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.

Reasons our FYI participants love living with us:

- Staffed with upperclassmen Resident Advisors who share their interests, know the faculty & coursework, and know the student culture
- 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

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.

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” [link]

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