

# INTERCULTURAL LIVING EXCHANGE, 2008-2009 PROGRAM APPLICATION

The **Intercultural Living Exchange (ILE)**, a living learning community located in UMBC's Harbor Hall, is an innovative program that incorporates linguistic and cultural components while promoting diversity, student-faculty interaction and service learning, three vital elements in the fostering of student success at UMBC. The program promotes linguistic proficiency and cultural competence through immersion in the language and culture of language clusters. Possible clusters are: Chinese-speaking, French-speaking, German-speaking, Japanese-speaking, Korean-speaking, Russian-speaking, and Spanish-speaking. Please note that there must be a minimum of 5 students in a cluster in order for that cluster to operate. In addition, the **ILE** fosters the development of intercultural communication skills viewed as essential for life in today's ever-integrating world. Students who choose this living learning program will earn two academic credits for participating in language cluster activities (one credit of independent study, P-F grading, each semester) and one credit for completing a service learning project that involves practice in their target language and culture through community service (P-F grading, fall semester). The **ILE** provides a communal atmosphere in which students work together to develop language fluency and intercultural communication skills under the direction of resident international student mentors and faculty liaisons from the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics. For more information visit [www.umbc.edu/ml/ile/](http://www.umbc.edu/ml/ile/). If you wish to apply to the **Intercultural Living Exchange**, please provide us with the following information.

**Language Cluster Choice:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you participated in the Intercultural Living Exchange in previous semesters? If yes, please specify dates:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cluster:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address used most frequently (write legibly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Class Standing (Next Fall):** FR SO JR SR Other      **Sex:** Male      Female

**Type of Room Preferred:** Single      Double      **Will you accept whichever is available?** Y      N

**Have you ever been on Residential Life or University Disciplinary Probation?** Y      N  
*If yes, please attach an additional statement providing a brief explanation.*

❶ List of classes taken to date in the Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics at UMBC (including current semester): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

❷ Language or MLL courses you intend to take in

Fall 2008: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Spring 2009: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

❸ Language(s) studied in high school and/or previous college attended (transfer students):

\_\_\_\_\_ Level Attained : \_\_\_\_\_

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❹ If you are a heritage speaker of one or more languages other than English (i.e. language spoken in your home in the U.S.), please identify language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

❺ If you are an international student, please specify language(s) other than English that you speak fluently: \_\_\_\_\_

❻ Have you lived, studied or traveled abroad? Yes No If yes, Where? When? Briefly describe experience.

*Please attach the following to your application: (Please type or print neatly in ink.)*

1. An unofficial copy of your current UMBC transcript. If you will be a first year student in fall 2008, attach your high school or previous college transcript (unofficial copies accepted).

2. A statement describing the personal qualities or skills you would bring to the **Intercultural Living Exchange** that would make you a strong participant. What do you hope to gain from this experience and what do you expect to contribute? If you are applying to return to the **Intercultural Living Exchange** describe what was most significant about the experience and how you think you contributed to the goals of the living learning community.

*For best consideration, return completed application March 1, 2008, (current ILE students) or ASAP (new applicants) to the MLL Office, Academic IV, Room 146. Alternatively, you may download the application and send the completed form as an attachment to Ms. Fontella Bateman [fbateman@umbc.edu](mailto:fbateman@umbc.edu).*