

Exploratory Majors Living Learning Community APPLY TODAY!

Many students enter college as exploratory learners. These students begin their college careers as undeclared majors because it is difficult to narrow their talents and interests into one primary course of study. This living learning community offers students new to UMBC multiple venues through which to connect with each other, current UMBC students, faculty, staff, and the university while exploring the variety of majors offered at UMBC.

Students living on this floor are required to enroll in a First Year experience course that might include a First-Year Seminar (FYS), which is a three credit academic course, an Introduction to an Honors University Seminar (IHU), which is a 1-credit seminar attached to a core course, or a group of linked courses composed of required courses that share common themes. Whenever possible, we will work to ensure that the academic experience selected is one in which several students living on the floor are registered.

In addition to the course, community members are expected to attend and participate in a variety of programs focusing on making a successful transition to the University. The Office of Undergraduate Education, Career Services, and the Office of Academic and Pre-Professional Advising collaborate to provide programs on topics ranging from career decision making, skills identification, and managing change to faculty panels and outside speakers who will facilitate discussions with students on the floor. This community is open to students who are new to UMBC and have not yet decided on a major.

For more information and/or submission of your application contact Jill Randles at jrandles@umbc.edu or by calling (410) 455-3715. Applications can be e-mailed or mailed directly to Jill Randles, UMBC, Administration Bldg., rm. 907, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

Name: _____ Date: _____

SSN: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Sex: M F

Class Standing: FR SO JR SR

Please attach the following to your application:

1. A brief statement expressing your interest in the Exploratory Majors Living Learning Community. What do you hope to gain from this experience and what do you expect to contribute?
2. A brief statement describing your various academic and extracurricular interests and passions.

Exploratory Majors Floor Contract

As an applicant to the Exploratory Majors floor, I understand that there is the expectation that I will participate in a First Year Seminar course or a course that includes an IHU seminar. I also know that there will be extracurricular/co-curricular programs that are identified as “required,” and I commit to attending those programs. A complete list of programming opportunities will be available in early August, 2008.

Required experiences include:

First Semester:

1. First year experience course as defined above.
2. Dependable Strengths workshop (two Friday afternoons identified in advance.)
3. Learning Styles Workshop (evening program)
4. Advising Workshop (evening program)
5. Attend a minimum of one fun/social gathering with floor members

Second Semester:

1. First year experience course if not able to meet this requirement in the first semester.
2. Internship/Study Abroad presentation
3. Resume' Writing workshop
4. Attend a minimum of one fun/social gathering with floor members

Other benefits for students are:

1. Staff from all three of the partnering offices will be available for consultation and advice: Jill Randles, Office of Undergraduate Education, Diane Crump-Fogle, Career Services, and Ericka Thompson, Office of Academic and Pre-Professional Advising.
2. In addition to the Resident Assistant and Community Director, the floor will be staffed by a peer mentor. He/she will visit the floor regularly and serve as a resource person for students.
3. Students will have other programming opportunities that will be recommended but not required. Topics will cover key areas that we know from our experience impact student success.

Applicant's Name

Date

(If applications are e-mailed, your e-mail will serve as your signature.)

