

# University of Pittsburgh

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## *Freshman Living Learning Communities*

### *What Are They?*

The University of Pittsburgh provides on-campus housing for more than 6,000 students in a variety of residence halls. As a first year student, you will be in good company. The majority of first year students are housed together in designated floors in Towers A, B, and C, Lothrop Hall, Forbes Hall, Holland Hall and Sutherland Hall. These areas allow all first year students to live and interact together in an environment designed to facilitate a smooth transition from secondary school to college.

Working in conjunction with a number of academic departments, the Office of Residence Life offers specialized residential communities that, depending on your academic goals, can make the transition to undergraduate life even more enriching. There is no additional cost for those choosing to live in one of these communities. These **living learning communities** include...

- **The College of Business Administration (CBA)**



The CBA community, located in Sutherland Hall, is intended to provide a seamless living and learning environment for first year CBA students that promotes a successful transition to the higher education environment; encourages collaborative learning between students, faculty and staff; and prepares students for the challenges that a career in various business fields offers. Resident application information can be found at: <http://www.cba.pitt.edu/student-services/living-learning-community.html>

- **University Honors College (UHC)**



The honors community strives to create an interdisciplinary and interactive residence for scholars. It is an environment where students can actively participate in the intellectual and personal development of each member of the community while bridging traditional educational experiences with out-of-classroom learning. The honors community for first year students is located in Forbes Hall. Find application information at: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/housing/firstyearhousing.html>

- **Global Village Community**



This residential program, the only thematically-based rather than school-based community, is geared for students with a passion for cross-cultural issues who wish to expand their global vision. The Office of Residence Life, the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) and the Office of International Services (OIS) pool their resources to provide an environment where students can examine international issues and gain exposure to diverse languages, music, arts and cuisine. The Global Village Community is located in Sutherland Hall. Find application information at: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/isllc/>

- **SPACE—Students Preparing for Academics and Careers in Engineering**



This community in Tower A promotes a successful first year experience for incoming engineering students. It is a team effort orchestrated by the office of Residence Life and nurtured by faculty and staff from the Swanson School of Engineering. The partnerships between these units and SPACE residents provide programming and resources that aid students in academic and social transitions, teach collaborative learning, and increase confidence in career selection. Find application information at: <http://www.engr.pitt.edu/freshman/advising/space.html>

- **Nursing Living Learning Community**



The nursing residential community, located in Lothrop Hall in close proximity to the School of Nursing, gives students a chance to live in an engaging and supportive academic and social environment. This living learning option allows new nursing students to join a community of peers, faculty and staff with similar academic interests. As a result they are more easily able to form study groups and explore common academic aspirations in a social setting. A dedicated resources room is equipped with computers, reference books, nursing journals and anatomy practice materials to help you succeed. Find application information at:

[http://www.pitt.edu/~nursing/prospectivestudents/general\\_information/pdf/lhc\\_info.pdf](http://www.pitt.edu/~nursing/prospectivestudents/general_information/pdf/lhc_info.pdf)

- **MAPS (Math and Physical Sciences) Community**



The purpose of the MAPS Community is to assist undergraduate students aspiring to major in math or physical sciences at the University of Pittsburgh with succeeding in their academic careers and achieving their career goals. Students participating in this community, housed in Sutherland Hall, will receive academic guidance and support and will have opportunities to develop their leadership skills. This community serves first-year students and provides access to tutoring, career advising, and ample opportunities for group work. To apply, visit:

<http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/MAPS.html>

## The School of Arts and Sciences

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### *Learning Communities—What Are They?*



These communities are a collection of smaller learning groups in the School of Arts and Sciences consisting of 18 to 22 students with similar academic interests. They do not involve a residential component. By selecting seven to nine credits of thematic classes, including the one-credit Introduction to the Arts and Sciences course, freshmen can create a more intimate community of learners within the larger university framework.

Learning Communities span the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences and have included varied themes such as *Inside the Theater*, *Global Interaction*, and *Foundations for Medicine: Cells and Sensations*. Each learning community has a faculty or staff member and an undergraduate teaching assistant who coordinate extracurricular activities to complement the coursework. Trips to cultural events in the city, special lectures, study group options, and social events give students great opportunities to connect with peers and faculty, succeed in school, and find out what's happening in Pittsburgh.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.as.pitt.edu/undergraduate/offices/freshman-programs/lc/index.html>

## ***There's more...***

Pitt students are encouraged to apply to join a living learning community for their sophomore year in Pitt's newest residence halls, Panther Hall and Pennsylvania Hall, both located on upper campus. Visit <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/index.html> for further details.

Your college years will be one of the most rewarding and memorable times of your life. At times it will also be a challenging experience requiring you to exercise self discipline and responsibility. While you will always have the support of your residence life staff and your peers, becoming part of special interest community could provide an additional level of personal satisfaction worth further consideration.

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## ***Upper-Classmen Living Learning Communities*** ***What Are They?***

*The Competitive Edge*, launched in the fall of 2006, is a residential community experience designed for upper-classmen students who wish to pursue an added level of preparedness for the job marketplace or graduate school. These on-campus living communities will include special programmatic attention provided by a team of campus and academic departments to assist with issues such as:

- Selection of appropriate academic major,
- Graduate and professional school preparation including entrance exam assistance for tests such as the MCAT, GRE, LSAT,
- Planning and preparation for study abroad.

Interested students must be maintaining a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and should apply through the Office of Residence Life. Visit <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/index.html> for further details.

Upper-classmen living learning communities include...



### **Civic Engagement & Community Service**

Coordinated through the School of Social Work and the Community Outreach Partnership Center, this community provides students with hands-on service learning opportunities. Students apply academic skills in an attempt to solve real-world issues, linking established learning objectives with genuine needs. With guidance from professional mentors, students apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to community concerns.

Many employers, as well as many graduate schools seek students who not only excel academically, but who are actively involved in contributing time and talent in their community. Participating in this living/learning community is a perfect opportunity to augment current academic goals as well as complete a minor or major in social work.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/civic.html>



### **Entrepreneurial Living Learning Community**

Students wishing to interact with like-minded enterprising business colleagues will find rewarding opportunities in the Entrepreneurial Living Learning Community. This community is also a natural transition for those who may have participated in the freshman CBA community. Through cooperation with the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, participants will receive:

- Opportunities to network with entrepreneurial leaders from the Pittsburgh business community,
- Mentoring and project-based part time work opportunities from veteran business leaders,
- First-hand notice of business internships throughout the school year,
- Membership in the University's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence and the opportunity to participate in "The Big Idea" competition.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/entre.html>



## **Research Experience Community**

The University of Pittsburgh is recognized for its fine reputation as a research institution at the undergraduate as well as graduate levels. Opportunities abound for students who wish to distinguish themselves by gaining first-hand research experience. By doing so, Pitt undergraduates set themselves apart from other graduate school and job applicants. Residents of this community will participate in a minimum of 10 hours of research per week and attend bi-weekly seminars on topics that include:

- Introduction to research methodologies,
- Funding,
- Getting published,
- Designing focused research presentations.

For more information or to apply, please go to:

<http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/undres.html>



## **Italian Language and Culture Living Learning Community**

In conjunction with the Italian Language and Literature Department students living in the Italian Language and Culture Community will have the opportunity to live with other students who share their interest in cultivating and expanding their world knowledge. The Italian Community is open to sophomore and junior students and will reside in Pennsylvania Hall, one of Pitt's newer residential facilities. One of the more exciting benefits of participating in the Italian Community is an opportunity to study abroad in Italy during spring break.

### **Requirements for Participation**

In order to participate in the Italian Living Learning Community students should have at least one year of coursework or one or more years of language proficiency in Italian. Students must also be actively enrolled in a course in the Italian language or literature through the academic year of their residence.

Please apply for the Italian LLC at: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/ital.html>



## **French Language and Culture Living Learning Community**

Students who desire to grow in their use of the French language and understanding French culture should consider applying for this living - learning community. The French Community will provide students with linguistic and cultural immersion while living with other students who share the same interests. Sophomore and junior students in the French Language and Culture Community program will live in Pennsylvania Hall, one of Pitt's newest resident facilities. One of the more exciting

benefits of participating in the French Community is an opportunity to study abroad in France during spring break.

### **Requirements for Participation**

In order to participate in the French Living Learning Community students should have at least one year of coursework or one or more years of language proficiency in French. Students must also be enrolled in a course in the French language or literature through the academic year of their residence.

Please apply for the French LLC at: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/french.html>



### **Upper-class Engineering Research Living Learning Community**

As a major institution, the University of Pittsburgh provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to participate in a wide range of cutting edge research projects. These experiences can be an important part of the student's educational program and better prepare them for both work in the industry and graduate level education. The primary benefit of this Living Learning Community is to live among peers with a similar passion for research and a chance to participate in programming to nurture that interest.

Students participating in the Engineering Research Living-Learning Community will:

- Work with their selected faculty mentors on a two semester research project;
- Attend training presentations related to their fields of interests;
- Learn about graduate school opportunities and participate in preparation activities; and,
- Present their research project to their peers as well as University faculty and staff.

For more information or to apply, please visit: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/engr.html>



### **Multicultural Living Learning Community**

Designed as a partnership between the Office of Cross Cultural Leadership and Development and Residence Life, students living in this community will have the opportunity to learn about cultural development, sociopolitical dynamics, and key cultural figures. The Multicultural Living Learning Community creates an environment where students will interact with people from various racial, ethnic and class backgrounds, and sexual orientations. The community interaction and curriculum is organized to engage student in group dialogues, simulated experiences, and outside community opportunities. Find application information at: <http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/multi.html>



## **Leadership Community**

Coordinated through the Office of Residence Life, the School of Arts and Sciences, The Katz School of Business and the Center for Cross-Cultural and Leadership Development, this community is an exciting opportunity for students interested in developing and fine-tuning their leadership skills. This comprehensive living-learning program will enhance any major or field of study.

Students selected to participate in the program will have the opportunity to:

- Work with other students to develop a powerful network of strong leaders in the community
- Participate in a variety of leadership retreats and self-discovery programs
- Participate in an optional leadership service abroad trip during Spring Break 2009.
- Participants will also be eligible to attain a Certificate in Leadership and Ethics within the College of Business Administration or a Leadership Certificate within the School of Arts and Sciences

Floor prerequisite: Previous experience or training in leadership development. Graduates of the Emerging Leaders program are particularly encouraged to apply. To apply, please visit:

<http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/leadership.html>



## **Pre-Med/ Health Sciences Living Learning Community**

This newly developed community, located in Pennsylvania Hall, is available to all upper-class students planning a career in medicine or other health sciences. Students choosing to live in this community will be provided with enhanced opportunities that will make them more competitive in the medical school application process. For more information and to apply, visit:

<http://www.reslife.pitt.edu/competitiveedge/Pre-Med.html>

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