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Living Learning Communities

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) are groups of students with similar academic pursuits or interest areas living together in designated residence halls. Through partnership with various academic departments, faculty, and staff, LLCs at IUP provide students opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom and into our residence halls, which tie directly into their academic success at IUP. LLC students typically develop peer relationships more quickly, enjoy increased faculty interaction outside the classroom, and maintain higher GPAs.

In addition to traditional on-campus living communities, IUP currently offers themed LLCs and linked LLCs. Beginning Fall 2020 a new type of LLC, **Living-Learning Community Certificate Programs (LLC-CPs)**, are available to first-year students. LLC-CPs are communities where students form a cohort by completing four courses linked sequentially over their first four semesters and living together in a designated residence hall. Encourage incoming students to take advantage of this exciting new opportunity!

Themed LLCs provide intentional programming to support students' shared interest.

Linked LLCs allow students to take one or two courses with the same group of peers in their residence hall.

What does each community offer?

Type of LLC	Academic Course Component	Collaborating Faculty	Support Staff	Transcripted	Target Programming	Priority Housing Assignment	Flexibility to Choose a Roommate
Living - Learning Community Certificate Program (LLC-CP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linked Living-Learning Community	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Themed Living-Learning Community		Optional	✓		✓		✓
Living Community			✓				✓



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What you should know about Resident Assistants

Each LLC has resident assistants (RAs). RAs are full-time students who serve as peer educators and collaborators in order to facilitate the personal and academic growth and development of residential students. **For advisors, an RA is a great recommended resource for any issue a student may be having in the residence halls.** RAs are selected based on leadership experiences, communication and interpersonal skills, ability to be positive role model academically and socially, interest in working with students to develop a positive community, and willingness to promote their own personal growth and development.

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Did you know?
In the past years, RAs have been referred to as Community Assistants (CAs), but the term RA was decidedly more recognizable and aligned more with the focus on individual students.

How can a Resident Assistant help students?

- Be available to listen to students
- Provide opportunities for students meet new friends
- Assist students in their adjustment to roommate and community living
- Promote the well-being of students
- Develop and implement programs to support positive academic behaviors
- Serve as a familiar first resource for students and refer them appropriately
- Encourage better understanding of cultural diversity and individual differences in the residence hall
- Enforce residence policies to ensure a safe, healthy, and positive living-learning environment



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