LaRiviere Living & Learning Center

2017-2018 Application

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LaRiviere Living & Learning Center Overview

LaRiviere Center offers residents one of the most unique opportunities available to them at Western New England University: living and learning in the same building. LaRiviere Center residents have the opportunity to live with friends as well as educate others on their interests in a productive and collaborative environment. This cooperative experience allows students the ability to develop and flourish as individuals, academic scholars, and student leaders.

LaRiviere Living & Learning Center Program Overview & Expectations

By applying to live in LaRiviere Center, residents are committing to exploring a specific area of interest and to providing educational and social programs, as well as experiential learning of various other topics. You and your suite will be responsible for sharing your insight into a specific theme as well as learning and supporting other suites and residents in various collaborative and interactive efforts. Included below are the components for the LaRiviere Center Program.

- **Completion of monthly blog posts**
  - Suites are to submit a monthly blog post in relation to their community theme and the topic for that month.
  - Posts must be submitted on time and regularly.
  - Suite members are to respond to blog posts from other suites to have constructive dialogue.

- **Completion of 2 educationally AND socially-based community programs**
  - Each program must integrate a significant educational/learning objective about their suite theme and include social, interactive aspects.
  - Programs should be thoughtful, well-planned and implemented, and include participation from the entire suite.

- **Completion of additional experiential learning that fits the theme of the community**
  - Communication with your suite faculty/staff sponsor on a consistent basis to inform and/or receive guidance.
  - Opportunity to use the LaRiviere Center Program as a Learning Beyond the Classroom credit

- **Support of LaRiviere Center Initiatives & Program**
  - Residents are to actively participate in various initiatives and programs sponsored and/or implemented by Residence Life staff, University and student organizations or departments, and other suites.
  - Residents are to actively and consistently support other suites by responding to blog posts and attending suite programs.

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Important Dates:

Information Sessions	Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00pm
(all information sessions in LaRiviere 210)	Monday, January 30, 2017 at 8:00pm
	Tuesday, February 07, 2017 at 8:00pm
Application Due	Friday, February 17, 2017 at 4:00pm
Applications must be submitted to the Office of Residence Life AND via email to sean.burke@wne.edu	
Status Notification	Friday, March 10, 2017
Acceptance Contracts Due	Friday, March 24, 2017

Please complete the following application essays and Applicant Information Sheet. Applications with not only well thought out and conceived answers but also creative and original ideas will score the highest.

Applications will be considered and scored on the following criteria:
- Originality of topic
- Thoroughness of plan to research and explore topic
- Incorporation and awareness of various sources to be used to explore topic
- Creativity of programming ideas
- Incorporation of various resources into programming ideas
- Incorporation of faculty/staff sponsor into program plan
- Coherency between sections, i.e. is program idea related to plan to educate fellow residents and plan to research topic?
- Probability of program implementation

Community Name:

Community Size: ☐ 6 Person ☐ 8 Person

Topic Area:
Please choose only one.
- ☐ **Engineering & World of Sciences**
- ☐ **Next Generation of Leaders**
- ☐ **Learning Today, Shaping Tomorrow**
- ☐ **Healthy Choices, Creative Living**
- ☐ **Social Justice & Advocacy**
- ☐ **Global Exploration & Citizenship**

Applicant Information

APPLICANT 1 *(PRIMARY CONTACT)*	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 2	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 3	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 4	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 5	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 6	Name of Applicant		Gender	
	WNE ID Number		Mailbox Number	
	Current Hall & Room		Telephone	- -
	Academic Major		E-Mail	

APPLICANT 7 *(IF APPLICABLE)*	**Name of Applicant**		**Gender**		
	WNE ID Number		**Mailbox Number**		
	Current Hall & Room		**Telephone**	- -	
	Academic Major		**E-Mail**		

APPLICANT 8 *(IF APPLICABLE)*	**Name of Applicant**		**Gender**		
	WNE ID Number		**Mailbox Number**		
	Current Hall & Room		**Telephone**	- -	
	Academic Major		**E-Mail**		

Application Essays

Please compose 4 separate essays addressing the topic areas listed below. These essays should be typed, should not exceed more than 10 pages in length (total for all essays), and may be attached to this application.

1. **Community Theme**
   - o   Describe your community theme.
   - o   How did you and your group create this theme and why did you choose it?
   - o   How does it fit into the topic area you selected?
2. **Goals of Your Community**
   - o   What do you hope to achieve through the year in regards to your theme?
   - o   What do you hope others learn from your theme?
   - o   How do you see this theme enriching the community in LaRiviere Center?
3. **Community Education and Exploration**
   - o   How do you plan to get others involved in learning more about your theme?
   - o   What do you want to learn more about in regards to your theme?
   - o   What resources might you utilize on and off campus to further explore your theme?
4. **Community Programming**
   - o   Please describe a program your community might host within LaRiviere next year.
     - ▪   Your description of the program should include the following:
       - • *How you will research information for your program*
       - • *How you will include your faculty/staff sponsor*
       - • *How you plan to make your program both **educational AND social***
       - • *How your suite and other LaRiviere residents can benefit from this program*

Faculty/Staff Sponsor

In addition to your application, a faculty/staff sponsor is required to approve this application. Please list the name and contact information of your faculty sponsor here, and have them submit the supplemental information sheet from the last page of this application.

Before they complete the form, please review the Faculty/Staff Sponsor Brochure with your intended sponsor. Brochures are available at information sessions and can be printed from the Residence Life webpage or the LaRiv Blog. Please make sure that your sponsor is aware and accepting of their responsibilities as part of the LaRiviere Center Program.

Faculty/Staff Sponsor Name:
Department:
Faculty/Staff Sponsor Contact Number:
Faculty/Staff Sponsor Email Address:

Faculty/Staff Sponsor Recommendation:*

1) Please list in what capacity you know the student(s):

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2) Please discuss any points of interest/concern that you noted in the application:

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3) Please note any additional comments/concerns you may have regarding this application:

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Faculty/Staff Name*   Date

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Position   Department

*How may we contact you if we have any questions?

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Sean Burke, Associate Director of Residence Life via email at sean.burke@wne.edu or via phone at 413-782-1317 .

* Please know that if you sign on to be a faculty/staff sponsor, it will be **expected that you meet with your sponsored group at least two times a semester** to discuss the progress of the group. In addition, **it is highly encouraged that faculty/staff sponsors attend their suite's program each semester as well as review and comment on blog posts.** The faculty/staff sponsor can help support their group, locate resources, and encourage the overall living and learning process.