

## **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

#### **LIVING-LEARNING AND ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

##### **I. What are the Living-Learning and Academic Assistance Programs for Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine?**

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the School of Natural Resources, in cooperation with Residence and Dining Halls, provides this optional residence hall program as an opportunity for students interested in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine to live and study together.

Much of the program is designed to benefit entering freshmen. It is expected that freshmen will comprise approximately one-half of the residents. The program will also be helpful to the advanced transfer student.

Some students may also wish to participate in the Academic Assistance segment of the program. This option is designed for those who need and desire tutorial assistance in mathematics, chemistry, or other courses. Additional information on Academic Assistance is provided in Sections IV - VI of this document.

##### **II. Why are the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the Office of Residence and Dining Halls sponsoring this program?**

Experience gained from previous Living-Learning Programs has shown that students with similar interests help each other successfully make the academic and social adjustments in the transition from high school and home to college. This setting provides the opportunity for freshmen to discuss questions and problems with upper class students who have similar interests and backgrounds. Upper class students will have had many of the same questions and dealt with similar issues and can help students find useful answers.

College faculty and residence hall staff will be in close contact with the students sharing information about courses, careers and special programs. Since our College enrollment is almost equally divided between rural and urban, farm and non-farm backgrounds, the student population will be quite cosmopolitan reflecting a diversity of student backgrounds.

The statistics do not lie: students in a designated Living-Learning Program as a group usually achieve academically better than similar students electing to live elsewhere in a non-clustered dorm. Although the Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine LLP is not the only one of its kind, it is the oldest with the strongest tradition on campus, having existed since the 1960's. The Norton-Scott reputation is built upon innovation and the serious commitment to student success exemplified within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, "the friendliest College on campus!"

##### **III. Where will the students in this Living-Learning Program reside?**

The men and women who participate in this Program will be assigned to Norton or Scott Houses on North Campus, an area of campus that is most easily accessible for students whose major courses generally meet on the Agriculture Campus. These four story, air-conditioned residence halls are designed for two, three, or four persons per suite, which consists of a study room, a sleeping room, and a bathroom. Men and women live in different suites on the same floor of the residence halls (suites are gender specific, floors are arranged coed).

#### **IV. What is the Academic Assistance Program?**

Within these Living-Learning residence halls, the Academic Assistance Program is a special tutorial, academic effort primarily for freshmen students. It is designed to serve entering students who have academic potential, but may have a deficiency in one or more major academic areas (e.g. mathematics, and/or chemistry, etc.).

Faculty and residence hall personnel recognize that the academic transition from high school to college is usually not an easy matter. It is essential that this adjustment be made satisfactorily within the first few weeks of college to avoid frustration and possible failure. An early, successful, academic adjustment to college is important to the student's motivation and ultimate success in college.

#### **V. What are the advantages of the Academic Assistance Program?**

Selected upper class students from our College will be employed as tutors to assist students with most subjects in which they are enrolled. Each Student Assistant will tutor no more than twenty students on an individual or small group basis. The Student Assistant usually lives on the same floor as the Academic Assistance participant and is normally available to tutor during evening hours. Students participating in the program are expected to schedule time with their tutor whenever they need help.

Faculty and staff from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the School of Natural Resources will be available as Faculty Friends. These faculty and staff members volunteer their time to meet in the residence hall with students on the floor to discuss academic and social adjustment issues.

#### **VI. Who is eligible to participate in the Academic Assistance Program?**

In order to be considered for participation in the Academic Assistance program a student must meet the following criteria:

- A. Be enrolled on the Columbus Campus of The Ohio State University with a College designation of AGR, for Agriculture majors, NRE for Natural Resources majors, or an area of interest in Pre-Veterinary Medicine (regardless of undergraduate major or College of enrollment) for Autumn, Winter and Spring Quarters.
- B. A general guideline we have found useful in identifying possible participants for the Academic Assistance Program is a composite ACT score of 23 or below, or an SAT of approximately 1100 or below. **As the scores decrease from these levels, it becomes more important that students seriously consider participation in the Academic Assistance Program.**
- C. Must have an apparent need for academic assistance in one or more areas, e.g., mathematics and chemistry based on high school academic record, and ACT or SAT scores.
- D. Must be assigned to and reside in one of the residence halls designated for this Program.

#### **VII. How much does it cost to participate in the Living-Learning and Academic Assistance Program?**

No additional fees are assessed for living or participating in the Living-Learning Program. Residence and Dining Hall fees are the same for this program as they are for other undergraduate facilities.

However, for those who choose to participate in the Academic Assistance Program, the College requests that a nominal fee be remitted prior to the beginning of the Autumn Quarter. This will be the only additional fee for the three quarters of the program and is a small investment when compared to the total cost of a college education, especially to those students who may encounter some academic difficulties.

This fee is used to employ the Student Assistants and is non-refundable once the Autumn Quarter begins. Only students living in Norton-Scott may participate.

#### **VIII. How and when do I apply?**

**APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THIS LIVING-LEARNING PROGRAM IS A TWO STEP PROCESS REQUIRING APPLICATION BOTH TO THE COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND TO THE OFFICE OF RESIDENCE AND DINING HALLS.**

When you receive Residence and Dining Halls Contract materials in late spring or early summer, you should complete the Contract and indicate a preference for the Agriculture Program in the Assignment Preferences Section of the Contract before returning it. SPACE IN THIS PROGRAM IS LIMITED, SO PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY ONCE YOU RECEIVE YOUR CONTRACT MATERIALS. More students are interested in the Program than space will allow. Thus, students whose Contracts are returned the latest may be placed on a waiting list for assignment to this Program. The office of Residence and Dining Halls will notify you of your assignment sometime during late August.

Each student must also **complete and return** an application form to the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. To apply for the Academic Assistance Program, please check the appropriate item on the bottom of the application form. The special fee for the Academic Assistance Program should be paid at the time the student submits the application form.

#### **IX. Where can I get more information about the Living-Learning and Academic Assistance Program?**

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