

A Unique Opportunity for Campus Residents

An Academic Residential Community (ARC) is a group of students who choose to live together to enjoy a built-in support system of mentoring, networking, and an overall enhanced sense of community. ARC students also get a jump start in creating connections within their academic college.

Residential Communities offer unique opportunities for campus residents. At Pittsburg State University, we are introducing several types of residential communities so you can choose the best fit for you.

Overall ARC Goals:

- Develop a sense of belonging at Pittsburg State University
- Provide a space for purposeful engagement with faculty and staff beyond the classroom
- Build a community of peers to help with academic and social adjustment to college life

How do I sign up to live in an ARC?

To apply for a Residential Community, be sure to select your preferred community in the application. Students are placed in ARC/RCs based on preference and availability. In order for your residential community application to be officially submitted, you must agree to all program requirements of the community.

Students who apply to live in a residential community may have the opportunity to select their room assignment within the community prior to other incoming freshman have access to room selection. ***In opting into the residential community, you understand that this supersedes any other housing preferences.*** Opting into a Residential Community is not required in the completion of your housing application.

What Affinity and Academic Residential Communities are Available at PSU?

Affinity ARCs

Affinity ARCs are themed communities intended to build community on a relational basis tied to a shared cultural value. These ARCs will feature unique activities devoted to the building of relationships and resources helpful to that particular community.

1. Gender Inclusive Housing Affinity

GIH is defined as a housing option in which students can take advantage of housing options in which gender, sex, or expression do not offer any type of restriction. Students participating in GIH will be able to be part of a supportive and inclusive environment that is tight knit and operates as a home away from home.

2. La Comunidad

La Comunidad is defined as a housing option in which students can seek community amongst other Residents who find comfort amongst other Residents who speak Spanish and are interested in living in a community with a Hispanic focus.

3. Transfer

The Transfer Student Community is designed to support our students getting to know Pittsburg State University and assist in their seamless transition from where they're coming from to where they are hoping to go. The Transfer community is encouraged for students first transferring to Pitt State and hoping to get to know other Transfer Students.

4. First-Generation

The First-Generation Community is designed for students who are the first amongst their families to attend a college or university. Living on this floor means building bonds with other students who are looking to learn more about student life and discover their sense of direction while here at Pittsburg State University. The First-Generation community is encouraged for students who are attending College for the first time in hopes of being the first in their family to earn a degree.

Academic ARCs

Academic ARCs are themed communities intended to build community based on an Academic field of Interest. These Communities are intended to offer opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities that enhance the living and learning experience.

1. Business Studies

The Business Studies ARC is a community designed for all majors within the Kelce College of Business. We hope that students will be able to develop strong relationships with others with a similar interest in the Business Field. This community is encouraged for students whose majors may be Accounting, International Business, Data Science & Information Systems, Finance, Management and Marketing.

2. Pre-Health

The Pre-Health ARC is a community designed for majors related to the Health Sciences across a variety of Academic Colleges & disciplines. We hope that students will be able to develop strong relationships with others with a similar interest in the Health Sciences and Fields. This community is encouraged for students whose majors may be Nursing, Biology (Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dental, Pre-Physical Therapy, Cellular & Molecular Biology, Medical Laboratory Sciences, etc.) and Exercise Science.

3. Technology

The Technology ARC is a community designed for all majors within the Crossland College of Technology. We hope that students will be able to develop strong relationships with others with a similar interest in the Technology & related Fields. This community is encouraged for students whose majors may be Automotive, Engineering, Technology, Construction, Construction Management, Interior Design, Career & Technical Education, Graphic Communications, Wood Product Manufacturing, and Workforce Development.

4. Fine Arts & Social Sciences (FASS)

The Social Sciences ARC is a community designed for a wide variety of majors within the College of Arts & Sciences. We hope that students will be able to develop strong relations with others with a similar interest in the fields of Fine Arts & Social Sciences. This community is encouraged for students whose majors may be Art, Communication, English, Music, History, Criminal Justice, and Pre-Law.

Have Questions about ARCs or RCs? Please Contact Us!

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