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THE
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LEARNING
COMMUNITIES

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LEARNING COMMUNITIES



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Learning Communities (known as LCs) are inclusive communities where students with shared academic interests learn together and live on the same floor of a residence hall. Students in Learning Communities take classes together, which can greatly enhance their ability to grow and learn their first year at SLU.



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STUDENT-FACULTY
RATIO AT SLU

WHAT WILL I DO IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY?

- + Connect with students with similar academic and personal goals as you **attend classes together.**
- + Connect with faculty outside the classroom.
- + Get connected to campus life and University resources.
- + Explore St. Louis through exciting field trips.
- + Volunteer through community service projects.
- + Access academic peer mentoring and tutoring.
- + Discover leadership development opportunities.
- + Explore career options.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES provide a great way for you to meet new people and make friends with those who have similar interests. Plus, research shows that students are more successful when their academic experiences are integrated with other aspects of their life. You will have the opportunity to get involved on campus and within the larger Saint Louis University community.



Learn more about each Learning Community at slu.edu/lc.



HOW TO JOIN A LEARNING COMMUNITY

LEARNING COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS:

- + Live in your Learning Community's assigned residence hall.
- + Enroll in the courses associated with your Learning Community.



DIVERSITY + GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

DIVERSITY AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP LEARNING COMMUNITY

This Learning Community helps students to answer what it means to live in a global society by exploring the human experience. The students and faculty in this community are passionate about social justice and inclusion on a local and global scale. The community participates in dialogues about identity, dinners with faculty and workshops to further their understanding of diversity. This community is open to all students.

Students will be enrolled in American studies, anthropology, political science and sociology courses. Open to all majors and recommended for students majoring in women's and gender studies, African American studies, American studies, sociology, anthropology, communication, economics, environmental studies, international studies, political science and other arts and sciences majors.



BEATRICE BEIRNE

Major:
Political Science/
American Studies
Hometown:
Chicago, Illinois

"Being a part of this LC means more than taking classes to me — we teach each other, begin to understand, and learn when to listen through our programs and events."

1 SELECT YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY.

Review the list of Learning Communities, and select the community or communities for which you want to apply. Don't forget to look at the requirements for each Learning Community because some require a specific major.

2 SUBMIT BOTH YOUR HOUSING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY CONTRACTS.

Apply for your Learning Community by submitting the Learning Community contract in addition to the Housing contract, which is available through myslu.slu.edu. You must submit your enrollment deposit before you can access your contracts. In order to be included in the first round of Learning Community assignments, you must complete the Learning Community contract by May 1. Acceptance to Learning Communities is on a rolling basis until filled.

3 CONFIRM YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY COURSES.

Before SLU 101 orientation, you will be registered for your Learning Community's associate courses. At SLU 101, you will meet with an advisor to make sure the courses fit your major and schedule.

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STUDENTS



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Parks College
of Engineering, Aviation and Technology

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STUDENTS



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ENGINEERING AND INNOVATION LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Engineering and Innovation Learning Community is an excellent opportunity for you to live in a community of scholars that share a commitment to the fields of engineering, physics and flight science. This community is extremely popular with first-year School of Science and Engineering students. There is a maker space on the residence hall floor, located in Grand Hall, which includes tools such as a 3D printer, laser engraver and robotics kits.

Depending on a student's major, students will be enrolled in aviation science, chemistry, engineering, math and physics courses. *This community is open to all students in the School of Science and Engineering.*

SARAH GOULD
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee

"Living in the LC has helped me gain a strong sense of confidence in pursuing engineering. I have also been able to improve on my collaborative skills through community and faculty events."

EMILY BORAWSKI

Major: Accounting / Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

"Having classes with the same people I live on a floor with is very convenient and makes it easier to feel more comfortable in classes."



ETHICAL LEADERS IN BUSINESS LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Ethical Leaders in Business Learning Community focuses on the relationship between business and leadership characteristics. You will have opportunities to learn from guest speakers, get hands-on experience through field trips, and take courses that connect personal interests and strengths with career goals. This community has a business incubator located on the residence hall floor, located in Grand Hall, to assist students with entrepreneurial networking and mentoring.

Students will be enrolled in business, economics and theology courses. This community is open to students in Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business.

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STUDENTS



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NICKY HAMPTON

Major: Investigative and Medical Sciences
Hometown: Belleville, Illinois

“There are academic, informational and fun events that enables networking with instructors and other students.”

HEALTH SCIENCES LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Health Sciences Learning Community provides the opportunity for you to further your understanding of and connection to the interdisciplinary world of health sciences. Students in the Doisy College of Health Sciences and Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing can join the Health Sciences Learning Community to live and learn with future colleagues in health care.

Depending on a student's major, students will be enrolled in anatomy, biology, chemistry, health sciences, health care ethics, interprofessional education, nursing, occupational sciences, physical therapy, psychology and theology courses. This community is open to students in the Doisy College of Health Sciences and the Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing.



MICHAEL POIRIER

Major: Public Health, Criminology and Criminal Justice
Hometown: Lombard, Illinois

“The relationships I’ve formed since coming to SLU are irreplaceable, and I attribute that to the Honors Learning Community.”

HONORS LEARNING COMMUNITY

The University Honors Program is known for its commitment to integrative and interdisciplinary learning. The Honors Learning Community, located in Spring Hall, provides additional opportunities for faculty engagement and student collaboration. Students form rich relationships in the Honors LC that persist throughout their studies at SLU.

Honors faculty will often spend time in the residence halls, facilitating discussions about self, SLU and the St. Louis community. This community also has a sophomore component for active participants who wish to continue in the community for a second year.

Students will be enrolled in honors, philosophy and theology courses. You must be accepted into the Honors Program and remain in good standing in order to live in the Honors Learning Community.

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GRIESEDIECK COMPLEX

NEW! IMAGINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Imagine Learning Community is a base for students who want to integrate the classroom study of the humanities with the exploration of career paths and possible post-graduate experiences for humanities majors. The students and faculty in this community ask the big questions: what is a good life? How can beauty and creativity foster a more just society? And they find out how the answers can lead to fulfilling professions and vocations. Students will interact with distinguished writers visiting campus for the annual St. Louis Literary Award; see how historians put their skills to work in the Jesuit Archives and Research Center; and engage with faculty research and projects. One of the main goals of this Learning Community is to create a welcoming intellectual and residential experience for first-year students interested in the Humanities.

Students will be enrolled in English, philosophy and theology courses. Open to all majors and to undecided students; recommended for those interested in English, philosophy, theology, history and other majors from the College of Arts and Sciences.



LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



DANA FEENEY
Major: Public Health
Hometown: St. Charles, Illinois

“This is a great experience to become aware of issues impacting SLU and the surrounding city.”

LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE LEARNING COMMUNITY

If you are interested in becoming a leader and making a difference in the world, the Leadership for Social Change Learning Community is the perfect way to start off your SLU experience. Located in Spring Hall, this community will challenge you to learn about social advocacy through relationship building, creative action and the social sciences.

In this Learning Community, you will learn to identify, critique and innovatively address underlying issues within community structures. This community is a great way to build significant connections, meet passionate faculty and become active in the city of St. Louis. This community is open to all students.

Students will be enrolled in American studies, fine and performing arts, psychology, sociology and theology courses. Open to aspiring student leaders of all majors and specifically geared toward students majoring in English, philosophy, theology, theatre, music, art history, studio art, foreign language, education, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and other programs in the College of Arts and Sciences.



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**MARIAN DE CASTRO**

Major:
Biology
Hometown:
Barrigada, Guam

“With each Learning Community having their own required courses, these courses added a basic understanding of the path that I was pursuing.”

LIFE SCIENCES LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Life Sciences Learning Community gives you the opportunity to live and study with others who share your major. The community will help you to develop and explore interests within the medical sciences, public health, sustainability and technology in science. One of the main goals of this community is to provide the optimal environment for studying, learning and building community with other science and pre-medical students.

Depending on a student's major, students will be enrolled in biology, chemistry and public health courses. This community is open to all students but is especially recommended for those majoring in biology, chemistry, environmental science or pursuing a pre-professional health track (pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-physician assistant, etc.).

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**MICAH: LIVING THE MISSION**

The Micah Program brings together faith, service, community and academics. Working among people from many racial and ethnic backgrounds who live in neighborhoods near the University, Micah community members will perform three hours of service a week together at one of 13 sites. The program offers an optional minor in urban poverty studies. Interested students can apply to the Micah Program through their applicant portal at slu.edu/apply.

During a weekly community hour, Micah students gather in small groups to support one another, reflect on experiences in class and at service sites and share their faith. Many older students stay involved throughout their college careers, continuing their service, serving as mentors, leading retreats and small-group gatherings and organizing Micah large-group service days and social events.

Students will be enrolled in American studies, African American studies, Latin-American studies, communication, philosophy and theology courses. The program is open to students of all faiths and majors.

IAN FLECKENSTEIN

Major: Neuroscience / **Hometown:** Queen Creek, Arizona

“A future Billiken should highly consider being a Micah as you too can ignite a change within St. Louis' community and further unify SLU with the overarching environment.”

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STUDENTS



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MEDALLION PROGRAM

The Medallion program awards students who are active participants within their Learning Community and the Learning Community program at SLU. Students who complete a Saint Louis University Learning Community and fulfill Medallion program requirements receive an award for completion and academic honors. An award ceremony is held each spring for all Learning Community scholars.



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THRIVE: BLACK AND TALENTED LEARNING COMMUNITY

The THRIVE: Black and Talented Learning Community is designed to support the successful transition of first-year participants to Saint Louis University. Students will deepen their cultural understanding and awareness of the black diasporic experience and develop the skills and tools to address institutional and societal change. The community engages in common courses; activities, including optional spring break excursions; and dialogue with faculty, staff and alumni that foster their learning and development. As part of the experience participants will also take part in a mentoring program dedicated to personal and academic excellence during the undergraduate experience and beyond.

As part of the curricular component of this LC, students will be enrolled in courses within African American studies, American studies, communications, theology, women's and gender studies, psychology, sociology and others from the College of Arts and Sciences. This LC is open to students of all majors.



WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER.

LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Below is a sample of annually held events.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Enjoy ice cream and interact with faculty, staff and alumni of the Learning Community program.

LEARNING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Each Learning Community has one or two representatives who act as their liaison to plan fun and exciting events for the program.

ED TALKS

Engage with faculty as they present their research and areas of academic interest.

NIGHT AT THE CITY MUSEUM

Explore the City Museum and get to know students from different Learning Communities.

BIG PINK VOLLEYBALL

Form a team and compete in an oversized pink volleyball tournament to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

SYMPOSIUM

Exhibit and share examples of Learning Community research and creative work within the University community.

COVID SAFEGUARDS AT SLU EVENTS

Due to the uncertainty of health and safety guidelines pertaining to COVID-19, some events may be held virtually. For the latest information, visit slu.edu/health-advisory.



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WE GO TO CLASS TOGETHER.

Learning Communities offer a chance to **TAKE CLASSES WITH YOUR ROOMMATE AND FLOORMATES** and to go on off-campus excursions, attend special lectures and get involved in community service together.

To view the fall and spring semester courses affiliated with each Learning Community, visit slu.edu/lc.

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