Living Learning Communities

Marquette offers several special housing options that bring together students with common majors or common interest, both with and without required course that are a hallmark of the living learning programs. Each option is listed, including how to join these programs.

Business Community

One floor of Abbottsford Hall is reserved from incoming business administration students and can accommodate 30 students. Students who live in the Business LLC benefit in taking a business core course together, programming to support community building, academic success workshops and networking opportunities. For more information visit the Business Community (https://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/businessllc.php).

Engineering Community

Three floors of Eckstein Tower in our newest residence hall are reserved for incoming engineering students and can accommodate approximately 70 students. The College of Engineering partners with the Office of Residence Life, to provide academic peer mentoring, academic success workshops and programming to support students in their first year in the College of Engineering. Students are typically enrolled in the similar classes and prove to be helpful to one another academically and socially. For more information visit the Engineering Community (http://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/ learning-communities-engineering.php).

Honors Community

All freshman and sophomore Honors students have the opportunity to live together in Straz Tower. The floors are a mix of first- and second-year students providing mentoring, study groups, attending in-hall programs featuring the faculty they meet in the classroom and sponsor a variety of out-of-class events and activities. For more information visit the Living Learning Communities (http://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/learning-communities.php) and select either first- or second-year communities as appropriate.

Nursing Community

Two floors in Carpenter Tower residence hall are reserved for 19 incoming nursing students, Carpenter Tower has private bathrooms and the Nursing LLC is co-ed by door. Students who live in the Nursing LLC benefit by being assigned an upper-class Nursing mentor, taking Nursing classes together, major specific programming including with faculty and pre-exam study sessions. Students who participate in an LLC generally have a higher GPA, are more likely to graduate and faculty report these students are generally more engaged with their academic program. For more information visit the Nursing Community (http://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/learning-communities-nursing.php).

Nuestro Hogar

Nuestro Hogar seeks to create a space for the Latinx student body to come together and form a community. Nuestro Hogar intends to be an inclusive and welcoming environment for all those who value the Latinx community, culture and identity. This is accomplished through participating in events and activities on the Marquette campus and in the surrounding Milwaukee communities. This community occupies three floors of first- and second-year students who are housed together in Straz Tower. Eligible students include those who are native or heritage Spanish speakers and those who have completed or who have enrolled in SPAN 3001 Advanced Communication in Spanish during the fall term, or have placed out of this course. For more information visit the Nuestro Hogar Community (https://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/learning-communities-nuestro-hogar.php).

Umoja: Black Living Learning Community

Umoja means Unity in Swahili and seeks to create a space for Black students across the diaspora to come together and form a community. Umoja intends to be an inclusive and welcoming environment for all those who value the Black community, culture and identities, and are interested in learning and engaging around these values.

Student who live in Umoja will take a fall term class together, SOWJ 1001 Introduction to Social Welfare and Justice as a cohort as well as participate in events such as retreats and programming designed to support their identity. Residence Life staff work in conjunction with faculty to plan events to support the community and enhance the learning experience. This community is housed on the 16th floor of Carpenter Tower. For the 2021-2022 academic year, the community is only open to first-year students. To learn more please visit the Umoja LLC website (https://www.marquette.edu/residence-life/learning-communities-umoja.php).