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A Look at Living Learning Communities...

In a Living-Learning Community (LLC), a group of first-year students who share an academic interest are housed together as a community. Throughout their freshman year, residents share various academic experiences related to the unifying focus of their LLC. That focus may be as specific as a single major, or as broad as Bryan Hall's theme of "curiosity and the desire to learn." Required activities usually include taking one or more classes together as a community, often right in the residence hall. The result: an especially close-knit and supportive community of resident students and participating faculty.

Support Means Success

"Cawthon is definitely the place I needed to live my freshman year. We all support each other."

When your neighbors are your classmates – and like-minded ones, at that – fellowship and academic dialogue naturally thrive, fostering an ideal social environment for student success. Former LLC residents responding to the 2007 National Study of Living-Learning Programs offered these comments on their LLC experiences as freshmen at Florida State:

Enhanced GPA

"I have great, stimulating conversations almost daily. I would not trade this experience for anything."

Annual assessments of FSU's oldest and second-largest LLC, the Bryan Hall Learning Community, have compared the GPA rates of former Bryan residents with those of demographically similar students who have not lived in LLC's.

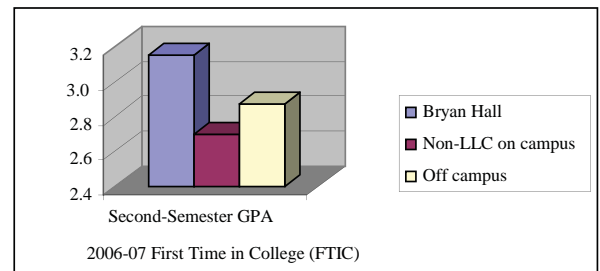
The average second-semester cumulative GPA for students living in the Bryan Hall Learning Community in 2006-07 was 3.15, roughly 17% higher than that of other on-campus residents (2.70) and more than 10% higher than that of the off-campus group (2.87).

It's a Team Effort

"From the very beginning, everyone here meshed as a family. To have so many other musicians around me is encouraging because it feels like home. I love it here."

"It is much more of a home than "home" ever was."

FSU's Living-Learning Communities operate as a partnership between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, with University Housing providing the residence halls, Residence Life staff, and administrative support, while one or more faculty members direct each Living-Learning Community and design its curriculum. It's a good fit – so good that two more LLC's, Social Justice and Nursing, made their debut in the recently-completed Wildwood Hall in Fall 2007, and FSU continues to explore initiatives to expand and enhance this innovative opportunity for new students.



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COMMUNITY	ELIGIBLE MAJORS	LOCATION
Bryan Hall Learning Community	Any major; program emphasizes "curiosity and the desire to learn."	Bryan Hall
Human Sciences Living-Learning Community	Human sciences, pre-medicine, or other health-related majors; emphasizes wellness.	Reynolds Hall *
Music Living-Learning Center	Music only; applicants must successfully audition into the College of Music.	Cawthon Hall
Nursing Learning Community	Applicants must have declared intent to major in nursing.	Wildwood Hall *
Social Justice Living-Learning Community	Any major; for students interested in exploring social change and activism.	Wildwood Hall *
Social Science and Public Affairs Living-Learning Community	Any major; preference is given to the social sciences and related majors.	DeGraff Hall *
Teacher Learning Community	Any major; for any student interested in teaching, training, or coaching; or working with children.	Cawthon Hall
Women in Math, Science and Engineering (WIMSE)	Math, sciences or engineering only; women only.	Cawthon Hall

* These residence halls also house non-LLC residents.



"Being able to take classes with people who live down the hall from me has been so helpful. I would not be nearly as happy as I am now if the people in my residence hall weren't such a tight-knit community. It's like having a second family, and that means a lot to me." - LLC Resident

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