Here is where academic interests develop into life-long friendships.

Through an intentional living/learning experience, these students experience more from their on-campus residential housing. The University at Buffalo First-Year Interest (FYI) learning community participants build strong personal connections by living with peers from similar academic interests. They support one another through their academic pursuits and engage in programming initiatives specifically designed for their area of academic interest.

Building Community

The FYI Engineering Living Learning Community is a great community for students enrolled or intending to enroll in any of the 7 departments within the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. This community provides opportunities to develop problem solving, collaboration, and social skills needed in the engineering field, and make connections between their studies and events in the residence halls, and build contacts with professionals in the school of engineering.

How to Apply

1. Fill out a UB housing agreement.
2. Complete preferences in housing module (room type, roommates, etc)
3. Fill out the “FYI Supplemental Application” https://tinyurl.com/FYIapplication

Location
Wilkeson Hall
Ellicott Complex

Participants
Up to 84 applicants accepted

Community Pride Programs
Dinner with the Faculty
Shark Tank: Engineering

Academic Support

Each community is staffed with an Academic Assistant who provides support to residence halls by encouraging exploration and engagement, promotion of academic success strategies, and community building.

Reasons our FYI Engineering participants love living here:

- Staffed with Engineering upperclassmen Resident Advisors who share their interests, know the faculty & coursework, and which club/organizations young engineers should look into.
- Engineering Academic Assistants are readily available to tutor, and provide academic support.
- Residents form close friendships, study with one another, and help one another succeed in the rigorous program.
- Monthly academic and educational programs that occur in lounges in the community
- Connect with faculty in casual conversations outside of the classroom

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