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 Architecture Living Learning Community is designed for students enrolled in the School of Architecture and Planning. Students enjoy connecting with their peers where they live, as well as in class and studio. This community provides extracurricular activities that fit their demanding schedule, and connects students to a supportive network of staff, faculty, and administrators. This community is known for its close friendships to one another and with their RAs & AAs.

**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/UBFYIapplication](https://tinyurl.com/UBFYIapplication)

**Location**

Goodyear Hall  
Main Street Campus

**Participants**

Up to 27 applicants accepted

**Community Pride Programs**

Dinner with the Faculty
Zoo-itecture

**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 Architecture participants love living here:**

- Staffed with School of Architecture and Planning upperclassmen Resident Advisors who share their interests, know the faculty & coursework, and know the student culture
- Architecture 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
- Excursions to Buffalo attractions while studying architecture, design, & environmental planning concepts

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