

UofL Honors Science LLC Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Living Learning Community (LLC)?

Living Learning Communities are a housing option at UofL where students live with other students who share their academic interests on one or more floors in a Residence Hall and take classes together.

Each community is unique. LLC themes are based on majors and/or career interests such as science, public health, public service, engineering, dental hygiene, etc.

Living in a LLC is optional, but they do fill, so apply early! Select one by filling out the application associated with the UofL Housing application or filling out the web form on the UofL Honors website. Your commitment to live in a Learning Community is for one year (corresponding to when you apply for housing on campus each year).

Can commuters participate in a Living Learning Community?

No. Part of the experience is involved with the LIVING.

What are expectations for students living in the Honors Science Living Learning Community?

Living Learning Communities cultivate an environment where students will approach a topic in a distinct way with a group of students who share their interest. The success of a Living Learning Community depends on the active and positive participation of students living there.

First-year students living in the Honors Science LLC are required to take a course cluster together. Although required, this course cluster secures a spot for you in the coveted Honors Chemistry lecture and labs. These honors courses fill quickly during orientation, but as an accepted LLC student you will have space reserved for you. At this time, courses are only required to be taken together in the Fall semester. Additionally, students are expected to participate in some fun activities and academic support opportunities. These experiences usually help with adjustment to the rigors of being a science major or pursuing a pre-health curriculum.

Living Learning Communities provide an enjoyable way to learn, build close friendships and interact with people, programs and opportunities across campus and beyond. We believe you will have an experience you won't forget!

When will I hear whether I've been accepted into a Living & Learning Community?

Acceptance will be on a rolling basis, with applications being received beginning on January 8th, 2013. ***Students must be eligible and have applied for the University Honors Program, which has a deadline of January 15th.*** To be eligible to apply for the University Honors Program, one must have 3.5 high school GPA and a minimum of a 28 ACT score. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis until the community is full, and then a waitlist will begin. There exist twenty spots for males and twenty spots for females. If accepted, you will receive an email notifying you and then a housing assignment in the community will be made promptly.

I really want to be in an LLC; how do I make sure that I get in?

We will make every effort to place you the Honors Science LLC, but we cannot guarantee placement as spaces are limited to 40 people.

How much does it cost to be in an LLC?

Even with all of the added benefits—from special events to faculty mentors, there is no additional cost to be part of our LLC.

I really *don't* want to be in an LLC; how do I opt out?

If you have a change of heart, don't worry! Please let the coordinator of the Honors Science LLC (Ketti Tonnemacher aktonn01@louisville.edu) know. Keep in mind that you will be reassigned to another room on campus and it is unknown where that will be until the current time of your decision.

Can I pick an LLC in the residence hall I want to be in?

No. Currently, the Honors Science LLC students only reside in Threlkeld Hall.

Do I have to be in an LLC to live in Threlkeld Hall?

No. There is space for students to live in Threlkeld without being part of the LLC. When completing your housing application, select Threlkeld as the residence hall of choice.

When/how do I get to select my room for next year?

We will assign you to a room after you've applied and are accepted to the LLC. Remember, acceptance is on a first come first served basis. Also, you must have a housing application completed to be assigned to a room. Yes, that means paying the deposit.

Can I pick my roommate?

If your roommate has also been accepted to the Honors Science LLC, then yes. If not, no, you will be assigned a roommate who is also in the community. But, hey, isn't college all about making new friends?

When/how do I get matched with my roommate?

We will assign you a roommate. This person will most likely be another student participating in the LLC. Please let us know if you have a friend who is applying to the LLC if you would like to room together.

Can I apply for more than one LLC?

Yes, if you are interested in one of the other LLCs on campus, please apply! You may not be accepted to more than one, though, so you must decide on which one you want most if you get into more than one. This decision needs to be made as soon as possible, so that another individual will be able to be accepted.

Will living in a LLC limit my college experience?

No! In fact, LLCs are meant to magnify your experience and help connect you with opportunities and resources on this large campus. Taking an honors course cluster unites you with UofL faculty and staff who are interested in your success from an academic and social standpoint. They can help you figure out how to make the most of your time in college from the beginning ... you won't believe how quickly your UL years go by!

Students feel a sense of belonging to a strong community that is very supportive, but they still have the liberties of other students living in the Residence Halls around them. They make friends campus-wide, pursue a variety of interests, and choose how much they want to get involved in LLC activities at any given time during the semester.

AP/IB/Dual Credit Courses and the Honors Science LLC. How does this work?

Students in the Honors Science LLC are required to take ALL of the courses in the cluster. This includes Honors CHEM 201 lecture and CHEM 207/208 lab, as well as a general education course (HUM 152 Cultures of America or COMM 111 Intro to Public Speaking) and Honors 101 Modes of Inquiry. If you have or anticipate AP or dual credit from another university/college, please know that you will have to retake CHEM 201 to be part of this community. Many students with this credit DO retake the course, mostly because they want the refresher if they are majoring in Chemistry or are Pre-Med. There are medical schools that do not accept AP credit for pre-med prep curriculum. It is best for a student to research a few medical schools and their admission requirements to become better educated with regards to this decision.

What is Honors 101 Modes of Inquiry?

HON 101 is a 5 week long course that begins during Welcome Week (the week before the Fall semester begins). LLC participants that are majors in the college of Arts & Sciences are required to take this course as part of the LLC cluster. This means you must be present and attend all meetings of the course. Engineering majors accepted into the LLC will not take HON 101. They will take ENGR 101 instead. All first year students are required to take a general Intro to College type of course, regardless of major.

What if I'm in an LLC and I change majors or drop the required class?

We will be working with you during Summer Orientation to build a schedule around the required coursework for the Honors Science LLC. All of these classes will meet general education requirements if you were to change your major. If you change your mind about your major prior to the start of the semester, please contact us immediately to work with an advisor to adjust your schedule and living arrangements. Please keep in mind that you must take all the classes that are part of the structured LLC. During the semester, as with any significant decisions affecting your course of study, you should consult with your Academic Advisor.

Can I talk with a student who lives in a Learning Community I'm interested in?

Of course. Email aktonn01@louisville.edu or call (502) 852-1536 and we will connect you with a student by e-mail or phone.