Living Learning Community Guide
2019-2020

Residence Life
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Queen's University Residence Life prioritizes the following three pillars:

- **Sense of Belonging**: Helping students feel connected at Queen's and providing opportunities for active engagement within the campus and Kingston communities.

- **Resilience**: Encouraging students to problem solve, think critically, accept responsibility for one's actions, and learn and grow from challenging experiences.

- **Academic Success**: Helping students identify and strive to achieve realistic and tangible goals that contribute to their overall academic efforts.

The Living Learning Program at Queen's offers students a wealth of enrichment opportunities which aid in the transition to University and success in future years of post-secondary education.

To apply to be part of a Living Learning Community, please indicate interest on your residence application.
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What is a Living Learning Community?

A Living Learning Community is a group of students who live together in an area of residence, who share a common program, career goal, and/or personal interests. Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are floors or clusters of rooms where students with similar interests and values live together and engage in creative, social, and educational programming related to the topic of their specific community.

LLCs provide students with the opportunity to:
- Meet like-minded friends
- Connect with a variety of Queen's Faculty outside of the classroom
- Share goals, projects, and challenges
- Benefit from peer and professionally-led events created with students' interests and development in mind
Core LLC Experiences

In each of our LLCs, there are four core experiences:

1. Learning Lunches
   • Shared lunches with a faculty or staff member occurring twice per term

2. Bi-weekly Community Meetings
   • An opportunity for the residence community to reconnect and discuss upcoming events in residence, on campus, and in the Kingston area

3. Program-wide Leadership Skill Building Workshops (Living Learning Programs)
   • Monthly workshops that allow students across the LLC program to make connections with their peers and gain valuable personal growth skills

4. LLC Legacy Project
   • An annual project each LLC designs and implements throughout the year to leave a lasting impact on their floor, residence, campus, or Kingston community

Note:
Participation in the four LLC Core Experiences is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged!
Living Learning Program Workshops

Living Learning Program Workshops are monthly personal growth and skill-building programs offered only to students residing in our Living Learning Communities. Living Learning Program Workshops allow students to meet other first-year students across campus and participate in highly engaging and reflective activities.

Possible Workshop Topics

- "Going from the Known to the New"
- "Strengths Based Leadership"
- "Contributing to Your Communities"
- "Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion at Queen's"
- "New Year, New You"
- "To Second Year and Beyond"

Regular participants in LLC Program Workshops will earn a Leadership Certificate at the end of the year!
OVERVIEW
The Active Living community is designed for like-minded students from a variety of programs and faculties who enjoy being active and strive to live healthy, well-balanced lifestyles.

WHO
First-year students who want to focus on their holistic well-being while living in residence.

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Volleyball Intramurals
- Dodgeball Intramural team
- Kingston Climbing Gym
- Basketball Intramurals
- Inter-floor Ultimate Frisbee
- Learning Lunches
- Kingston Frontenac Hockey Games
- Body Movement Lab Visit
- Night @ the Movies: "Concussion"
- Coffee with the campus Dietitian
**Bimaadiziwin Ka'nikonhriyo**  
(Indigenous & Allies)  
*Interest-Based*

**OVERVIEW**

With an emphasis on intercultural understanding and leadership development, this LLC weaves concepts from the Ojibwe word "Bimaadiziwin" meaning "the way of a good life" with the Mohawk word "Ka'nikonhriyo" meaning "the good mind".

**WHO**

This community welcomes both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who are interested in learning more about Indigenous peoples, teachings, traditions, and culture as it impacts them as individuals and community members.

**PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Four Directions Evening Visits
- Women's Full Moon Ceremony
- Hand Drum Making
- Elder Teachings
- "Friendsgiving Feast"
- Interactive Language Learning
- Kairos Blanket Exercise
- Moccasin Making Workshop

*Students in this community are supported by both Residence Life and the Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre.*
Creative Arts

Interest-Based

OVERVIEW
The Creative Arts community is designed for like-minded students from a variety of programs and faculties who enjoy participating in various forms of the arts (fine art, music, drama, dance, theatre, & film).

WHO
First-year students who want to explore innovation and creativity across several arts-based disciplines.

POTENTIAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Paint Nights
- Agnes Etherington Art Gallery Tours
- Attending Local Comedy Shows
- Sculpting Workshops
- Community Mural Making
- Film Screenings
- "Coffee House" Music Evening
- Salsa night/dance workshop
- Trips to live theatre productions

*The Creative Arts LLC is new in 2019-2020! Programs run will be based on student interest.*
Eco-Friendly Do-It-Yourself Dryer Sheets
Farm-to-Fork Service Learning Trips
Clothing Drive
Beach Clean-Up
Nature Walks
Do-It-Yourself Toothpaste
Wind Farm Tour
Indoor Greenhouse
Regular Baking Nights
Hiking the Rock Dunder Trail

OVERVIEW
The Eco-Friendly community is designed for students from a variety of programs and faculties who share a passion for environmental consciousness and sustainability.

WHO
First-year students who want to focus on helping the environment and making a positive impact on the world around them.

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Do-It-Yourself Dryer Sheets
- Farm-to-Fork Service Learning Trips
- Clothing Drive
- Beach Clean-Up
- Nature Walks
- Do-It-Yourself Toothpaste
- Wind Farm Tour
- Indoor Greenhouse
- Regular Baking Nights
- Hiking the Rock Dunder Trail
Leadership
Interest-Based

OVERVIEW
The Leadership community is designed for like-minded students from a variety of programs and faculties who share a common desire to explore what it means to be a leader and develop their personal leadership skills.

WHO
First-year students who want to get involved on campus and develop their own personal growth.

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
• Learning Lunches with the Queen's Rector
• Positive Space Training
• Get Out and Vote campaign
• Volunteering at Good Times Diner
• Nyantende Foundation Fundraiser
• Kingston Escape Room
• Random Acts of Kindness
• "The 5 A's of Awesome" guest lecture by Neil Pasricha
• Queen's Canadian Leadership Conference
The Computer Science community is designed for students who share common interests in aspects of the field of Computer Science.

First-year students enrolled in the School of Computing.

- Meet the Company: Microsoft
- Gaming Nights
- App Building Talk
- Alumni Panel Discussions
- Hack-A-Thon
- Study Groups & Workshops
- Learning Lunches with Scott Wallace (Amazon), Professor Robin Dawes, & the Director of Computing
- Computing Students' Association Semi-Formal
OVERVIEW
The Nursing community is designed for students who share an interest in aspects of the field of Nursing and who plan on pursuing a career in the Health Care field.

WHO
First-year students enrolled in the School of Nursing.

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Nursing Career Fair
- Museum of Health Care Tour
- Terry Fox Run
- Volunteering at Good Times Diner
- Relay for Life
- Scrubs Celebration
- Learning Lunches with Nursing Faculty and Program Coordinators
- Kingston Nursing Student Conference
- Skills Study Groups
OVERVIEW
The Science community is designed for students who are passionate about the broad field of Science and who are eager to meet peers who share similar passions.

WHO
First-year students enrolled in science related programs.

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Anatomy Lab Tour
- Museum of Health Care Tour
- On-Going Floor Study Groups
- Body Movement Lab Visit
- Film Nights
- In-House Science Experiments
- Science LLC Dodgeball Team
- Slime Making Workshop
- Learning Lunch with Dr. Arthur McDonald (2015 Nobel Prize recipient)
"I think that knowing off the bat that there are people with similar interests as you and being in a small group let our LLC become very close, and it really helped me feel accepted at Queen's."

- Active Living LLC Student, 2017-2018

"I think just having a web of support and guidance, whether that be the workshops or people I've met, has been super helpful in transitioning to university and helping me find my footing and I'm very grateful for all of it!"

- Computer Science LLC Student, 2016-2017

"I have really appreciated the opportunity to learn new transferable skills, and also to make new connections around campus not only with students, but adults in higher positions as well. Living in an LLC has been such an asset."

- Leadership LLC Student, 2016-2017

"I loved all of the academic support that I got this year and I have made amazing friends... they are in the same program which is a bonus!"

- Nursing LLC Student, 2017-2018
If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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