FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

How will you be MAKING WAVES in your first year at FAU?

JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY! #FAULearningComm
DIVE INTO YOUR FAU EXPERIENCE BY JOINING A LEARNING COMMUNITY!

You’ll make new friends and connect with other students who share similar interests. When you join a Learning Community, you get to take the same courses as a group during your first semester, making it easier to meet people and form study groups, while feeling connected to something special.

WHY JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY?

**Why Join a Learning Community (LC)?**

Starting college is a new and exciting experience – one that you are no doubt eager and perhaps a little anxious about. Learning Communities ease the transition by connecting you to 20-24 students through shared experiences.

As a Learning Community student you will get:

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• Attend special events just for LC students
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MAKE YOUR FAU EXPERIENCE UNIQUE!

All learning community students share courses within their LC including a section of SLS 1503: Learning Strategies and Human Development based on the theme of their LC. To read more about the 26 different LCs available, and to preview sample schedules, visit our website www.fau.edu/learningcommunity.

Living-Learning Community (LLC) Program

Imagine it’s the night before your Chemistry exam and you are part of an impromptu study group in your residence hall study lounge. Sound like something from a sitcom that would never happen in real life? Think again. Students in Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) live and study together in either Heritage Park Tower North (HPT) or Indian River Tower East (IRT). You are never more than a few steps away from other students in your LLC. To learn more about living on campus visit www.fau.edu/housing. #FAUBocaHousing

Freshman Learning Community (FLC) Program

Imagine you are working on your Algebra homework and problem #12 has you stumped. Luckily, you are in a Freshman Learning Community and you know 20 FLC students in your class who can help you solve for “x.” Students in an FLC have the same benefits as LLC students with the added flexibility to live in any freshman residential hall or commute from home.

HOW TO JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Complete your Learning Community application online at www.fau.edu/learningCommunity. Learning Communities fill early, so apply today! Questions? Call 561-297-0906 or email learningcommunity@fau.edu.

"Being VERY shy and timid, it was a fantastic experience to have a network of peers to rely on. Joining an LC was the best decision I made at FAU!"

Emily
Communication LC 2013
WHICH LEARNING COMMUNITY IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

+ **ARTS AND LETTERS**
  Freshman Learning Community or Living-learning Community (HPT or IRT)

> Do you want to learn how to turn your recording of cool videos for posting on YouTube and Vine into a career? Do you love the smell of library books? Are you excited to learn about ancient cultures as you tell their stories? The Arts and Letters LC is open to students majoring in a variety of liberal arts areas including: Anthropology, Arts and Humanities, Communication, English, History, Languages and Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science or Sociology.

#FAUArtsLetters

+ **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**
  Freshman Learning Community or Living-learning Community (HPT or IRT)

> Are CSI and Criminal Minds your favorite TV shows? The Criminal Justice and Public Safety LC is for students considering careers in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement/Corrections, Fire-Rescue, Emergency, Disaster Management and Cyber-crime and Security. Students who are interested in attending law school are encouraged to join this LC.

#FAUCSI

+ **PSYCHOLOGY**
  Freshman learning Community only

> Students who join the Psychology LC at FAU spend time learning about psychological theories and practices and how they relate to everyday life. Get exposed to the world of psychology through case studies and movies while learning about what your future holds in the field of psychology.

+ **EDUCATION**
  Freshman Learning Community only

> Are you excited about teaching others? Do you want to explore opportunities to get practical teaching experience during your first year of college? The Education LC is for students considering majors within the College of Education and planning to get teacher certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education or Secondary Education.
**NURSING**

Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT only)

Admission to the Nursing program at the junior level is very competitive and freshmen majoring in Pre-Nursing must work hard to maintain solid grades. Students in the Nursing LC learn about what it takes to be a successful Nursing student and gain an advantage when applying to the Nursing program.

#FAUNursing

NOTE: This LC requires a minimum 500 SAT verbal score or 21 ACT Composite score.

**PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

Freshman Learning Community only

The Pre-Health Professions LC is available for students considering Pre-Health Professions majors including: Pre-Med, Pre-Veterinary, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Dental and Pre-Pharmacy. Admission to a medical/professional school is a very complicated and competitive process that requires exceptional grades, community involvement and leadership experience. This LC helps students learn the keys to become competitive applicants, while providing the support necessary for students to excel in the science curriculum.

NOTE: This LC requires a minimum 1100 SAT score (verbal and math) or 24 ACT Composite score and a minimum 30 ALEKS Math Placement Exam score.

**ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)

Students majoring in Engineering must complete a rigorous curriculum; therefore, support from other students is essential for student success. The Engineering LC will provide the opportunity to study with other Engineering majors in the same classes while learning about all of the exciting things you can do with a degree in the field.

#FAUEngCompSci

NOTE: This LC requires a minimum 30 ALEKS Math Placement Exam score.

**SCIENCE**

Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)

Science classes can be tough. Find a great lab partner, meet new friends and form study groups in the Science LC. This community is for students who are majoring in any of the areas within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, including: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics and Pre-Health.

#FAUScience

**SAMPLE LC SCHEDULE**

Your actual schedule will vary.

| Learning Strategies | Mon/Wed | 10 - 10:50 a.m. |
| College Writing I | Tue/Thu | 2 - 3:20 p.m. |
| Sociological Perspectives | Tue/Thu | 9:30 - 10:50 a.m. |
| College Algebra | Mon/Wed | Noon - 12:50 p.m. |
| College Algebra | Thu | Noon - 1:50 p.m. |
| General Chemistry I | Wed/Fri | 8 - 9:20 a.m. |
| General Chemistry I Lab | Mon | 2 - 5:50 p.m. |
BUSINESS
Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)
Faculty in the Business LC treat their students like VIPs on their pathways to majors in the College of Business. From the beginning of the semester, students in past Business LCs have had the chance to interact with business leaders from major companies like Walt Disney Corporation, Enterprise Rent A Car, Office Depot, Marriott Hotels & Resorts and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Out-of-classroom experiences might include activities like a field trip to local businesses to meet with experts who represent a variety of business functions.

EXPLORE
Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)
Are you tired of telling everyone that you don’t know what your major is? Then the Explore LC is for you! The Explore LC focuses on self-exploration and the opportunity to explore different majors at FAU and possible careers in the “real world.”

LEADERSHIP
Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)
What is leadership? How do you become a more effective leader and make the most of your college experience? Leadership is applicable to all degrees and essential for your success.

In the Leadership Learning Community you will develop leadership skills through participation on the Challenge Course, attendance at the annual Student Leadership Conference, training in The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership, guest speakers and more. Want to make the most of your college experience and become the best version of yourself along the way? Get started in the Leadership Learning Community!

NOTE: Open to ALL LC majors EXCEPT Engineering and Computer Science.

“I joined the Explore LC because I never really had a clue of what I wanted to do or even major in. I thought a learning community that specializes in people who are undecided and want to explore their options would be the perfect fit for me my first semester of college. I met a lot of cool people that I consider my friends, I learned a substantial amount of information that could help me out in my daily life, and also figured out a major!”

Taylor
Explore LC 2013
As a commuter student, I found that being a part of a Learning Community encouraged me to actively participate, focus, network with peers and engage with the FAU community more than I would have otherwise.

Shana
Commuting Connections LC 2006

I learned all about life in Boca Raton and made lots of great friends in the Welcome to Florida LC. The LC made it so much easier to be 1,000 miles from my family.

Sam
Welcome to Florida LC 2012

WELCOME TO FLORIDA
Living-Learning Community (HPT only)

Are you an out-of-state student? Do you want to learn the ins and outs of life in Boca Raton and South Florida? The Welcome to Florida LC will help out-of-state students feel at home when they are far away from their loved ones while pursuing a degree in almost any major.

#BocaRaton

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COMMITTING CONNECTIONS
Freshman Learning Community only

Are you living off-campus? You don’t want to miss out on all of the great stuff happening around campus! The Commuting Connections LC offers students who will be living off-campus an excellent opportunity to make connections with students, faculty and staff to feel a bigger part of the overall campus community.

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HEALTHY OWLS
Freshman Learning Community or Living-Learning Community (HPT or IRT)

With a strong focus on health promotion, the Healthy Owls LC works closely with the Office of Health and Wellness and the FAU Recreation Center to help students lead healthier lifestyles, make important connections to the FAU community and get the most out of their college experience. The Healthy Owls LC is a perfect fit for students interested in Exercise Science or Nursing degrees.

#FAUCampusRec #FAUWellness

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# 2014-2015 Learning Communities

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Learning Communities are a partnership between the Department of Housing and Residential Life (Division of Student Affairs) and the Center for Learning And Student Success (Dean of Undergraduate Studies).

*Learn more and join today @ [www.fau.edu/learningcommunity](http://www.fau.edu/learningcommunity)*

Questions? Call 561-297-0906 or email [learningcommunity@fau.edu](mailto:learningcommunity@fau.edu).

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