LIVING & LEARNING AT UCF
A Living Learning Community (LLC) is a group of students placed together on a floor or within a building based on a common major, common interest, or common program affiliation. Being a part of a Living Learning Community has a number of different perks.

Common interests - Students already have something in common with the other residents of their LLC, whether it’s their major or interests.

Academic success - Studies have shown that members of a LLC have a higher GPA than other on-campus residents. Study smarter- not harder.

Access to resources - Students will have more face-to-face interactions with faculty and advisors which can really help when they’re in need of a letter of recommendation or assistance with a complicated concept in a particular course.

Academic - These are for students who wish to be grouped by major or area of study. Students in academic LLCs have the opportunity to take the courses together and live with peers in their chosen program or major. Several of these programs have a specific section of at least one course that all students living in the LLC must take together.

Special Interest - These are for groups of students who share similar values, hobbies, interests, and lifestyles.

Limited-Access - These are affiliated with a particular campus department or organization. In order to participate in these LLCs, students must be separately accepted into the partner program with which it is affiliated.
BELIEFS

Living Learning Community, located within the NorthView Community, is designed to provide students a safe place to explore the perspectives of various faiths and spirituality. This LLC believes in educating peers, living together, developing identities, and empowering others in understanding faith and spirituality. Students will have the opportunity to cultivate a climate of inclusion and exploration as it relates to personal beliefs, as well as, peers within the community. Come share and reflect on your personal beliefs, values, purpose, and identity.

The Business Knights Living Learning Community, located in Nike, is for first-year students pursuing a degree in business administration, marketing, or a related field. Students living in this LLC may utilize:

- Resources geared toward academic success in business
- Programs and activities focused on communication skills, leadership, and business culture
- In-community academic advising provided by First Year Advising and Exploration and the College of Business
- Opportunities to take classes with your fellow Business Knights
The EXCEL/COMPASS Living Learning Community is located in Nike. This LLC is for students who are a part of the EXCEL/COMPASS program (students in STEM majors). **Students living in this LLC will receive:**

- Resources to assist in taking full advantage of the EXCEL/COMPASS and UCF experiences
- A supportive group of students sharing similar interests and a dedication to academic success in science, technology, engineering, and math
- Programs providing opportunities to interact with fellow EXCEL/COMPASS students and supplement the learning done in the classroom with fun interactive activities

For more information about the EXCEL/COMPASS program, check out [excel.ucf.edu](http://excel.ucf.edu) and [compass.ucf.edu](http://compass.ucf.edu).

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**Future Educators**

The Future Educators Living Learning Community located in Hercules is for first-year students who are pursuing a degree in education. **Students living in this LLC will receive:**

- Resources that are geared toward academic success in education
- Introduction to Education and Introduction to Diversity for Educators courses reserved exclusively for the residents in the program
- Events and activities focused on success as a UCF Knight and gaining admittance to the College of Education
- Service-learning opportunities to assist in fulfilling any course requirements
- Connections with faculty from the College of Education
Interested in learning about other cultures? The Global Partners community located in the Hercules apartments provides a unique opportunity for students from the U.S. and exchange students from all over the world to live together and learn about each other. Students living in this community attend programs focused on cultural dialogue and developing a global community right in their building. To be part of the Global Partners community, current residents must indicate their interest during returning resident room signup.

Healthy Knights
Living Learning Community, located in Neptune, is for students dedicating themselves to health, wellness, and a substance-free lifestyle, as well as, focusing on supporting these students on their own personal path toward wellness.

Students living in this LLC may utilize:

- Peer Education Training course to help advocate for wellness with their fellow Knights
- Assistance with development of a personalized wellness plan focused on those areas that matter the most
- A supportive community of students dedicated to common principles of healthy living
- Programs focused on personal reflection, development of a wellness plan, and supporting students on their personal wellness journey (i.e. nutrition classes, group exercise classes, and open study hours within the community)
The Burnett Honors College Living Learning Community is located throughout Tower 3. This building is primarily reserved for students who are a part of the Burnett Honors College. Experiences in this LLC may include the following:

- Resources to assist in taking advantage of the Honors College and UCF experiences
- A supportive group of students sharing similar interests and a dedication to academic success
- Programs providing opportunities to interact with fellow residents, get involved with Honors Congress, and interact with faculty and staff
- Access to the honors computer and print lab within the building

For more information about the Burnett Honors College, visit honors.ucf.edu.

For more information about the LEAD Scholars Academic Program, check out lead.sdes.ucf.edu.
The Learning Environment and Academic Research Network (L.E.A.R.N.) is located in Hercules. This program offers a select 28 first-year science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) students a hands-on learning experience through an early research opportunity.

Students living in this LLC will:

- Receive personalized academic advising, priority registration, and a scholarship
- Enroll in Introduction to Research courses to produce a research proposal and poster presentation
- Engage in a 12-week research apprenticeship with a graduate student-faculty mentor team
- Participate in academic, social, and community service activities

For more information about the L.E.A.R.N. program, visit www.our.ucf.edu/LEARN.

The Nursing @ Nike Living Learning Community, located in Nike, is for first-year students pursuing a degree in nursing. Students living in this LLC will acquire:

- Resources that are geared toward academic success in nursing
- Registration in an exclusive resident-only section of Nursing as a Profession, a class designed to expose college students to many aspects of nursing
- Programs focused on success as a UCF student and gaining access to the College of Nursing (a limited-access program)
- Service-learning opportunities
- Mentorship from the second-year nursing students
- Networking opportunities with faculty from the College of Nursing
Sponsored by the Rosen College of Hospitality Management, the Rosen Discovery LLC is located on the Rosen Campus in the heart of Orlando’s tourism industry, approximately 45 minutes from the main Orlando campus. This LLC is for first-year students pursuing a degree in hospitality management, or a related field.

Students participating in the Rosen Discovery LLC will have opportunities to meet with faculty and industry leaders through behind-the-scenes trips and resident-only programs throughout the year. The all-freshman floor also provides LLC participants the chance to live, study, and socialize with peers.

Experiences in this community may include the following:

- Plan and organize a service event/project with peers in the community
- Explore careers within the Hospitality industry
- Visit local businesses, theme parks, etc. to get a glimpse into the role of professionals behind the scenes
- Attend and prepare etiquette dinners/luncheons for students, faculty, and/or staff
- Review hot topics over coffee/snacks about the hospitality field
- Learn about local internships that can help students work towards career goals
- Learn about campus resources specific to Hospitality students that will set them up for success

Out of State Student Mentoring

Out of State Student Mentoring (OSSM) Living Learning Community, located in Neptune, is for first-year students attending UCF from outside the state of Florida. Students living in this building will receive:

- A supportive and understanding community of out-of-state students
- Assigned upper-class, out-of-state peer mentor
- Assigned academic advisor from First Year Advising & Exploration
- Reserved seats in Strategies for Success and General Education classes during Fall and Spring semesters of your first year
- Programs and resources to assist in taking full advantage of the UCF experience and transitioning to the university and state of Florida

For more information about the OSSM program, check out fye.sdes.ucf.edu/ossm.
Located in Neptune, the Startup Sandbox Living Learning Community is designed to allow students to develop their entrepreneurial spirit through exposure to, and interaction with, business development tools. Students will have the opportunity to create business plans and collaborate on projects with peers living in the same community.

Experiences in this community may include the following:

- Learn ways to develop their business ideas by developing their own proposal
- Tour the Blackstone LaunchPad resource center located on campus
- Hear from entrepreneurs in the Orlando area about their journey
- Attend a session with a personal image consultant
- Learn how to obtain start-up funds and attract investors
- Understand legality and the laws pertaining to small businesses
- Participate in student showcase at the end of the year to share hard work and planning

Transfer Connections Living Learning Community is located in Tower 2. This LLC is for transfer students who are new to UCF. This program is devoted to helping transfer students identify resources and create connections at their new university. Students living in this LLC will experience:

- Academic advising provided by Transfer and Transition Services
- Access to Transfer and Transition Services peer mentors
- Resources to become connected with the Transfer Knights student organization on campus
- Events and activities focused on developing a supportive social network and integrating into the UCF campus
The Volunteers uKnightsed Living Learning Community, located in Neptune, is for students dedicated to community service and civic engagement. **Students living in this building will experience:**

- Resources related to ways to get involved with volunteer opportunities within the UCF and Orlando communities
- Alternative Spring Break (ASB) service project in the spring semester
- A supportive group of students focused on serving their community
- Programs that provide service opportunities (i.e. helping with a local food bank, creating cards for children’s hospitals, care packages for military servicepersons)

**APPLY FOR A LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY**

1. Identify the appropriate contract (academic OR annual) for the LLC you would like to join.
2. Complete the housing application for the appropriate contract.
3. Log into myUCF and go into Student Self Service > Housing > Living Learning.
4. Select the LLC for which you would like to apply.
5. Answer the free response question(s). *Take some time and really answer the questions to the best of your ability. It may be wise to take a look at the questions, formulate your answers in a separate document, and then come back to complete the application if necessary.*
6. Review the LLC agreement outlining the expectations of residents in the LLC.
7. Sign at the bottom of the agreement using your NID.