

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES and the HONORS HOUSE

Living on campus gives students the best of both worlds – a supportive environment to grow personally and academically along with the convenience and majesty of living among LSU's stately oaks and broad magnolias. Students who live on campus consistently have higher GPAs, higher retention to second-year rates, and higher graduation rates than their off-campus peers, and report the experience as crucial to succeeding their first year in college. Residence halls are organized as residential colleges, the Honors House, and traditional halls. With so many options, there's something for everyone:

Residential Colleges are structured to create a stimulating living-learning environment through student interaction with faculty and other freshmen beyond the classroom setting. Freshmen participating in the residential colleges - either by major or by interest - reside in the same facility and enroll in special sections of general academic courses taken with other residential college students. This environment creates a close-knit academic community similar to the small college experience. With greater academic emphasis and faculty involvement, the residential college atmosphere encourages studying, provides access to exceptional academic and social support, and makes it easy to establish new friendships.

The Laville Honors House in East and West Laville Halls provide both a residence and an academically-focused collegiate atmosphere – like a residential college - to freshmen in the Honors College, as well as upper class Honors students who choose to reside there.

INTEREST-BASED RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES



CAREER DISCOVERY RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: Housed in Broussard Hall, the Career Discovery Residential College (CDRC) is open to incoming first-year students of all majors who could benefit from guidance in selecting their major and career path. Social and academic programs in the residential college are geared toward personal strength discovery, career exploration, and searching various majors within LSU and their related careers. The residential college collaborates with the LSU Olinde Career Center, the Center for Academic Success, and the University College Center for Freshman Year to offer programs and services to its residents.



HERGET RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: Students participating in Herget Residential College take several core freshman courses together creating a "mini-campus" atmosphere in Herget Hall. This first-year program focuses on helping students have a successful transition from high school to college. It is designed to integrate learning with community living and provide students with greater opportunities to interact with faculty.

MAJOR-BASED RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES



AGRICULTURE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: First-year students of any major within the College of Agriculture are eligible to participate in Agriculture Residential College. The theme is Agricultural Leadership and the program provides students with a supportive academic and social environment, and it is housed in the Blake Hall wing that features two-student, suite-bath style of rooms.



BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: Students in the Business Residential College have unique educational and professional development opportunities to acclimate to business culture. Students will also have opportunities to interact with business professionals through lectures and workshops designed to expose students to real-life business experiences. First-year students with a declared major in the E.J. Ourso College of Business are eligible to live in Res College One - West Hall.



ENGINEERING RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: Incoming freshman engineering majors have the opportunity to live in Residential College One - North Hall. This residential college supports students as they advance through LSU's quality engineering program. Faculty involvement and research opportunities strengthen each student's connection with the College of Engineering. ERC is open to all first-year engineering and construction management majors.



HUMAN SCIENCES & EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: The College of Human Sciences & Education Residential College (CHSERC) opened in fall 2015 in the new Cypress Hall on the west side of campus. The program is open to most first-year students majoring in the college's School of Education, School of Kinesiology, or School of Social Work and will offer an educational and social community for the broad spectrum of majors within CHSE.



HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: The Humanities & Social Sciences Residential College (HSSRC) is focused on international engagement and global inter-connectedness. Residents will live in Res College One - South Hall and explore Louisiana's rich international cultural heritage, expand their understanding of global events and issues, and foster opportunities for study and service abroad. HSSRC is open to first-year students and undergraduate international students with a declared major in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.



MASS COMMUNICATION RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: The Mass Communication Residential College (MCRC) is housed in Residential College One - South Hall. MCRC is designed to offer an educational and social community for the next generation of journalism, public relations, advertising, and political communication professionals. This program is open to first-year students, or any undergraduate international exchange student who is enrolled in the Manship School of Mass Communication.



SCIENCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE: The Science Residential College (SRC) is in Highland and Louise Garig Halls and is for first-year students pursuing careers in any of the basic science fields in the College of Science, including biochemistry, biological sciences, microbiology, chemistry, geology, physics and mathematics. This living-learning approach to the first-year experience will help empower the next generation of Science professionals for success.

THE LAVILLE HONORS HOUSE



HONORS HOUSE: The Honors House is a living-learning community for students enrolled in the Honors College. In the Honors House, undergraduate students of all years and majors live with a diverse peer group, participate in social, academic, and service activities, and interact with faculty within East and West Laville Halls and the French House. This campus within a campus environment allows for involvement and leadership through participation in hall government and Honors College student organizations.

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Residential colleges are living-learning communities where first-year students with the same major or interest live in a residence hall together, take courses together - sometimes right in their residence hall, enjoy co-curricular programs in the hall, and interact with faculty and professionals inside and outside of the classroom.

- > Residential college retention rate was two percentage points higher than non-residential college living options¹
- > Residential college four-year graduation rate was 4.5 percentage points higher and the six-year graduation rate 8.5 percentage points higher, for students participating in a residential college compared to those who did not participate in a residential college²
- > 1408 students served - the second highest enrollment in the history of the residential college program
- > 52 courses were taught inside the residential colleges
- > The Career Discovery Residential College replaced the Information Technology Residential College in Broussard Hall
- > More than half of all on-campus first-year students live in a residential college or the Honors House
- > Dr. Chris Gregg, Science Residential College rector and university instructor, earned the 2015 Dr. Marion "Soc" Socolofsky Award for Teaching Excellence. This award is given to faculty in the LSU community that show commitment to their students through teaching and mentorship.

15 YEARS OF RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Since opening Hergert Residential College in 2000, Residential Life has grown the living-learning environment on campus to include eight residential colleges and the Honors House.

In fifteen years, the program has served more than **13,000 students*** and proven its success with consistently helping students feel more connected to LSU, and producing higher GPAs, retention, and graduation rates than non-residential college students.

Discipline Based:

- Agriculture Residential College (2008)
- Business Residential College (2007)
- Engineering Residential College (2007)
- Global Connections Residential College (2012)
- Mass Communication Residential College (2010)
- Science Residential College (2009)

Non-Discipline Based:

- Hergert Residential College (2000)
- Career Discovery Residential College (2002/2014)

The Honors House

**Excluding the Honors House*

2014-15 Residential College Occupancy

