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Residential Learning Communities

CONNECT TO LEARNING COMMUNITIES ON CAMPUS

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Residential Learning Communities (RLCs)

Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) are designed to assist first-year students living on campus with their transition from high school to college. Students assigned to an RLC live in a community and take a core set of classes together around a similar theme or major. Research indicates that students in learning communities:

- Have higher GPAs than students who do not live on campus.
- Are more connected to campus and report a better college experience.
- Are less likely to be placed on academic probation than their peers living off campus.
- Are more likely to graduate from SDSU.

First-year students may apply to a learning community during Stage II of the license agreement process on the Housing Portal. Placement in a learning community is based on availability, and for that reason can not be guaranteed. By selecting one or multiple learning community interests, you are agreeing to be placed in that community and the classes associated with it (if applicable).



LEARNING COMMUNITIES HELP YOU SUCCEED IN SCHOOL BY:

- Assigning you to a "cohort" or small group of fellow students.
- Enrolling you in courses that fit your Major Academic Plan (MAP) so you stay on track academically.
- Creating a fun community atmosphere with activities on your floor that complement your classroom experience.
- Supporting your academic success with resident advisers, STAR Center and live-in faculty members, who help you connect outside of the classroom through social events and one-on-one support.



Residential Learning Community Options*

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ADVENTURES IN SURFING AND SUSTAINABILITY

San Diego is a Southern Californian surfing mecca. The Adventures in Surfing and Sustainability learning community is for any level of surfer and will get members stoked on surfing, its history and its transition to sustainability. Through hands-on experiences and lectures, students will learn about the threats to surfing culture and environments, San Diego's surf-driven culture of sustainability and how to be a part of the solution to global challenges. Students in this community are typically enrolled in PSFA 100 and University Seminar.



APIDA LEADERSHIP, IDENTITY, SCHOLARSHIP AND TOGETHERNESS (A-LIST) COMMUNITY

The A-LIST learning community is a program designed specifically to support students who have an interest in APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) culture and history. In order to dismantle the harmful effects of the model minority myth and reclaim what it means to achieve, this learning community will focus on APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship and Togetherness (A-LIST). This is a safe and intellectually stimulating space to pursue active development and engagement as a member of the APIDA community. A-LIST members will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully transition into college while celebrating and exploring various APIDA heritages and histories. Students in this community are also enrolled in the A-LIST University Seminar and receive priority in several APIDA Center programs, including experiential field trips.

BLACK EXCELLENCE**

The Black Excellence learning community provides a safe and affirming environment for African-American, African and/or Black first-year students. Members will have an opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, engage in educational and social programming that affirm and celebrate African culture, identity and community. Students also learn about campus resources and organizations. Students in this community are enrolled in a 100-level Africana Studies Course and a Black Resource Center (BRC) University Seminar, known as the Henrietta Goodwin Scholars (HGS) course.

BUSINESS

The Business learning community provides opportunities for students to explore innovation, creativity and character development in the business field with an emphasis on the development of business ethics and personal values. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Business Administration 100B and Economics 101.

DISCOVER SAN DIEGO STATE

The Discover San Diego State learning community is designed to introduce students to the university and the San Diego area. Members have the opportunity to get tips on how to transition to a college and a new city. Students in this community are typically enrolled in University Seminar.

EMERGING LEADERS

The Emerging Leaders learning community is open to all SDSU students and is an exciting and interactive learning experience that introduces students to the leadership dispositions and competencies employers want and provides an introduction to the SDSU Leadership Minor and Major. Students in this community are typically co-enrolled in both LEAD 205: Exploring Leadership (which also satisfies the lower division GE social and behavioral sciences requirement) and LEAD 100: First-Year Seminar Leadership Emphasis.

FUTURE EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

The Future Education Professionals learning community lets students explore the fulfillment and opportunities available in educational careers. All majors are welcome. Students in this community are typically enrolled in University Seminar.



HEALTH AND HEALING PROFESSIONALS

In the Health and Healing Professionals learning community, students interested in health or allied health professions will examine the role of healing, nutrition and wellness. Students will have networking opportunities in the fast-growing fields of health and healing. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Sociology 101 and University Seminar.

JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES

In the Journalism and Media Studies learning community, students will learn about advertising, journalism, public relations and other professional media fields. Participants undertake activities and seminars focused on the media industry and get a broad look at the opportunities in these professional communication fields. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Journalism and Media Studies 200 and University Seminar.

JOURNEY TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This interactive learning community will provide insight into the world of entrepreneurship. Students will explore and learn key elements of starting a company and hear stories from entrepreneurship alumni. Students from all majors are welcome. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Business Administration 100B.

LEVEL UP!

The Level Up! learning community is a vibrant and inclusive space for gaming enthusiasts of all backgrounds and skill levels. Students will find a welcoming environment to explore their gaming passions and level up their college experience. Members can join gaming sessions catering to various interests, improve skills and explore career opportunities in the gaming industry. Students in this community are typically enrolled in a University Seminar course.

MEN ENGAGING IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (METS)

The Men Engaging in Science & Technology (METS) learning community provides services and activities to help support men pursuing their studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Political Science 102 and University Seminar.

MULTICULTURAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (MLC)

The Multicultural Learning Community (MLC) is a diverse learning community of students from various backgrounds and identities. As members of the MLC, students will live in a welcoming, inclusive community committed to advancing justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. Through workshops and group discussions, students will explore their own identity in a safe and supportive learning environment. Students will also explore topics related to diversity such as race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability and religion. The MLC will cultivate diverse student leaders who understand, respect and value differences between themselves and others. Students in the MLC will gain an expanded worldview that will advance their success at SDSU and beyond. Students in this community are typically enrolled in University Seminar.



NUESTRA CASA**

The Nuestra Casa learning community provides an exciting opportunity for Latinx/e students to explore and learn about various identities, cultures and racial justice factors of the Latinx/e community. Through on-campus programming and off-campus activities, members will have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, while building a culturally-sustaining network of support. Students also engage in multiple campus enrichment activities that provide deep connections to San Diego's historic Latinx/e community. Members will have access to a peer mentor support team and are typically enrolled in a University Seminar Course (equivalent to RWS 200). The class content is centered on the cultural, social and academic needs of Latinx/e students.

NURSING

The Nursing learning community provides students with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and a strong social support system with classmates during their journey through the rigorous Nursing program. Students in this community will form study groups, attend workshops and network with upper-division Nursing students. Students in this community are enrolled in several science-intensive courses such as Microbiology, General Organic and Biological Chemistry and Human Anatomy.

PHYSICAL FITNESS (P-FIT)

The Physical Fitness (P-Fit) learning community fosters wellness and healthy lifestyle choices for students interested in the fields of exercise, nutrition and physical activity. Students in this community are typically enrolled in University Seminar.

PRE-LAW COMMUNITY

The Pre-Law learning community provides services and activities to help support student success in pursuing a law career. Students will learn about university success and career options through guest speakers, on-campus visits and involvement with other students, faculty and staff. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Philosophy 102 and University Seminar.

**Priority for specified residential communities will be given to students who have applied for programs or are involved in programs sponsored by the associated campus resource center.

PRIDE HOUSE (2SLGBTQIA+)

Pride House is a year-long academic and social support program designed to connect incoming first-year 2SLGBTQIA+ students with valuable resources through the SDSU Pride Center, LGBTQ+ Studies and Housing and Residential Education. This community provides individualized biweekly peer mentorship meetings, holistic academic advising tailored to student majors and well-being, and pre-enrollment in a year-long, specialized 1-unit course that prepares students for college through a 2SLGBTQIA+ lens, along with a semester-long LGBTQ+ Studies 3-unit course.

SKATEBOARDING AND SOCIAL CHANGE

The Skateboarding and Social Change learning community provides an inclusive and supportive space where skaters of all skill levels and identities can thrive. Through workshops, events and conversations with industry leaders including professional skaters, activists and global skate diplomacy advocates, students will better understand skateboarding’s impact on business, culture and social movements. Join us in shaping a future where skateboarding becomes a driving force for both personal growth and a more equitable world. Students in this community are typically enrolled in a University Seminar course.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Students can express themselves creatively through music, dance, filmmaking and many other art forms. This learning community will examine the distinctions among various modes of creative expression. Film screenings, guest artists and workshops will be offered. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Theatre 100 and University Seminar.

WEBER HONORS COLLEGE

Students interested in living in this learning community must first apply and be accepted to the Weber Honors College. Honors students living in this community share a commitment to achievement and enjoy an array of academic, co-curricular and experiential activities focused on deep engagement. All students in this community are required to enroll in HONOR 100 (Honor Seminar) in the fall semester.

WOMEN’S AND GENDER EQUITY HOUSE (WAGE)

Women’s and Gender Equity (WAGE) is a year-long intersectional feminist learning community offered through the Women’s Resource Center and Housing and Residential Education. This community provides individualized biweekly peer mentorship meetings, holistic academic advising tailored to student majors and overall well-being, and pre-enrollment in a year-long specialized 1-unit course along with a semester-long Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 3-unit course.

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (WISE)

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) is a supportive learning community for women interested in careers in the sciences, technology, math and engineering. Students in this community are typically enrolled in Political Science 102 and University Seminar.



THEMATIC LIVING COMMUNITIES

Thematic living communities allow students with common interests to live together. Students who live in these areas are likely to find a cohesive group of friends with whom they can participate in special programs and events on and off campus. Academic courses are not paired with these living areas. Theme communities include:

- Extended Quiet Study
- Substance-Free
- Aztec Engineering
- Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)





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