How to Apply

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 as of May 1, 2017.

- Select the L-LC you would like to join from the list
- Select your intended major (including “undecided”), so that the staff in Student Engagement can be sure the preferred L-LC will be 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 at Albany e-mail beginning late June.

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

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

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“Friendships are forged because of the L-LC, academic work gets done within the community, and a smooth transition from the “high school mindset” to the “college mindset” takes place naturally.”
- Former World Ambassador

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.
World of Biology
The World of Biology is a community for biology majors created by biologists. Students in this L-LC will be able to live and study with other biology majors and learn what it is like to be a biologist from students, professors, and professionals in this field. Freshmen will take a special seminar with one of our most distinguished biology professors and study and review topics with biology graduate students. World of Biology students will learn how to make the most of their education at UAlbany from the very start. Activities may include:

- Guest speakers in the field
- Science movie nights & pizza parties
- “Science in the News” discussion groups
- Tour of science facilities and laboratories
- Social gatherings with your L-LC friends
- Invitations to Albany Medical Center events

The World of Biology is designed for incoming freshmen who intend to major in biology. This L-LC may be of particular interest to those on the pre-health track and those interested in a career in research.

Learning
As a member of the World of Biology, you will live with other incoming freshmen who share your interest in biology.

You will take one or two of your classes together in the fall and spring semesters of your freshman year and attend co-curricular events together as a community.

Community
As a member of an L-LC, you will have a built-in community of friends from the start!

Friends: Study and socialize with fellow L-LC members. Tackle those first-year courses with your friends by forming study groups where you live!

World Ambassadors: “Learn the ropes” from peers selected from last year’s most engaged L-LC students.

Community Assistant: Meet weekly with an upper-class/graduate student to plan or attend social, academic, and community service events.

Lead Faculty Member: Get to know a member of the faculty outside of the classroom at weekly lunches or dinners in your own dining hall!

Academic Advisor: Each L-LC has its own Academic Advisor to help you plan your pathway to success.

Leadership Opportunities: Become a World Representative. Go on to assume a campus-wide leadership role.

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

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

Responsibilities of L-LC Members
- Register for the designated L-LC classes
- Attend lunch or dinner with the faculty mentor and weekly L-LC meetings and/or activities with the Community Assistant
- Participate in All World Events with the other L-LCs (typically two per semester)
- Participate in at least one community service project with your L-LC each semester
- Be a vital and engaged member of your L-LC and of the University at Albany community

For more information about the World of Biology, including classes and activities, or to learn more about the responsibilities of being in an L-LC, please visit our website.

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