# **UofL Honors Service 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.

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. 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 Service 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 Service LLC are required to take a course cluster together. 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 college life and academic success.

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 for the LLC going live on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Students must be eligible and have applied for the University Honors Program. The priority deadline to apply for Honors is January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, you can still apply for competitive admission from January 16 – May 1, 2014. 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. In total, there are 24 spots in the Service LLC. 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 Service LLC, but we cannot guarantee placement as spaces are limited to 24 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 Service LLC (Luke Buckman, luke.buckman@louisville.edu) know. Keep in mind that you will be reassigned to another room on campus if you opt out of the LLC.

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

No. Currently, the Honors Service 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 Service LLC, then yes. If you have a preference for a roommate outside of the LLC, please notify Luke Buckman at <a href="mailto:luke.buckman@louisville.edu">luke.buckman@louisville.edu</a>. As the coordinator, all exceptions will go through him. As a general rule, you will be assigned a roommate that is also participating in the Honors Service LLC.

## 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 on 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 the Service LLC beyond the normal requirements.

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

Students in the Honors Service LLC take ALL of the courses in the cluster listed above (Hon 101, 202, and 214). If you have or anticipate AP or dual credit from another university/college, please notify the program coordinator (Luke Buckman) which credits you anticipate bringing in to UofL. In particular, if you have already credit for a Speech course at another institution, this can impact your enrollment in the Honors Service LLC.

# 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). It is a freshman seminar course designed specifically for Honors students. If you are in the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education & Human Development, or are Pre-Business, then HON 101 can satisfy the freshman seminar requirement for those enrollment units.

# 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 Service LLC. If you change your mind about your participating in the LLC, 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?

Yes! If interested, please contact Luke Buckman or call (502) 852-6293 and we will connect you with a student by e-mail or phone.