indian issues and intercultural learning.

Biology House

For incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students interested in the biological sciences, with priority given to students in the College of Biological Sciences. Participants may include students who are interested in biology or the health sciences.

Carlson Leadership House

For incoming first-year freshmen in the Carlson School of Management. Carlson Leadership House is designed to promote active involvement in the University community and to provide opportunities for students to build upon leadership skills developed in high school.

Casa Sol

Casa Sol is a co-ed Living Learning Community open to incoming first year students. The foundation of Casa Sol grounds itself in the Chicana/o and Latino/a living experience. Participants may be from any college within the University of Minnesota.

CLA Career Explorations

For all incoming freshmen and PSEO students in the College of Liberal Arts who are interested in learning more about the career exploration process and how to gain relevant experience through on-campus or off-campus involvement opportunities. Those who will benefit most from this program are those who would like to learn more about the career they are considering or those who are undecided about a major or career path.

Design House

Open to incoming first-year freshmen that have been admitted to one of the design majors in the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel. The Design House Living Learning Community provides students with the opportunity to build a design community through shared classroom and living experiences.

Environment House

Environment House is a special community for incoming PSEO and first-year students interested in the health and well being of our natural world.

German, Scandinavian, and Dutch House

“GSD” House is for incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students across all colleges and of all heritages who have a background in German, a Scandinavian language, or Dutch and are interested in maintaining and improving their language skills by living in an environment where priority is given to communicating in the languages of Northern Europe.

Global Studies House

Global Studies House is open to incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students in any college interested in international and global studies.

Institute of Technology – IT Explorations in Engineering and Sciences

For first-year freshman and PSEO IT students interested in any area of science and/or engineering. The IT Explorations House is an exciting residential learning environment that is popular with the freshman class. The Program creates a smaller living learning environment in which students can learn from others who have similar academic and career interests.

La Casa de Espanol

La Casa de Espanol is open to incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students. The program houses students (including native Spanish speakers) across all colleges who have a background in and would like to maintain and improve their Spanish language skills by living in an environment where priority is given to communicating in Spanish.

La Casa Italiana

Open to incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students enrolled in an Italian language course or who have an interest in Italian culture, language, arts, or film.

La Maison Francaise

La Maison Francaise, “French House,” is open to incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students (including students whose native language is French) who have a background in French and would like to maintain and improve their language skills by living in an environment where priority is given to communicating in French.

Lavender House

Lavender House is open to any and all students who are interested in issues of gender identity and sexual orientation. In this community, students can explore and express who they are in a safe and affirming environment.

Lavender House, would be ideal for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, friends of GLBT students, students from GLBT families, and students who are queer, gender queer, or questioning.

Pre-Veterinary Medicine House

Pre-Veterinary Medicine House is a Living Learning Community comprised of students interested in animals and becoming veterinarians. Located in Bailey Hall on the beautiful St. Paul campus, the community strives to build friendships among students while facilitating their academic success.

ROTC House

For incoming freshmen interested in the Army, Navy/Marine, or Air Force ROTC. Although the house is open to all students interested in the study of military leadership, preference is given to those who have registered for one of the ROTC programs at the University.

St Paul Leaders & Scholars

This Living Learning Community provides students with the opportunity to live and study together, meet as a college-sponsored program group, and participate in curricular activities together.

Substance Free Houses

The residents who choose to live in one of Housing's substance-free communities agree to refrain from the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs, and other drugs while living in this community. Applicants will be asked to complete essay questions that will be used to select students to community.

West Bank Arts House

Open to incoming first-year freshmen and PSEO students who have an interest in all aspects of the arts, specifically theatre, dance, music, and visual arts. Priority is given to students in those departments. Participants

may also include freshmen who are interested in participating in the arts on campus, but do not wish to declare it as a major.

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) House

For female first-year freshmen and PSEO students interested in any area of science or engineering.

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