THE OFFICE of STUDENT LIFE

fosters student learning and development,

enhances the educational experience,

and prepares students for their chosen

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Through partnerships with a variety of academic departments, faculty and staff, students have exclusive access to activities that tie directly into their academic success at Ohio State. Each Learning Community is unique in the goals and events offered, but all have a direct connection to the classroom experience, intentional events and opportunities for students to participate in, and dedicated staff members to ensure the success of the students within the community.
“The connections made in the Learning Community have really made my experience as a new freshman easier and more comfortable. I’ve gotten to know the other people in my major very well. Being in the LC was like being a part of a family. We will learn and grow together through our college experiences.”

Jennifer Bacigalupo, Nursing Learning Community

“The Learning Community gives you a sense of belonging here at OSU. It has connected me to so many other organizations, leaders, and wonderful staff and faculty members. It has truly helped me develop as a leader and grow as a student.”

Rachael Babatu, Afrikan American Learning Community

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How to Apply: Students interested in being a member of a Learning Community must complete the Learning Community Application found at go.osu.edu/learningcommunities by the required deadline.

Housing Contracts are sent to your OSU email account based upon your paid acceptance to the University beginning in March.

Please make sure your contract and space reservation fee are received no later than May 31, 2014 in order to ensure your space in a Learning Community.

LC APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 15, 2014:
- Business Honors
- Engineering House
- Global Business
- SUSTAINS
- Women In Engineering

LC APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2, 2014:
- African American
- Exploration
- First Year Collegian
- Food, Agricultural, & Environmental Sciences
- Future Health Professionals
- International House
- John Glenn
- Nursing
- Pharmacy House
- Sophomore Learning & Involvement Community
- SUSTAINS
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Women In Engineering

This application only applies to new first-year students at The Ohio State University. A separate process exists for renewal students, transfer students and change of campus students who wish to participate in a Learning Community.

https://housing.osu.edu/learning-communities/
afrikan american learning community
baker hall east

OVERVIEW
The Afrikan American Learning Community creates an environment where students are part of a peer network committed to academic and personal success at The Ohio State University. The university offers many resources and participating in this community will help students take full advantage of the opportunities and services offered. Through small group activities and dialogue, students will gain a better understanding of self and how that affects their worldview.

WHO?
Students of all backgrounds looking for a close-knit and engaging community focused on gaining leadership skills, personal development and connecting to the campus community

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Participate in annual traditions such as exclusive dinner with Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Vice President for Student Life
Connect with faculty and staff around issues of diversity, culture and inclusion
Greater awareness of the academic resources and opportunities for involvement available on campus

business honors learning community
taylor tower

OVERVIEW
Business Honors is designed to give honors students the opportunity to participate in experiential learning and community service with peers, faculty, staff and members of the business community. Activities that focus on career development, community service and building leadership skills are key parts of the program.

WHO?
Honors business students who want to become successful students and citizens through team building, practical experiences, service learning, academic achievement and leadership initiatives

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Early Arrival Program focused on getting to know and building community with other BHLC students
Ability to work with and learn from sponsor company executives and to participate in special programs (executive lunches, career workshops and case study competition)
Mentoring received from upper class honors students and the opportunity to mentor future BHLC students
Course with other BHLC students and academic advising hours in their residence hall
**Engineering House Learning Community**

**Overview**

The Engineering House Learning Community focuses on helping students explore the variety of major options within the College of Engineering. Participants have opportunities to interact with faculty, staff and professionals in the engineering community.

**Who?**

Engineering students who want hands-on experience and opportunities for career exploration to help them become successful students and professionals.

**LC Highlights**

- Annual trip to the Detroit Auto Show to connect with OSU Engineering alumni
- Programming and workshops designed to support the success of students in engineering fields
- Field trips and “behind the scenes” experiences related to the field of engineering such as a trip to meet with engineers at Cedar Point Amusement Park and the Center of Science and Industry

**Applications due:** May 2, 2014

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**Exploration Learning Community**

**Overview**

The Exploration Learning Community connects students with peers who are discovering their academic and career aspirations and provides group experiences to reflect on what students want to do at Ohio State and beyond. This program is for students who are undecided or students who know exactly what they want to do but are unsure of the best path.

**Who?**

First-year students who want to explore options and develop plans to meet their academic, personal and career aspirations.

**LC Highlights**

- Availability of major and career decision resources and activities such as StrengthsQuest and study skills/time management workshops
- Exposure to campus life and the City of Columbus with other first-year students
- Academic Advising hours in their residence hall
- University Exploration course with other students in the learning community

**Applications due:** May 2, 2014
**First Year Collegian Learning Community**

**Siebert Hall**

**Overview**
The First Year Collegian Learning Community will help students form meaningful connections to the university community and find their niche at Ohio State. The Learning Community centers around three values: leadership, service and personal growth.

**Who?**
First-year students interested in connecting to involvement opportunities and campus resources, developing leadership skills and participating in community service.

**LC Highlights**
- Opportunities to get to know the Ohio State campus with other first-year students
- Travel experiences that include exposure to service and personal exploration, such as a trip to Chicago
- Regular community meetings led by hall staff and students focused on leadership development and current issues
- Monthly service events within the Columbus community

**Applications Due:** May 2, 2014

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**Food, Agricultural, & Environmental Sciences Learning Community**

**Norton House**

**Overview**
The Food, Agricultural, & Environmental Sciences Learning Community focuses on helping participants become successful CFAES students and future professionals through an approach which emphasizes practical experiences, mentorship, academic achievement and leadership development.

**Who?**
Agricultural and environmental sciences majors and those interested in social and academic experiences related to agricultural leadership, education and awareness.

**LC Highlights**
- Opportunity to go on trips related to food, agricultural and environmental sciences such as the Deere and Company World Headquarters in Moline, Illinois and Chicago
- Weekly academic advising hours in their residence hall
- Regular opportunities to engage with faculty members through weekly dinners, faculty mentor program and in-hall events
- Activities with students from Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute

**Applications Due:** May 2, 2014
future health professionals
learning community
park-stradley hall

OVERVIEW
The Future Health Professionals Learning Community helps students explore the variety of options within the health and medical fields through a partnership with the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Students will be exposed to career and professional options through programs, networking and site visits.

WHO?
Students studying Athletic Training, Health Information Management and Systems, Health Science, Medical Dietetics, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiological Services and Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and other health-related majors

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Programs to enhance discovery of majors and careers related to the health and medical professions
Experiential opportunities to complement their academic curriculum such as volunteer opportunities, on-site visits and interaction with professionals and alumni
Enhanced connections to the faculty and advisors in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, including academic advising in their residence hall

applications due may 2, 2014

global business
learning community
lane avenue residence hall

OVERVIEW
The Global Business Learning Community provides opportunities to live, study, learn and develop a sense of community as business majors. Students in the community participate in various activities and events designed to enhance their international business knowledge.

WHO?
First-year students interested in exploring the increasingly globalized world of business

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Ability to work with and learn from sponsor company executives and to participate in special programs (executive lunches, career workshops and case study competition)
Members selected to participate are admitted directly into the Fisher College of Business as a part of the FisherDirect Program
Site visits with Ohio companies conducting international business
Course with other students in the Learning Community

applications due april 15, 2014
**International House Learning Community**

**Overview**
The International House (I-House) at Ohio State is a Learning Community for students interested in learning about our world’s many cultures and communities. Students explore their own cultural identity and how it relates to others by living in a community of international and domestic students.

**Who?**
Students interested in being part of learning opportunities that emphasize how to be aware and active in an increasingly global society.

**LC Highlights**
- Experience the music, histories and cuisines of communities from all over the globe.
- Dessert and conversations with international scholars, faculty and students.
- Annual Trip to a city outside of Ohio in order to explore “American Culture” (previous trips have included Washington, D.C.).

**Applications Due:** May 2, 2014

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**John Glenn Learning Community**

**Overview**
The John Glenn Learning Community seeks to cultivate the essentials of our democracy: citizens, leaders and ideas. The four central pillars of the Learning Community are policy, academics, social and service. Members typically have a passion for issues of service and policy and they study a wide variety of academic majors.

**Who?**
Students who aspire to make a difference in the world and have an interest in public policy, civic engagement and service.

**LC Highlights**
- Early arrival program including introduction to the program and low ropes team building exercises.
- Annual trip to Washington, D.C. which has included a tour of the Capitol Building, meeting with both Ohio Senators and a group service project.
- Speakers, such as Senator John Glenn, who represent a wide range of political issues and perspectives.
- Course in Public Affairs with other students in the learning community.

**Applications Due:** May 2, 2014
nursing learning community
park-stradley hall

OVERVIEW
Through a close partnership with the College of Nursing, the Learning Community focuses on helping students succeed personally and academically during their time at Ohio State. Students gain connections to faculty and staff in the College of Nursing, knowledge about how to apply to the nursing major at Ohio State and stay in touch with current trends and topics related to nursing and health professions.

WHO?
Students interested in the opportunity to explore the profession of nursing, develop a community among other residents and members of the College of Nursing and learn the latest trends in healthcare

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Opportunities to network and dialogue with faculty, advisors and alumni from the College of Nursing
Annual dinner with the Dean of the College of Nursing
Workshops geared toward applying for the Nursing Major at The Ohio State University
Volunteer opportunities, on-site visits and interactions with professionals and alumni

pharmacy house learning community
canfield hall

OVERVIEW
This dynamic community provides an opportunity to network with peers with similar interests and goals in the field of pharmacy. Faculty and staff members, as well as other students from the College of Pharmacy, provide special opportunities and activities that help residents make early connections with people in their field.

WHO?
Pre-pharmacy students interested in connecting with peers, faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy through practical experiences within the profession

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Annual trip with opportunity to network with OSU alumni and pharmacy professionals (previous locations have included Indianapolis and Washington, D.C.)
Volunteer opportunities, on-site visits and interaction with professionals and alumni
Interaction with faculty members outside the classroom, including academic advising hours in their residence hall

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 2, 2014
The Sophomore Learning and Involvement Community (SLIC) focuses on the concepts of involvement, learning and leadership and relates them to the interests and needs of second-year students. Active participants in SLIC will develop skills in communication, decision-making and academic/career preparation.

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**WHO?**
Second-year students (including transfer students) interested in connecting to other sophomores and to Ohio State through service, leadership enhancement and major/career preparation.

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**
- Teambuilding workshops to create a community of support for second-year students
- Interaction with faculty, staff and professionals from various fields and specializations
- Workshops and experiences based on the concepts of learning and leadership
- Opportunities to engage in community service with a focus on leadership

**APPLICATIONS DUE**: February 7, 2014

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**WH0?**
Students interested in becoming leaders in sustainability, personally and professionally, by fostering connections with others and learning how sustainable actions impact society.

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**
- Opportunities to be involved with sustainability initiatives on campus, as well as service opportunities in the community
- Seminar course instructed by faculty and staff in the Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability (EEDS) major
- Site visits to green business locations for tours and discussion with faculty
- Participation in Columbus-wide service day (Earth Week) and campus activities for Earth Day

**APPLICATIONS DUE**: April 15, 2014
The Visual and Performing Arts Learning Community is a community for artists or anyone who wishes to express creative ideas. Students will have an opportunity to literally “leave their mark” on their residence hall community through wall murals, t-shirts and logo designs and programs that cater to their artistic passions.

Who?
Students passionate about one or more dimensions of the arts (music, theater, art, design & dance) and engaging with them in a community setting

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Group trips to local theater and dance performances
Interactive programs with faculty ranging from discussions of theatre to video game development
Opportunities to engage in the arts around the Ohio State campus and Columbus community
Annual travel program to view and discuss theater, museum exhibits and the experience of alumni in the arts (previous travel experiences have included trips to New York City and Chicago)

The Women in Engineering Learning Community focuses on providing its members with a supportive academic and social experience. Living with other women who are studying engineering gives students the opportunity to be part of a smaller community that will help them learn what it takes to be a successful engineer.

Who?
Women in the College of Engineering looking for opportunities to develop skills directly related to advancement in the field of engineering

LC HIGHLIGHTS
Early Arrival Program focused on assisting students in their transitions to the study of engineering and the Ohio State University
Travel experiences focused on exploring the various fields of engineering (previous trips have included the Detroit Auto Show and Cedar Point Amusement Park)
Access to upper class mentors who are women majoring in engineering

Applications due: May 2, 2014
Applications due: April 15, 2014