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Living-Learning Communities

Choose to be an academically and socially engaged member of the University at Albany community right from the beginning of your freshman year!

How to Apply
Applying to be in an L-LC is easy!

The Living-Learning Community application is part of the University at Albany’s housing application process, and will be available to you when you apply for housing through MyUAlbany.

◆ Select the community you would like to join from the list

◆ Select your potential major (including “undecided”), so we can be sure the L-LC is a good fit for you

◆ Tell us why you would like to be a member of the L-LC you have chosen and how you can contribute to that particular community

Students who are selected to be members of their chosen L-LC will be notified via university email beginning in late June.

Questions about the L-LCs can be directed to Student Engagement at studentengagement@albany.edu.

New communities are always under development. Check the Student Engagement website for the most up-to-date options: www.albany.edu/student_engagement

General questions about housing and roommate assignments can be directed to the Department of Residential Life at reslife@albany.edu.

Visit the admissions website at www.albany.edu/admissions for more information on applying to the University at Albany.

The Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education works to provide opportunities and pathways for students to be active and engaged in their studies, both inside and outside the classroom.
Living-Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (L-LCs) offer incoming freshmen with similar interests, majors, or lifestyles, the opportunity to live together in the same residence hall, take one or two courses together, and meet regularly with faculty and upper-class students who share their interests. Options include:

- World of Accounting
- World of Biology
- World of Business
- World of Career Discovery
- World of Community Service
- World of East Asian Studies
- World of Environmental Health and Green Living
- World of Fitness
- World of Health and Disease
- World of Healthy Habits
- World of History
- World of Jewish Life and Culture
- World of Laws and Justice
- World of Technology
- World of Writing
- Honors College*

The Benefits of Living-Learning Communities

- Be on the fast track to making friends by living with others who share your interests
- Enjoy learning with your fellow community members by taking some of your classes together and forming study groups
- Have a ready made support network of classmates, upperclassmen, graduate assistants, and resident assistants who can help you adjust to college life
- Have the opportunity to experience the field of your choice, exploring potential professions and associated majors from the very start of your academic career
- Benefit from having guaranteed seats in some of our highest demand classes for the fall and spring semesters of your freshman year
- Network with members of other L-LCs through social gatherings and “All World” events
- Give back to the community by participating in community service events together
- Be an integral part of the University at Albany community right from the start

Recent national studies have shown that living-learning communities positively impact student success!

What are the responsibilities of being in an L-LC?

As a member of an L-LC you will:

- Register for the designated L-LC classes in the fall and spring semesters of your freshman year
- Regularly attend L-LC meetings, study groups, and activities
- Participate in extra-curricular activities with members of your L-LC
- Participate in “All World” events with the other L-LCs
- Participate in at least one community service project with your L-LC each semester
- Be a vital and engaged member of your Living-Learning Community, and the University at Albany

*By invitation only. Visit http://www.albany.edu/honorscollege for more information.

"It was beneficial to live with people who had the same interests I had. It stopped the anxiety of feeling alone in large classes and gave me people to study with.”
-L-LC Student, Class of 2014

"Being a part of a UAlbany L-LC allowed me to get to know freshmen at a level that is unique on university campuses today.”
-Hon. Joe Sheehan, L-LC Professor

Faculty interaction outside the classroom is directly linked to student retention and enhanced learning.