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Housing & Residence Life



Living- Learning Communities

Get ahead of the
game and meet
students with
similar interests!





At Old Dominion University, we believe you should have every possible opportunity to succeed! Joining a living-learning community (LLC) allows you access to educational resources (academic and social) along with extra-curricular activities that will enhance your residential experience. LLCs provide opportunities to help you gain knowledge and skills to be successful in the classroom and the greater ODU community. LLCs will provide you an enhancement to the quality services and events provided in all of our residential communities.

Benefits of Joining an LLC:

- Resident Assistants (RAs) with similar academic interests
- Activities and events designed to ease your transition to college
- Specific events related to your academics
- Social activities to connect you to other students within the LLC
- Interaction with faculty members outside of the classroom
- Engagement in academic opportunities that can contribute to future endeavors
- Opportunities to learn about academic resources and how to utilize these services
- Opportunities to connect with other students with common academic interests



Living-Learning Communities create a residence hall experience that emphasizes and supports students' learning. Research shows students who participate in a Living-Learning Community have higher retention rates, are more engaged with faculty members, and have greater satisfaction with the overall college experience. Read about our LLCs to determine which is right for you!

What current LLC students are saying about their experiences...

I love my LLC because it helps me to improve both academically and socially.
~Andrea Vera, Nursing Major, Health Professions LLC

I like living in the LLC because I was able to meet new friends that have a similar interest as me.
~David Aubuchon, Engineering Major, Engineering LLC

Living-Learning Communities Offered

Engineering Community

Students in the Engineering LLC are a community of scholars committed to academic excellence in engineering.

In partnership with the College of Engineering, this LLC is comprised of students interested in the following engineering fields:

- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Modeling, Simulation & Visualization

You will have the opportunity to interact with engineering faculty and to learn about a variety of career paths while networking within the local engineering community. The LLC staff hosts events and activities designed for you to focus on issues engineers face in the growing competitive marketplace. Living in the Engineering Living-Learning Community allows you to connect with others in the same engineering core courses, utilize academic support programs, and engage in opportunities related to the engineering field.

Health Professions Community

The Health Professions LLC provides an opportunity for students in health and health-related majors to live, network, and study together.

In partnership with the College of Health Sciences, this LLC is ideal if you are interested in the following health professions:

- Nursing
- Dental Hygiene
- Community and Environmental Health
- Radiation Sciences
- Medicine
- Physical Therapy
- Medical Laboratory

This community provides a “study buddy” program and activities to expose you to career-related opportunities and community service. You will also have an opportunity to further your understanding of local public health needs, best practices, and global health challenges.

Honors Living-Learning Community

As an accepted Honors College student, you have an opportunity to live in this LLC. The Honors LLC is an environment where you will be with students of a similar academic focus and have opportunities for mentoring, study groups, and peer advising from upper-class honors students. The Honors College also offers special sections of general education courses, including English composition, literature, history, biology, physics, astronomy, oceanography, information literacy, as well as courses related to “peer leadership” and undergraduate research.

Explorers Living-Learning Community

This is the ideal community for first-year students who are investigating their major and career options.

As a part of the ODU Explorers LLC you will have the opportunity to live in an environment that intentionally exposes you to the career and academic options available while also facilitating your own self-exploration. You will be engaged in the exploration process through events in your hall, guest speakers, field trips, and collaboration with offices across campus.

Common Academic Course (required):

- UNIV 120: Career Exploration an “ODU Explorers Only” section

Getting Down to Business Living-Learning Community

The College of Business and Public Administration LLC provides an atmosphere where first-year students can gain hands-on knowledge with peers who share similar interests.

You will experience an interactive learning environment designed to promote community and enrich your experience with opportunities for experiential learning. This community is ideal if you are interested in the following majors and/or minors:

- Accounting
- Finance
- Risk Management
- Maritime Supply Chain Management
- Business Analytics
- Personal Financial Planning
- Information Technology
- Economics
- Real Estate
- Management
- Marketing

Common Academic Courses (required):

- BUSN 110 (fall)
- IT 150G (fall)
- COMM101R (spring)



The Spectrum Living Learning Community

This living learning community brings together lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) students and straight allies in an inclusive environment where community members are able to freely explore issues of identity, sexuality, and gender.

This inclusive community encourages you to learn more about an aspect of ODU's diversity and enjoy the social and academic support of living with your peers who share similar experiences and interests. In this safe and affirming environment, you are able to freely express yourself. The Spectrum Floor LLC provides opportunities for you to individually explore, fosters opportunities for community building, and provides a venue where you can advocate for social change.

Common Academic Courses (required):

- ENGL 211C
- WMST 303 (only students who have completed ENGL 211C)

How do I apply for a Living-Learning Community?

If you are interested in one of the communities you can preference your LLC choice in your on-campus housing application.

You can access your housing application through May 31st to update your room or LLC preference.

**For Additional
Information on
LLC's Please Visit:
www.odu.edu/housing**

W.I.S.E. (Women in Science and Engineering)

Perfect for the budding scientist, mathematician, or engineer; programs for this LLC are designed to support the success of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

In partnership with the College of Engineering, this LLC brings you together with other first-year women in a residential environment to provide encouragement and support in pursuing a career in traditionally male-dominated fields. You will learn about careers in STEM fields, share your academic experiences and career goals, and learn about resources and opportunities that support your academic and personal pursuits.

College of Sciences Community

This community is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in the scientific process.

In partnership with the College of Sciences, this community is created to give you, as a first-year science student, support and resources to be successful in your transition into ODU. If you participate in this community you will have opportunities for study groups, tutoring, college workshops, and advising for Biology and Psychology majors.

Common Academic Courses (required):

- SCI 101 and PSYC 201
or
- SCI 101 and BIOL 115 lab
(Biology Majors who qualify for BIOL115)



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