

# LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

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# WHAT IS AN **LLC?**

**Living Learning Communities (LLCs)** offer unique living and learning opportunities to campus residents. Research shows LLC students have higher cumulative grade point averages (GPAs) and increased interaction with faculty. At Montana State University, LLCs allow students from similar disciplines to live in close proximity to each other. As a resident of an LLC, you will share many of the same classes, professors and assignments as the person right next door. This model allows students to make connections and network with others in their program early in their college careers.

Living Learning Communities offer unique opportunities not always available to residents of other living options, including:

- Special meals with professors
- Presentations by student-mentors of the program
- Exclusive access to alumni, potential future employers and guest speakers of the university

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## IMPORTANT FACTS

Research shows that students who participate in LLCs:

- Are more engaged in their academic experience
- Have extremely high satisfaction rates for their overall university experience
- Earn higher grades

## MSU **LLCs** BY THE NUMBERS

**SEVEN OPTIONS** Business, Creative Arts, Emerging Leaders, Engineering, Honors, Well-Being and Sense of Place. Approximately **60** residents and **two** RAs per option. The Engineering LLC is split between Langford and Hannon with one RA each.

**SEVENTEEN COMMUNITIES** spread among five halls: Hannon, Langford, South Hedges, Yellowstone and the Quads.

**TWENTY LLC RESIDENT ADVISORS** oversee about **350** LLC residents and put on more than **80** programs a year.



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## LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**BUSINESS** South Hedges

**CREATIVE ARTS** South Hedges

**EMERGING LEADERS** South Hedges

**ENGINEERING** Hannon and Langford

**HONORS** Hannon, Langford, South Hedges and Quads

**WELL-BEING** Yellowstone

**SENSE OF PLACE** South Hedges

## ENGINEERING

Programming often reflects in-class lessons and engagement:

- Engineering, building and computing competitions
- Taking part in special College events, such as Women in Engineering events and volunteering at science, technology, engineering and math events at MSU
- Meeting with faculty and student panels to get insight on how to be successful in the field

Majors and careers in engineering are demanding and competitive. Residents give themselves an edge when choosing to live in these communities. Students in Hannon and Langford are provided with workshops that supplement their in-class experience, as well as in-hall study sessions and faculty presentations. Students will have access to potential employers who frequently partner with the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering during job and career fairs.

## BUSINESS

Residents of this floor will enjoy programs and resources that include:

- Special access to presentations by potential future employers
- Tours of the Bracken Center, the professional development resource area to enhance the Jake Jobs College of Business & Entrepreneurship experience
- Speakers and student-mentors from the different business programs and student organizations

The Business floor, located in South Hedges, is designed to provide career exploration and exposure to other majors that allow for a career in the business field. Residents will have access to in-hall academic advising, study sessions and evening presentations by business faculty and local business leaders. Residence Life partners with the Jake Jobs College of Business & Entrepreneurship to provide students valuable experiences and business knowledge, such as resume building, public speaking, and presentations with an emphasis on professionalism, in order to be a step ahead of the competition.

*Residence Life and the Jake Jobs College of Business & Entrepreneurship strongly encourage students take BGEN 194US during the fall semester.*

## CREATIVE ARTS

As a resident of this floor, students have access to programs that will aid in their success as students of the College of Arts & Architecture program, including:

- Student-mentor panels composed of upper-class students from the various disciplines
- Portfolio assistance
- Mock critiques
- Opportunities to display current and former projects in mini-art shows

Housed in South Hedges, this co-ed community is open to anyone who has declared a major within the College of Arts & Architecture, or those interested in pursuing any of those options. Hall lounge space was remodeled to accommodate several workstations for creating models, art projects and architecture designs. Residents of this option are within a three-minute walk from the College of Arts & Architecture buildings: Cheever, Haynes, and Howard Halls and the Visual Communications Building.

*Residence Life and the College of Arts & Architecture strongly encourage students to take CAA 101 during the fall semester.*

## WELL-BEING

Residents will benefit from living in this option through:

- Connecting with residents on campus who share a passion for well-being
- Working with faculty and staff on campus to develop a deeper understanding of personal and academic well-being
- Participating in programs focused around self-care and personal development

At Montana State University, we encourage students to find a balance between their personal and academic well-being. As a member of the Well-Being Living Learning Community in Yellowstone, students will have the opportunity to explore their own best self as well as have direct access to professionals on campus to deepen their understanding of all aspects of health. Connect with peers, explore opportunities for self-care and advocate for health and well-being with others who share a common passion.

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## EMERGING LEADERS

Programs include:

- Engaging activities, fun trainings and insightful discussions
- Work towards a Leadership Certificate
- Special presentations on professionalism, group dynamics and creating positive relationships

Whether you've never considered yourself a leader, or have actively engaged in leadership positions, as a member of the Emerging Leaders community in South Hedges you will have unique opportunities to identify and practice your leadership abilities. Students can expect to join others on this floor in various leadership activities and extracurricular opportunities provided through a unique collaboration of MSU Residence Life and MSU Leadership Fellows Program.

*Residents of the Emerging Leaders floor move in a day early and prior to fall classes for an engaging, experiential and teambuilding one-credit course, UC 102 Leadership Explorations.*

## HONORS

Informative lectures and programs sponsored by the Honors College

- Increased engagement outside of the classroom with fellow Honors College students
- A student-centered community that promotes high academic standards and excellence

Housed in South Hedges and Quads, the Honors LLC is dedicated to giving students who are accepted into the Honors College the opportunity to continue their learning experiences in a relaxed, residential setting. Students are able to develop meaningful friendships through common classes, academic and social events, conversation, and fun while living in the same community. The Honors College expects that residents will positively impact the community around them as they participate in programs specifically designed for the Honors LLC. Through this increased participation and dedication, the residents will be given the resources to develop into committed global citizens. In addition, the floor will encourage a strong academic environment to promote the success of all students in the Honors LLC.

## SENSE OF PLACE

Residents will have the opportunity to:

- Engage in activities that help establish a sense of identity and self
- Work with professionals on campus to explore career opportunities
- Live with other residents who are excited and passionate about experiencing new and different things.

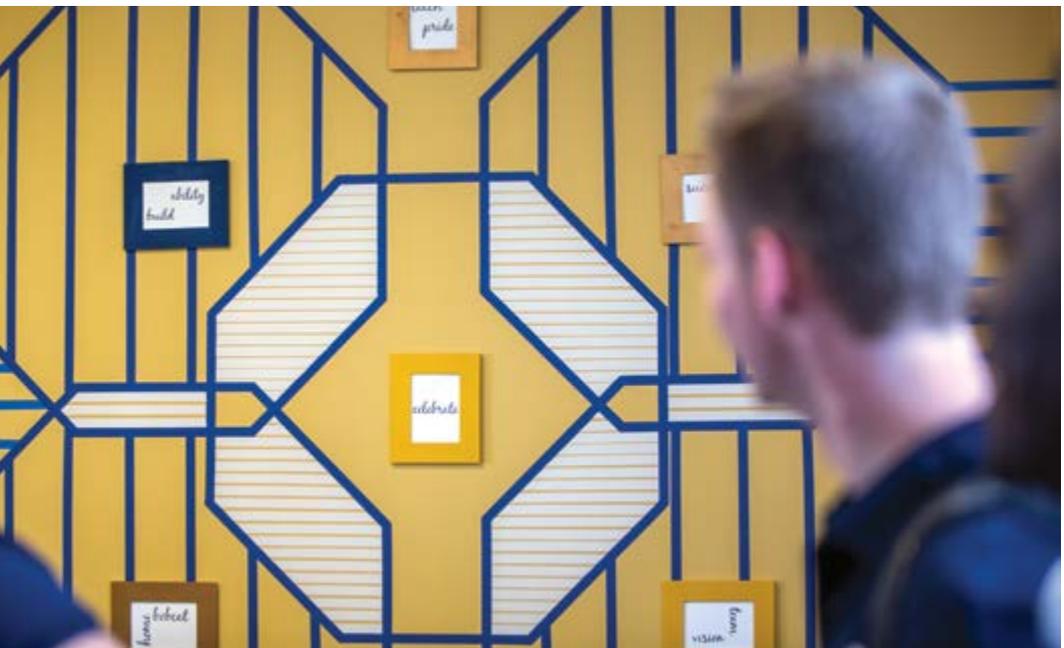
The Sense of Place Living Learning Community, located in South Hedges, is a new community which focuses on residents establishing an understanding of their-self and their place in the world. This community was developed for students unsure about what they want to study and what their futures hold. This living option is co-educational.

*Students living on the floor must enroll in a special section of US 103 during the fall or spring semester.*



**“Living on an LLC has brought me many friends and experiences that have enriched my college life.”**

Hayley Robbins, Lake Oswego, Ore.



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