

# **Building Community: Fostering Success** in First-Year Student LLCs



# What is a Living Learning Community?

In a WKU Living Learning Community (LLC), students with similar academic or social interests live together on a residence hall floor and participate in activities tailored to their specific majors or interests.

LLCs are designed to help you connect socially, succeed academically, engage with faculty, staff, and administrators, and chart your course at WKU.

#### Living

Students live in a pod-style co-ed residence hall. There is no additional cost for participating in an LLC. Resident Advisors (RAs) are typically chosen from upperclassmen in each LLC's major.

#### Learning

Participation in an LLC may include enrollment in up to two linked courses per semester that count toward major and/or General Education requirements.

Fall Semester	<b>Spring Semester</b>					
EDU 250	EDU 260					
ASTR 104	PSY 310					

# Community

Every year, the group of students in the Education Living Learning Community participate in trademark events. These events are an opportunity for students to socialize with each other and the faculty and staff they'll work with during their time on campus.

- Pizza and Video Games Mixer with Faculty
- Frontier Classroom Experience
- Murder Mystery Costume Ball
- Horror Movie Screening at the Capitol Theater (childhood theater of John Carpenter)
- Pal-entine's Day
- LLC Olympics (competition with all LLCs) plus dinner afterward
- Finals Week Brunch

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#### **Retention Rates**

One Year Retention Rates All Matched Pair Comparisons and by First-Generation, URM, and Low-Income Classification – Academic LLCs Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 Cohorts

	Non-									95% Confidence		
_	LLC	LLC Non-LLC		LLC	LLC						Inte	rval
	N	N	M	SD	M	SD	$X^2$	<u>df</u>	p	OR	Lower	Upper
Fall 2022 Cohort												
All Matched Pairs	384	384	74.7%	0.44	85.7%	0.35	14.47	1	<.001*	2.02	1.40	2.92
URM	67	75	61.2%	0.49	77.3%	0.42	4.37	1	0.04*	2.16	1.04	4.49
First-Generation	114	109	64.9%	0.48	84.4%	0.36	11.13	1	<.001*	2.93	1.54	5.57
Low-Income	122	124	62.3%	0.49	79.8%	0.40	9.22	1	0.00*	2.40	1.35	4.24
Fall 2023 Cohort												
All Matched Pairs	412	461	79.1%	0.41	82.9%	0.38	1.92	1	0.16	1.28	0.91	1.79
URM	80	75	70.0%	0.46	85.3%	0.36	5.21	1	0.02*	2.49	1.12	5.54
First-Generation	104	108	71.2%	0.46	82.4%	0.38	3.78	1	0.05*	1.89	0.99	3.65
Low-Income	123	134	71.5%	0.45	81.3%	0.39	3.44	1	0.06	1.73	0.97	3.11
*p <.05												





















