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Student Affairs
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Living Learning Communities

Additional information:
Living Learning Communities

Living Learning Communities (LLC) offer unique opportunities for campus residents. At Wichita State University, we offer several types of living learning communities so you can choose the best fit for you.

When completing the housing application, students will select the living learning communities they are interested in and provide a rank indicating their level of interest. Housing assignments will be made based on the information provided on the housing application and availability.

To apply for a Living Learning Community, simply list your preferences on your housing application. Students are placed in LLCs based on preference, availability and openings.

In order for your Living Learning Community application to be officially submitted, you must agree to all program requirements of the Living Learning Community.

What is a Living Learning Community?

Living Learning Community (LLC) is a group of students who choose to live together to expand their education through shared learning experiences that go beyond the classroom. Students enjoy a built-in support system, personal attention and mentoring, leadership opportunities, and an enhanced sense of community. Participating in a Living Learning Community can help you make the most of your time at Wichita State University.

What Living Learning Communities does Wichita State University offer?

Wichita State University offers 10 unique Living Learning Communities so you can choose the best fit for you.

Below are the living learning communities offered as well as a brief description of each. Click on the title of the LLC for a full fact sheet about the LLC. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the Coordinator designated.

Business
Interested in exploring the different majors and careers associated with the business world? The Business Living Learning Community is for you! Students will form connections with the Barton School of Business faculty and staff and with business leaders in the community. A variety of business career-related programs and activities will be planned throughout the year to engage students.

This community will have up to a maximum of 40 residents.

Coordinator - Randy Ware

Civic Leadership
The Civic Leadership Living Learning Community (LLC) is a community engagement and leadership focused LLC for students with any major. Students will be immersed in experiences which will give them an increased awareness of local, national and international affairs. Through the lens of civic
leadership development students’ will explore their perspective of ethical, moral, and social ideals and begin to actualize the impact of service and civic duty.

This community will have up to a maximum of 25 residents.

Coordinator - Chelsea Redger

DiverseCity
DiverseCity is open to students who want to celebrate diversity and expand their understanding of social justice and multiculturalism. Students will have opportunities to engage in dialogue and activities related to affecting worldwide change with local action, and issues of ethnicity and identities.

All residents will be required to participate in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion student mentoring program.

This community will have up to a maximum of 35 residents.

Coordinator- Natalie Toney

Education
Students will interact with peers in and outside of the classroom through programs focused on a shared passion for helping people. For any student interested in or considering any major in the College of Education.

This community will have up to a maximum of 30 residents

Coordinator - Shirley Lefever-Davis

Engineering
A community formed around common engineering curriculum and experiences where students live, learn, and engage together.

This community will have up to a maximum of 100 residents.

Coordinator- Alicia Newell

Fine Arts
Brings together students and faculty in the visual and performing arts and other fields to explore innovation, creativity and collaboration.

This community will will have up to a maximum of 35 residents.

Coordinator- Leann Karr

Fraternity and Sorority
Interested in joining a Fraternity or Sorority? Members of this community will have the opportunity to engage with peers about what it means to be a member of the Greek community at Wichita State University, the history and traditions of Greek life, and the fraternal principles of scholarship, service, friendship, cultural appreciation, and brotherhood/sisterhood. Enrollment in WSU 101: Greek Leadership (T/TH 11-12:15) is required for members of the LLC.
This community will have a maximum of 40 residents.

Coordinator- Lyston Skerritt

**Health Professions**

A community for students interested in exploring a broad range of career opportunities in the health fields. Members build relationship inside and outside the classroom by taking part in social, educational, and community service events.

This community will have up to a maximum of 40 residents.

Coordinator - Patty Beamer

**Honors**

Honors students are invited to live and learn with motivated and creative peers in the Honors Living-Learning Community. For honors students who wish to commit themselves passionately to a cause larger than themselves, put themselves in service to others and practice good citizenship. Through living and learning together, students in the Honors community prepare to be successful on campus and in the Wichita community.

This community will have up to a maximum of 50 residents.

Coordinator - Kimberly Engber

**Recreation and Wellness**

Your path to releasing your Shocker Spirit. The Recreation and Wellness community will focus on living a balanced lifestyle within the college environment. As members of the Recreation and Wellness LLC you will have the opportunity to develop healthy practices, and incorporate the seven aspects of wellness: emotional, intellectual, physical, occupational/vocational, environmental, social and spiritual. By joining, you will become part of a team that will help you not only survive at Wichita State University, but thrive! As a member of this active and engaged community, you will be exposed to specialized, VIP-quality services, programs, and events that will create lasting memories and lifelong friends.

This community will have up to a maximum of 40 residents.

Coordinator - Eric Maki
Business

**Description**
Interested in meeting fellow business majors and doing fun activities with them? The Business Living Learning Community (LLC) is for you! Students will form connections with the Barton School of Business faculty and staff and with business people in the community. A variety of social and business career-related programs and activities will be planned throughout the year to engage students.

**Requirements**
This community is intended for students who are interested in exploring a career in business, and will have up to 40 residents.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Participate in learning activities outside the classroom
- Take part in business-focused programming and service learning opportunities
- Form lasting relationships with fellow students, faculty and business professionals
- Help with selecting a major/career
- Identify resources necessary for campus success

**Size:** 40 participants  
**Open to:** All majors  
**Location:** Shocker Hall

**Why Join?**
- Brand-new state-of-the-art residence hall
- Outings with fellow business students
- Opportunities to interact with business professors and business professionals in an informal setting
- Specialized programming and events

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(316)978-6483 office
(316)305-6115 cell

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Civic Leadership

Description

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Requirements

- Enroll in WSU 101- Civic Leadership course.
- Join one community service or Registered Student Organization (RSO).
- Complete 10 hours of local community service.

Learning Outcomes

- Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement- Student leaders must role model social responsibility and be civic minded at all times, but especially when representing the college/university. On and off campus behavior should match the values of the organization and institution leaders represent.
- Leadership Development- Student leaders involved in campus activities must understand that their role is to be a positive change agent, to influence others and create a vision. Leadership is a process rather than a position. Leadership is relationship-oriented and situational in nature.
- Clarified Values- Understanding personal and organizational values plays a significant role in achieving effective leadership in Campus Activities. Clarified values offer the leader a compass to navigate through a variety of leadership situations and challenges. Student leaders and programmers should reflect and engage in the process of values clarification to enhance personal growth and organizational effectiveness.

Why Join?

Students join this LLC if they are seeking an opportunity to expand their knowledge of metro Wichita and the needs of the community. Activities, service programs and leadership programs will be focused on making an impact and difference in your community regardless of your discipline or field of study. Students will have the opportunity to expand their network amongst peers and the local community.

Size: 25 Participants
Open to: All majors
Location: Shocker Hall
Fee: none

For more information, contact Chelsea Redger
(316) 978.3022
chelsea.redger@wichita.edu
DiverseCity is open to students who want to celebrate diversity and expand their understanding of social justice and multiculturalism. Students will have opportunities to engage in dialogue and activities related to affecting global change with local action, and issues of ethnicity and identities.

**Requirements**
All residents will be required to participate in the Office of Multicultural Affairs student mentoring program and enroll in WSU 101, CRN:15938, Intro to University.

Students will have access to the WSU 101 faculty member outside the classroom through intentional programming. Students will be challenged to address stereotypes and prejudice based on identities such as gender, race, nationality, religion and sexual orientation.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Discover self awareness through individual and group activities
- Relate to other diverse students on campus
- Recognize their role in serving their cultural community
- Develop a network of academic and social support in cultural communities
- Connect with the Wichita State community

**Why join?**
Why should students consider DiverseCity? This community provides a welcoming and open-minded community for residents interested in diversity. It allows students to interact with people from unique backgrounds and have meaningful personal interactions while providing opportunities to build life-long friendships.

**Size:** 35 participants
**Location:** Shocker Hall
**Open to:** All majors, CO-ED
**Fee:** none

For more information, contact Natalie Toney at (316) 978-7006 or Natalie.toney@wichita.edu

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Living Learning Community

Engineering

| Description |
The Engineering Living Learning Community will create a student community formed around common engineering courses and experiences where students live, learn, and engage together.

| Requirements |
This community is intended for students who are interested in exploring a career in engineering. Applicants must have declared a major within the College of Engineering.

| Learning Outcomes |
- Build peer relationships with other students pursuing engineering degrees
- Build professional relationships with faculty and practicing engineers
- Increase awareness of engineering and the various disciplines and careers

| Why Join? |
- Tutoring in the residence halls
- Industry tours
- Lunches with Faculty
- Build friendships
- Networking

Size: 100 participants
Open to: Engineering Majors
Location: Shocker Hall
Fee: none

For more information, contact Anna Sharpe
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**Education**

**Description**
Students will interact with peers in and outside of the classroom through programs focused on a shared passion for helping people. For any student interested in or considering any major in the College of Education.

**Requirements**
This community is intended for students who are interested in exploring a career in Education.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Engage in classrooms and other professional learning experiences.
- Participate in applied research relating to teaching.
- Promote the teaching profession in the local community and surrounding area.
- Enhance educational opportunities for children in high need areas.

**Why Join?**
- Engage in outreach opportunities to local schools and community organizations that support students and families.
- Live in a brand-new state-of-the-art residence hall.
- Outings with fellow education students.
- Opportunities to interact with faculty in informal settings.
- Specialized programming and events.

**Size:** 40 participants  
**Open to:** All majors, CO-ED  
**Location:** Shocker Hall  
**Fee:** none

For more information, contact Shirley LeFever-Davis  
shirley.lefever-davis@wichita.edu  
(316) 978-6935

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Fine Arts

| Description |
The Fine Arts LLC is open to students who have a passion for the arts either as a Fine Arts Major or a student who wants to experience the joy and satisfaction being involved in the arts can bring.

| Why Join? |
Fun
Interactive monthly meetings
Nurture appreciation for all art forms
Engage in community service (think resume!)

Attend concerts, productions, & visit galleries
Research career opportunities
Tutoring
Special guest speakers

| Requirements |
Love and respect for the arts and their importance in society

| Learning Outcomes |
• Familiarity with the venues and opportunities available for performing and visual arts
• Knowledge and awareness of career opportunities
• Formation of relationships with other students, faculty and business professionals

For more information, contact Leann Karr
(316) 978-7091
leann.karr@wichita.edu

Size: 35 participants
Location: Shocker Hall
Open to: all majors, CO-ED
Fee: none

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Fraternity and Sorority | Description

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Living Learning Community (LLC) is for any WSU student who has joined a Fraternity or Sorority or who has interest in joining or learning more about a Greek letter organization. The LLC will enhance the personal development of residents in alignment with the values identified by the Fraternity and Sorority community.

Requirements

Enrollment in WSU 101: Greek Leadership (T/TH 11-12:15) is required for members of the LLC. Residents will be required to attend LLC meetings, participate in a pre and post evaluation, have small group meetings with the PAL, and attend required events.

Learning Outcomes

- Residents will develop a stronger connection to the Wichita community as well as (inter)national organizations due to participation in Greek community service and philanthropy events
- Residents will create connections right away with peers who share the same interests
- Residents will have an understanding of the values of the Fraternity and Sorority community: accountability, unity, development and growth

Why join?

Fraternity and Sorority life offers more than just fun activities for members to participate in. There are academic resources, networking opportunities, leadership development, service and philanthropy events and a community full of brotherhood and sisterhood. Being a member of the Fraternity or Sorority LLC isn’t just about making new friends on campus, it’s about finding your home and adding to your family.

Size: 40
Open to: All majors
Location: Shocker Hall
Fee: none

For more information, contact Student Involvement (316) 978-3022 getinvolved@wichita.edu

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Living Learning Community

Honors

| Description |
Through living and learning together, students in the Honors Living Learning Community (LLC) prepare to be successful in Honors, in academic departments, on campus and in the Wichita community. The Honors LLC is designed to develop reflective and transformational campus and community leaders. Honors students are expected to commit passionately to a cause larger than themselves.

| Requirements |
All Honors students will be required to attend a monthly Honors meeting that occurs the first Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 p.m.

Because Honors students are driven and capable of self-governance, Honors LLC students will have the opportunity to evaluate and make changes to the proposed contract that specifies how many events, courses and other activities they will need to participate in.

| Learning Outcomes |
- Communicate effectively across disciplines and/or professions through curricular requirements and academic events
- Contribute to an intellectual, creative and/or civic community through interactions with Honors student organizations and community service events
- Develop a strong student network through programming organized by the Peer Academic Leader (PAL), RA, Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College Staff
- Reflect on individual development by completing an end-of-year reflection activity

| Why join? |
Students join the Honors LLC for many reasons, but all are driven by a love of learning. The ideal student for the Honors LLC is one who enjoys scholarship, craves challenges, appreciates a diverse perspective on current issues, and wants to be connected with like-minded students and dedicated faculty from the minute they step foot on campus until long after they step off the commencement stage.

| Size: | 50 Participants |
| Open to: | Honors |
| Location: | Shocker Hall |
| Fee: | none |

For more information, contact Dr. Kimberly Engber Dean, Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College (316) 978-3375 kimberly.engber@wichita.edu
Health Professions

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<td>The core values of the CHP LLC are community, communication and caring. Living with fellow students majoring in a health care profession provides the opportunity to live in a “like-minded” community, to discuss today’s pressing health issues and collaborate with other health care disciplines. Learn the art of caring with regard to one another in preparation to practice health care with future clients.</td>
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Size: 40 Participants  
Location: Shocker Hall  
Open to: Health Professions majors  
Fee: none

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| • Hone listening skills through biweekly meetings  
• Practice one-on-one and group communication  
• Discuss ethical and medical issues facing those in the medical community.  
• Discuss global health care of diverse populations  
• Connect with others in the health care profession to prevent isolation |

For more information, contact Patty Beamer, (316)978-5728 or patricia.beamer@wichita.edu
Description:
College life can be a challenge; classes, roommates, being away from home. By joining the Recreation and Wellness LLC you will become part of a team that will help you not only survive at WSU, but thrive! As a member of this active and engaged community you will be exposed to specialized, VIP-quality services, programs, and events that will create lasting memories, educational support, and life-long friends.

Requirements:
All students will participate in programs including:
- Exclusive VIP access to specialized Campus Recreation programs and services!
- Late night dive-in movies at the Wiedemann Natatorium.
- Team training for the 19th annual Pumpkin Run 5k road race.
- Group outings to Shocker athletic events.
- Reserved fitness experiences through our Shocker Fit program.
- Assistance in forming teams in various Campus Recreation, Intramural Sports leagues and tournaments.

Learning Outcomes:
• Familiarity with the 7 aspects of wellness
• Various fitness related programs and services offered by Campus Recreation.

Why Join?
A community which will provide engaged and supportive leadership to make your first year at WSU your BEST year! Our community will focus on providing the necessary tools to leading a healthy and balanced life-style now as well as beyond WSU. Join and contribute as we make this fun and exciting journey!