



Welcome to our 2011-2012 Living Learning Communities

Living-Learning has been part of Edinboro University for over a decade, and provides students with opportunities to interact with faculty and peers outside of the classroom in a living environment and experiences that promote student success. Choosing to become part of a living-learning community provides an opportunity for students to live on the same community with others who share the same major, field of study, or interest area. Participants interact with faculty and staff outside of the classroom through programs, activities, and events. Residents are able to gain assistance and ideas from peers who share their strong commitment to the living-learning experience. From academic advising within the community, to travelling with faculty, these out-of- classroom experiences give students the edge. National research has shown that living-learning programs provide students the following benefits:



- Dialogue with peers about academic and social issues.
- Have a mentoring relationship with a faculty member.
- Find their residence hall climates to be academically and socially supportive.
- Experience a smooth transition to college.
- Utilize critical thinking skills.
- Be more committed to civic issues and community service.

Each community has at least one **Scholar-in-Residence (SIR)**. The scholar is a student staff member who is the link between the community and the sponsoring program's faculty advisor. The scholar works with the residents to ensure that an adequate level of support and programming is available on the community. Scholars are selected based upon their academic performance and knowledge of and participation in the sponsoring program or department, providing the best-of-the-best in support staff.

Our Communities...



THE ARTS COMMUNITY

The mission of the Arts Living-Learning Community continues to be the fostering of a residence that can enhance the university experience for studio artists, writers, animators, and film makers, as well as other like-minded students. Through the efforts of the scholar, a deep sense of community has been developed through in-house activities such as the group creation of murals and entering into intellectual competitions with fellow living-learning communities. In addition, the community has taken the initiative to organize field trips to art exhibitions and other cultural events, in Erie, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland. The Arts community is in Highlands IV.

Living-Learning at the 'Boro!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY

The Criminal Justice Living-Learning Community is for students who are interested in careers in law enforcement, government service or private sector careers related to investigative work. Students on the community engage in social activities such as field trips, intramural sports, and club activities. Guest speakers and mock crime scenes are also common events that promote learning outside of the classroom setting. The community Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) is selected by the faculty from the department and then tutors and helps students acclimate to classes. The CJ community is in Highlands II.



EDUCATION COMMUNITY



The Education Living-Learning Community provides students with a variety of educational and social programs. Throughout the school year, student residents become a community of learners who are able to gain information and experiences through one another. A Scholar-in-Residence is available to help with course work, purchase school supplies and necessities that other communities do not receive, and arrange both social and educational trips and on-the community events. As members of the community, students can have the opportunity to pre-schedule some classes before the rush. The Education Living-Learning Community also provides students with pathways to numerous educational resources that are particular to the teaching profession. The Education community is in Highlands VIII.

HONORS

The Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Community provides an avenue for high-achieving students in all majors to dialogue and benefit from each other's strengths and various curriculums. This living-learning community is located on the third community in Earp Hall and provides immediate access to the Honors Department office, classroom, study lounge, library and computer lab, all of which are located in Earp Hall. It would be an honor to have you join our group.

PFLASH

PFLASH is an acronym that represents Psychology, Political Science, Foreign Languages, Latin American Studies, Anthropology, Social Studies/Social Science, Sociology and History. PFLASH also ensures that an adequate level of support and programming is available on the community. The community welcomes Women's Studies majors to become residents. PFLASH provides multiple opportunities for residents to interact with each other and to experience life outside the four walls of a traditional classroom through travel to Boston-Salem, Chicago, Philadelphia, Charleston, SC and Washington, D.C. Other activities include a fall academic competition, Mind Match, bowling competitions against faculty,



fall picnic at a faculty home, and presentations at various times throughout the year. PFLASH is the place for students who are interested in succeeding at Edinboro University! We enjoy a 95% retention rate which means we help keep students at Edinboro! The PFLASH Community is in Highlands VII.

THEATRE ARTS

This learning community is for students majoring in theatre and music and others who are interested in the performing arts. EUP's Performing Arts Community, located in Highlands IV is where you can find other students with interests and schedules similar to yours. Planned programming includes trips to see shows, including musicals, as well as on campus open stage nights. This is the place to live to get to know the performing arts campus community and begin to build friendships that will last long after graduation.

SCIENCE, MANANGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

As a student interested in science, math, nursing, business, or technology, have you ever thought it would be great to meet others like yourself? Highlands VIII has been designated as the site for science, math, nursing, business, and technology students to provide opportunities for student and faculty interaction beyond the normal classroom or laboratory setting. As a student in this community, you are able to foster group identity and cohesiveness within the majors, while sharing ideas, supplies, and resources. The numerous activities such as career development seminars, field trips, movie and fun nights, and other programs will also give you the chance to interact and get to more readily know others in your major and similar majors so you can study, converse, and socialize with each other. Being an active participant in this living-learning community will benefit you as a student for many years to come.



Participation in living-learning is easy. If you are a new student, you should indicate your desire to participate in a living-learning community on the housing agreement which will be sent to you by the Admissions office. Currently enrolled students who are interested in living-learning can contact the Residence Life and Housing Office for further details, as individual living-learning communities have varying requirements for participation.

Questions regarding any of Edinboro University's Living-Learning programs can be directed to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

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