WILL IT BE YOU WHO ENGAGES IN LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM?

LEARNING COMMUNITY GUIDE
What is a Learning Community?

A Learning Community (LC) is a group of students who live together on a residence hall floor with common major, career and/or personal interests. Through exciting partnerships with a variety of campus partners, faculty and staff, students have exclusive access to transformational 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, events and opportunities for students to participate in and dedicated staff members to ensure students find their niche in a community dedicated to helping them reach their goals.

Why join a Learning Community at Ohio State?

In 2021, the US News and World Report recognized The Ohio State University’s Learning Communities as an outstanding initiative that leads to student success. Consider whether the opportunity to live and learn in a dynamic community is the right fit for you. Recent survey findings indicate that students who participate in a Learning Community at Ohio State:
• Have given more thought to their career goals after graduation.
• Have significantly higher GPAs.
• Develop stronger study skills and are better able to balance their academics and personal lives.
• Find it easier to create study groups in their halls.
• Are better connected to the wealth of campus resources available at Ohio State.
• Are surrounded by others with an increased commitment to succeed academically.

“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 Learning Community was like being part of a family. We will learn and grow together through our college experiences.”

Jennifer Bacigalupo
Nursing and Wellness Innovations Learning Community
HOW TO APPLY:

Students interested in being part of a Learning Community must complete the Learning Community Application at go.osu.edu/learningcommunities by April 15, 2022.

Housing contracts are sent to your Ohio State email account on a rolling basis 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 27, 2022 in order to ensure consideration for a Learning Community.

Please note that Learning Community participants are required to live in the residence hall specific to their Learning Community and with others in the same LC. Depending upon the community, participants may have required courses and/or early arrival programs.

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

Alumnae Scholarship Housing and the Stadium Scholarship Program applicants should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT A GLANCE

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**
For students interested in being a part of learning opportunities that emphasize how to be aware and active in an increasingly global society.

**SOPHOMORE LEARNING & INVOLVEMENT COMMUNITY**
For second-year students (including campus change students) interested in connecting to other sophomores, Ohio State and Columbus through leadership development, self-reflection and career preparation.

**FIRST YEAR COLLEGIAN**
For first-year students interested in connecting to involvement opportunities and campus resources, developing leadership skills and participating in community service.

**SUSTAINS**
For students of any major interested in becoming leaders in sustainability, personally and professionally, by fostering connections with others and learning how sustainable actions impact society.

**PHARMACY**
For any students interested in connecting with peers, faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy through practical experiences within the profession.

**MORRILL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
For students in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Morrill Scholarship Program who are interested in social justice, participating in regular civic engagement activities and developing leadership skills for advocacy.

**EXPLORATION**
For first-year students who want to explore options and develop plans to meet their academic, personal and career aspirations.

**FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
For students studying Health Information Management and Systems, Health Sciences, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiological Sciences and Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and other health-related majors.

**BUSINESS HONORS**
For honors business students who want to become successful students and citizens through team building, practical experiences, service learning, academic achievement and leadership initiatives.

**ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIP HOUSING**
For female students with demonstrated financial need interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with alumnae in meaningful ways.

**BUSINESS HONORS**
For honors business students who want to become successful students and citizens through team building, practical experiences, service learning, academic achievement and leadership initiatives.

**KELLOGG-MOSER FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**
For any students with an interest in generating discussion and change around food production, food security, hunger, food safety, food policy, human nutrition and wellness, human and community development, sustainable agriculture practices, leadership and civic engagement.

**ENGINEERING HOUSE**
For all engineering students who want hands-on experience and opportunities for career exploration to help them become successful students and professionals.

**J OHN GLENN CIVIC LEADERSHIP**
For all students who aspire to make a difference in the world and have an interest in public policy, politics, civic engagement, leadership and service.

**GLOBAL BUSINESS**
For first-year students interested in exploring the increasingly globalized world of business. Part of the FisherDirect Initiative.

**STADIUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
For students with demonstrated financial need interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with alumni in meaningful ways.

**NURSING AND WELLNESS INNOVATIONS**
For students interested in exploring the profession of nursing, developing a community among other residents and members of the College of Nursing, and learning the latest trends in healthcare.

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**OVERVIEW**

The Alumnae Scholarship Housing (ASH) program has offered a unique, cooperative-living and low-cost housing option for undergraduate women at The Ohio State University for 80+ years. ASH aims to connect students with a variety of resources on campus while promoting individual growth and development. ASH women engage in regular initiatives that build a tight-knit community and foster cooperative spirit.

**WHO?**

Female students with demonstrated financial need interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with The Ohio State University alumnae in meaningful ways.

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**

- Family-like living experience with reduced housing fees and food provided (a combined savings of approximately $3,612 per semester).
- Opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.
- Opportunities for housing scholarships from the ASH Society to returning members.
- Opportunities to interact and build strong connections with ASH alumnae.
- Signature Events including the ASH Fall Break Educational Trip, Thanksgiving Dinner with ASH Alumnae, the ASH Winter Formal and the Women of the Year program.

**PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS**

- 5-8 hours per week of house duties including meal planning, meal preparation, housekeeping and ordering supplies.
- Women must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Students must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA.

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**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. Students will have significant interaction with a focus company’s representatives. Key parts of this honors program focus on career development, community service and building leadership skills.

**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**

- Build a community while developing leadership skills, increasing professional acumen and participating in community service.
- Ability to work with and learn from sponsor company executives and participate in special programs (executive lunches, career workshops and case study competition).
- Mentoring received from upperclass honors students and the opportunity to mentor future BHLC students.
- Course with other BHLC students and academic advising hours in the residence hall.
ENGINEERING HOUSE

OVERVIEW
The Engineering House Learning Community (EHLC) is committed to assisting students in their transition to the study of engineering and The Ohio State University community. It is designed to give students exposure to the variety of major options within the College of Engineering (COE), access to effective academic support services, interaction with faculty, staff, alumni and professionals and an opportunity to cultivate community with students across the COE. This residential community is designed to develop confident, studious, inclusive leaders through experiential learning and programming.

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

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Early arrival program.
• Enrollment in an LC-specific section of the Engineering survey course.
• First-year engineering seminar that allows students to explore engineering professions, strengthen leadership skills and develop an appreciation for how diversity and inclusion strengthen engineering practice through a DICE certification.
• Peer mentoring with engineering students.
• Interaction with faculty, staff and alumni from the College of Engineering.
• Career exploration and opportunities to engage and learn from professional engineering sponsors.

EXPLORATION

OVERVIEW
The Exploration Learning Community connects students who are interested in exploring themselves, academic major possibilities, The Ohio State University and Columbus. As students work to decide on a major and explore possible career paths, it is important that students develop recognition of their strengths, values and identities while also appreciating the community in which they live. Within the Exploration Learning Community there are many opportunities for this discovery to occur.

WHO?
First-year students who want to explore options and develop plans to meet their academic, personal and career aspirations. First-year students who are enrolled in University Exploration and students from outside University Exploration who are engaged in the spirit of exploration.

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Weekly in-hall academic advising with a University Exploration advisor, including an introduction to campus resources that support in and out of classroom skill building.
• After hours in-hall academic advising with a University Exploration advisor.
• Conversations with faculty members from various disciplines to discuss different career paths and tips for academic success.
• Discussions about personal strengths using leadership assessment surveys.
• Service within the Columbus community and exploration of the arts and local business districts.
• Early engagement program helping students get a jumpstart on developing a network of support on-campus and on incorporating strengths and interests into their personal development journey at Ohio State including major exploration.
FIRST YEAR COLLEGIAN

OVERVIEW
The First Year Collegian Learning Community helps 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.
• Regular community meetings led by hall staff and students focused on leadership development and current issues.
• Exposure to service and personal exploration within the University community and off-campus area.

FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

OVERVIEW
The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is dedicated to providing a unique and exciting opportunity for students interested in food, agricultural or environmental resources majors within the college. The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Learning Community focuses on helping participants become successful students and future professionals through an approach which emphasizes: practical experiences, mentorship, academic achievement and leadership development.

WHO?
Students whose majors are in food, agricultural, and/or environmental sciences and who seek to enhance their leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Opportunities to interact with world-renowned faculty on research and outreach.
• Extend professional networks by interacting with industry representatives who are CFAES alumni.
• Advising hours in the residence hall.
• Off-campus trips to visit industry professionals.
• Connections to on-campus professional staff to support their personal wellness and develop inclusive skill sets.
**FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

**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 Health Information Management and Systems, Health Sciences, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiological Sciences and Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and other health-related majors.

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

**GLOBAL BUSINESS**

**OVERVIEW**
The Global Business Learning Community (GBLC) gives first-year business students the opportunity to learn, explore and live in a residence hall community built around the globalizing world of business. Activities and events are planned around professional development, cultural development and seeing business in practice.

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

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**
- Develop professional and leadership skills (resume building, social media workshop, Executive Council).
- Interact and network with faculty, staff and business executives (executive dining series, company guest speakers, company panels, company tours).
- Complete a clustered course with other students in the Global Business Learning Community.
- Participate in a variety of cultural programming (cross-cultural workshop, holiday celebrations, guest speakers, and selective international or domestic learning community business tour).
OVERVIEW

The International House (I-House) Learning Community at The Ohio State University is a one-of-a-kind space for students, staff and faculty worldwide to live and learn together. During their time in I-House, students explore how to live and learn with individuals from similar and different backgrounds than their own. Along with these peer connections, participants also work with faculty, staff and alumni to develop the self-awareness and intercultural skills needed to adapt and thrive in communities at home or abroad.

WHO?

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

LC HIGHLIGHTS

• In-hall, community gatherings focused on better understanding self and others, personal wellness, global sustainability and ways to have fun worldwide.
• Specialized workshops co-sponsored by Ohio State’s Global Gateway offices in Brazil, China and India to learn from alumni, Gateway office staff and current students who share their experiences with education abroad, global internships and working on international projects.
• Unique road trips, multicultural food tasting nights, cross-cultural dialogues and conversations offered through active collaborations with the Office of International Affairs Global Engagement Initiatives and Student Life’s Residence Life International Students Coordinator.
• Connections with the Global Citizens Learning Community at Ohio State’s Newark campus, allowing participants to combine what they learn in the classroom with real world experiences.
• Active participants in I-House are eligible to earn a Global Engagement Certificate that recognizes their commitment to improving their intercultural skills and understanding.

OVERVIEW

The John Glenn Civic Leadership Community seeks to cultivate the essentials of our democracy: citizens, leaders and ideas. The five central pillars of this Learning Community are community, service, advocacy, leadership and policy. Students in the community study a wide variety of academic majors, but are united by a shared interest in public service and civic engagement. Participation in the program helps students turn their passion into policy and prepares them to be the next generation of public leaders.

WHO?

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

LC HIGHLIGHTS

• Welcome week program including an introduction to public policy, team building exercises and a service project.
• Experiential programming that has included a trip to Washington D.C., tours of the Ohio Statehouse and Ohio Supreme Court and service projects with various nonprofit organizations.
• Guest speakers who are public leaders that represent and discuss a wide range of issues and perspectives relating to public service, politics, leadership and policy.
• Two classes in Public Affairs with other students in the Learning Community.
OVERVIEW
The W. K. Kellogg Foundation and Bobby Moser Food Security and Sustainability Learning Community will focus on the topics of food security, community engagement, leadership and sustainability by challenging students to address the issues related to creating secure, resilient and sustainable food systems in environmentally and socially responsible ways. Participating students will engage with faculty, student organizations and the campus community during meetings, seminars, activities and projects throughout the year.

WHO?
Any student with an interest in generating discussion and change around food production, food security, hunger, food safety, food policy, human nutrition and wellness, human and community development, sustainable agriculture practices, leadership and civic engagement.

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Early move-in with community building opportunities and a required seminar course to allow for maximum time for interaction on food systems issues.
• Interaction with world-renowned faculty who study issues facing food production, security, access, policy and safety.
• Opportunities to network with alumni and industry professionals who work with governmental agencies, non-profits and companies.
• Peer mentors assigned to help in the transition to campus and class projects.
• Engagement in community activities at food banks, food pantries and other community organizations to enhance leadership skills.

OVERVIEW
The purpose of the Morrill Scholars Program Learning Community (MSPLC) is to prepare students for a life of advocacy and serve as a laboratory for social change. Students will have the opportunity to learn about, discuss and engage with various social justice issues all while living in community with one another.

WHO?
First and second-year students in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion Morrill Scholarship Program who are interested in exploring local and national issues of social justice, participating in regular civic engagement activities and developing leadership skills for advocacy.

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Exploration of pressing systemic social justice issues through monthly civic engagement activities.
• Engagement in dialogue about social justice leadership through a spring semester leadership course.
• Mentorship from university faculty, staff and local social justice advocates.

*While all interested Morrill Scholars are encouraged to apply, participation is not guaranteed or required.*
NURSING AND WELLNESS INNOVATIONS

OVERVIEW
Through a close partnership with the College of Nursing, this 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 and knowledge about how to apply to the Nursing and Health and Wellness majors at Ohio State.

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 Dean of the College of Nursing.
• Volunteer opportunities, on-site visits and interactions with professionals and alumni.
• Specially designed events that enhance students’ understanding of the fields of nursing and health care.

OVERVIEW
This vibrant community provides a unique opportunity for networking and engagement with peers, faculty and staff from the College of Pharmacy. During their experience in the Pharmacy Learning Community, students will learn more about the dynamic field of Pharmacy and explore many aspects such as research and clinical practice.

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

PHARMACY

LC HIGHLIGHTS
• Meaningful connections with faculty and staff outside of the classroom through dinners, programs and events.
• Opportunities to explore careers in pharmacy through on-site visits to a Pharmaceutical Research Company, Clinical Pharmacy sites and more.
• Personal and professional development along with peers while learning more about the field of Pharmacy.

*Students who are part of the Early Admissions Pathway (EAP) Program are required to live in the Pharmacy Learning Community in their first or second year.
**OVERVIEW**

The Sophomore Learning and Involvement Learning Community (SLIC) is an opportunity for second-year students to explore the next steps in their collegiate learning process. Intentional opportunities to further develop peer, campus and local community connections provide participants opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge needed to adapt to and thrive in new and unique community contexts at Ohio State and beyond.

**WHO?**

Second-year students interested in connecting to other sophomores, Ohio State and Columbus through leadership development, self-reflection and career preparation.

**SLIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Attend and engage in at least four SLIC events during the fall semester
- Attend and engage in at least four SLIC events during spring semester.
- Be fully present at SLIC events, remain open to new ideas and support other members of SLIC

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**

SLIC prides itself on creating a unique experience each year, based upon the cohort’s interests and needs. Previous experiences and potential future opportunities include:

- Workshops on preparing for off-campus living ranging from life skills to community connections.
- Teambuilding (escape rooms, challenge course, etc.).
- Dialogues and activities focused on how to actively live, learn and work in diverse contexts.
- Networking with local community leaders and innovators to help figure out future personal and professional goals and plans.

**STADIUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**OVERVIEW**

The Stadium Scholarship Program (SSP), originally housed in the west side of Ohio Stadium, serves as a premier cooperative living program at The Ohio State University. SSP has provided housing scholarships for students who demonstrate both strong academic achievement and financial need for 85+ years. SSP students engage in a variety of activities, leadership development opportunities and service projects that build a tight-knit community and foster a cooperative spirit.

**WHO?**

Students with demonstrated financial need interested in being part of a tight-knit community focused on leadership development, service opportunities and connecting with The Ohio State University alumni in meaningful ways.

**LC HIGHLIGHTS**

- Family-like living experience with reduced housing fees (savings of approximately $1,471 per semester).
- Opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.
- Chances to pay it forward through community service experiences.
- Opportunities for housing scholarships from the Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society to returning members.
- Opportunities to interact and build strong connections with SSP alumni.

**PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS**

- 4-5 hours per week of planning SSP activities, attending events, participating in community service projects and completing study hours.
- Residents must maintain a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Students must demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA.
OVERVIEW
The Students Understanding Sustainability and Taking Action to Improve Nature and Society (SUSTAINS) Learning Community focuses on helping students explore and engage with sustainability topics and human interaction with environmental issues.

Through discussion, service and hands-on learning, students who are members of this community will learn about best practices for sustainable living and have opportunities to explore how sustainability relates to their life and the lives of others.

This learning community explores the tradeoffs and opportunities in examining the balance of economic, environmental and social sustainability.

WHO?
Students of any major who are interested in becoming leaders in sustainability, personally and professionally, by fostering connections with others and learning how sustainable actions impact society.

LC HIGHLIGHTS
- Arrival programming to build relationships with fellow SUSTAINS members, connect with staff and participate in a service project.
- Dinner and dialogue series with professionals working in sustainability for corporations, nonprofit organizations and in Central Ohio Communities.
- Annual professional development trip including meeting with sustainability professionals in urban sustainable development, renewable energy, federal and/or state agency work, sustainable food systems, nonprofit management or corporate sustainability.
- Involvement in a Roots (second-year students) and Shoots (first-year students) mentoring program and opportunities for project-based learning with Ohio State sustainability staff and faculty.
- Opportunities to be involved with sustainability initiatives on campus and service opportunities in the community.
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Fosters student learning and development, enhances the educational experience and prepares students for their chosen professions and to be contributing members of a diverse society.