LIVING ON CAMPUS

College begins a new chapter in students’ lives, and living and dining on campus provides them the tools and support to make that transition nearly seamless. Housing & Dining creates a home away from home that is unforgettable. Our goal is students’ academic and personal success. We build inclusive and educational living environments for all our students by partnering with them to build meaningful one on one relationships, participate in purposeful events, and cultivate shared experiences with their peers.

Our residence hall staff partners with students to ensure that, by living on campus at Iowa, they have the opportunity to advance their personal awareness and be responsible community members. We do this through our Residence Education Model (REM), an intentional approach to support the student residential experience. REM empowers students to grow in three areas: Learning About Self, Discovering Relationships and Engaging in Community.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Students come to college to get an education and, ultimately, a degree. While much of that education occurs in the classroom, much also occurs in the residence halls. Academic support in the halls comes in the form of tutoring, faculty review sessions, and interacting with other students who have the same courses and/or majors. National research notes that students are more successful when participating in academically based living learning communities.

Students may choose to apply for a Living Learning Community (LLC), where students live together based on academic or identity interest. Students are placed in smaller residence hall communities, have support from an on-campus academic department, take a common academic course, and participate in events and initiatives that are unique to the LLC.

Living Learning Communities at Iowa have been a prominent effort for many years and an important collaboration between Residence Education and our academic partners. LLC members will also participate in the REM experience to ensure they are reaching the same learning goals as their peers who aren’t in a LLC.

Students interested in LLC participation will complete a housing application and LLC application prior to May 1, and will be notified by mid-May whether they have been accepted. Roommates must both select and be accepted into the same LLC in order to live together.

Additional information is available at HOUSING.UIOWA.EDU/COMMUNITIES
ALL IN: Explore and Celebrate
Explore and celebrate LGBTQ+ culture and identity. You will be connected with numerous campus resources and organizations to understand, explore, and contextualize the experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals. This community was founded by LGBTQ+ students with the intent of creating LGBTQ+ friendly housing options for students. This community is also open to students who identify as allies.

ARTS: Develop your craft.
Live with like-minded artists who love to perform and create. Attend art workshops, talent showcases and be a part of Iowa City’s arts scene. You’ll engage with arts resources on campus, faculty and staff from a wide range of arts disciplines, and meet new friends who share your interests.

BE WISE: Surround yourself with learners.
Learning doesn’t have to end when class does. This community brings together women from engineering, biological, physical, and health sciences. You’ll develop a network of friends and a built-in support system in this community of fun and active students who share a drive to excel.

BIZ HAWKS: Success starts with you.
Join other students interested in entrepreneurship, leadership, and other business topics. You’ll bond with the members in your community while learning about careers in business, establishing study groups, and connecting to faculty and staff from the Tippie College of Business.

FIRST GENERATION: Pave your road ahead.
Will you be the first in your family to earn a four-year degree? This community helps build a meaningful support system as you transition to the University of Iowa. Build relationships with your peers that also identify as first generation, make connections with faculty and staff who are invested in your success, and learn about various resources that will help you pave your way at Iowa.

GLOBAL MOSAIC: A worldview right at home.
Bringing together domestic and international students, this community allows you to share in cultural activities. Broaden your horizons and expand your knowledge of the world through art, cuisine, traditions, and current events. You will be able to take part in the various cultural events on campus and perhaps even spark your own interest in global travel and study abroad programs.

IOWA WRITERS: Write your own story.
The University of Iowa is nationally known as the ‘writing university.’ If you are a student interested in writing, this community is for you. You will explore and connect with writing resources available at Iowa to prepare you for success, produce your own literary magazines, and attend local readings. This community is located close to the Dey House, home of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop.

LEX: LEGAL EXPLORATION: Advocate for others.
The law plays a critical role in settling disputes and protecting individual rights. This community aims to help you explore how the law works and impacts society. You will be introduced to careers in the legal profession, explore the path to law school, and discover the diversity of settings in which law graduates work.

LIVING LITERATURE: Experience literature coming to life.
Iowa City is North America’s only UNESCO City of Literature. Experience literature with other students and faculty who love reading and writing. You will learn about the literary landmarks that have made Iowa City famous, become part of a thriving culture, and discover the career possibilities open to people who are passionate about books.

PEOPLE IN ENGINEERING: Be the next generation of problem solvers.
Be an engineer and something more. This community welcomes all engineering students who wish to excel academically through sharing knowledge, building a strong support network, and having fun. You will be able to participate in your community through social events, faculty networking dinners, service projects, special tours, and off-campus trips.

POLITICAL MATTERS: Engage in the political process.
Are you interested in politics and government? Come together with other students who are interested in political and legislative issues. This community will help you explore politics, give you access to expert faculty and alumni, and learn about potential career options.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Protect and promote health.
Public health is making a difference, be a part of it. The field of public health protects and promotes health in people’s everyday lives—at home, at work, at school, and at play. Working with communities and populations, public health identifies the causes of poor health and implement large-scale solutions. In this community you will explore public health through courses, programming with students, faculty, and professionals, service activities, and community resources.

SPORT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT: The business of sports.
This community is for students who are looking to get involved in the sport and recreation industry. You will learn what it takes to put on major sporting events, connect with current faculty, network with sport professionals, and explore career options.

WELL BEINGS: Every day is a good day to take care of you.
This community strives to help you become more aware of your strengths and challenges in various areas of well-being; including emotional wellness, healthy relationships, fitness and physical health, and spirituality. You will thrive at Iowa with community support while creating lasting friendships.

YOUNG, GIFTED, AND BLACK: Explore culture and identity.
Culture and traditions are often the foundations upon which one builds their black identity and its intersectionality. In collaboration with the African American Studies program, you will be challenged to understand the various experiences among the African/black diaspora, encouraged to learn and develop critical thinking skills outside the classroom, relate your passions to your academics, and better Iowa’s Black Community through campus involvement.