

What are living-learning communities?

Living-learning communities (LLCs) are made up of students who live in residential buildings with special themes and participate in academically and intellectually engaging learning activities designed specifically for them. The communities are designed to help support the academic mission of the university and help promote student success. Although clustering students with similar majors and interests encourages connectedness around academic issues (study groups, projects, etc.), the learning activities sponsored by the living-learning communities are open to all students, including those who might live in a different cluster, on a different floor, or even in a different building. Extending the living-learning community to the rest of campus encourages a mixture of ideas related to the broad learning themes that help support the academic mission of IUP.

Why should I consider signing up to live in an LLC?

Why not? Our living-learning communities offer students the opportunity to connect with peers of similar majors and interests outside of the classroom, helping to ease your academic transition into college. Through participation in an LLC, you are first in line to learn about and participate in different leadership opportunities in your community, as well as across campus, such as intentional engagements, events, and programs in the community's theme and/or focus areas.

What are the benefits of residing in an LLC?

You have many opportunities to:

- Interact and network with others who share a similar academic program or interest
- Connect and collaborate with faculty and staff members outside the classroom
- Create study groups, discuss class projects, group assignments, and class notes with other students
- Live close to your college's academic building(s)
- Enrich your overall academic and residential experience by being part of a supportive, student-centered living and learning environment
- Learn more about your major or area of interest

Will being part of a living-learning community require additional work on my part?

No. It is entirely up to you as to how involved you wish to be in your living-learning community. It is strongly recommended that you regularly participate in your LLC's initiatives to take full advantage of and benefit from all that it has to offer.

How can I sign up to be part of an LLC?

You can sign up for a specific living-learning community through MYIUP using the online Housing License Agreement. Simply choose from the drop-down list of living-learning options when you complete your Housing License Agreement.

When I select my room, can I choose to room with someone who has the same major as me?

Yes. When you sign up for housing online, you can see your potential roommate's name, home address, and major.

I would like to be part of a living-learning program for my academic major. However, my roommate and I have different majors. Can we still room together?

Yes. The university recognizes that many students who wish to be part of a living-learning community also desire to share a room with someone who has a different major. Please note that you must be a member of the Cook Honors College to reside in Whitmyre Hall. Note also that all students living in the Substance-Free Lifestyle clusters must abide by the specific policies and standards outlined for this community.



Where can I obtain a more detailed description of each living-learning community?

Please feel free to visit the living-learning website at www.iup.edu/livinglearning.



Living-Learning Communities

Location	Theme	Community Description
Delaney Hall	<i>Social Justice and Civic Engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and Society Cluster (Students enrolled in criminology, political science, pre-law tracks, English, Journalism, and sociology) • Students who are interested in civic engagement, social activism, inclusivity, and community engagement
Northern Suites	<i>Natural Sciences and Mathematics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students enrolled in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, which includes the following clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students majoring in mathematics, computer science, and psychology • Students majoring in natural sciences (biology, biochemistry, chemistry, geoscience, pre-professional tracks, and physics) • Women majoring in math, science, and technology • A cluster for students with a major or minor in safety sciences
Putt Hall	<i>Fine Arts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students enrolled in the College of Fine Arts, which includes the following majors: art and art education, music, theater and dance, interdisciplinary fine arts, and undeclared fine arts • Individual clusters for students in music, art and art education, and theater and dance • Clusters for students majoring in interior design, fashion merchandising, child development and family relations, and family and consumer sciences
Ruddock Hall	<i>Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students enrolled in programs leading to careers in the field of education, including early childhood/special education, middle-level education, and speech-language pathology in the College of Education and Educational Technology, as well as all K-12 and grades 7-12 teacher education programs across the university • A cluster for students majoring in communications media
Stephenson Hall	<i>Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students enrolled in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, which includes the following departments: Accounting, Finance and Legal Studies, Information Systems and Decision Sciences, Management, and Marketing • A cluster for student-athletes
Suites on Maple East	<i>Wellness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who ascribe to a philosophy of emotional and physical wellness and prefer a residential environment supportive of this • A cluster for students who lead a substance-free lifestyle • Clusters for students enrolled in the departments of Nursing and Allied Health Professions (nursing, clinical laboratory science, nuclear medicine technology, and respiratory care majors); Food and Nutrition (nutrition and dietetics); and Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science (exercise science, sport administration, athletic training, and health and physical education) • A cluster for students interested in mindfulness practices
Suites on Pratt	<i>Leadership Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community with an emphasis on developing the foundational leadership skills for a variety of interests and disciplines • ROTC cluster • Students interested in discovering and developing their leadership skills • Students seeking to work with/meet different leadership groups on campus
Wallwork Hall	<i>Global Awareness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who desire to expand their cultural knowledge through interactions and their engagement • Students looking to explore their cultural identity and how it relates to others • Asian Studies cluster • International students who desire suite-style housing • Spanish Language cluster
Whitmyre Hall	<i>Cook Honors College (all floors)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only for students accepted by and enrolled in the Cook Honors College

• All living-learning communities above are in suite-style housing, with the exception of Whitmyre Hall, which is a traditional residence hall.

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