

Living and Learning is easy in University Housing...

Cougar Village Themed Communities!

What is a Themed Community? A Themed Community is a group of students who have chosen to live together in Cougar Village around a specific topic or interest. The opportunity for creating a theme is only limited by your imagination. Some examples include: sustainability, service learning, athletics, cultural awareness, a major such as Nursing or Engineering, a hobby like aviation, a mission like political refugees, or language development.

How will I benefit from a Themed Community?

- Choose your roommates and neighbors.
 - Priority in the University Housing Reservation Process
 - Opportunity to list preference for up to 3 apartments or apartment buildings.
 - You will receive some programming money to fund your programming ideas.
 - Increased opportunities for leadership and programming development.
 - Additional support towards your academic and personal goals.
 - Opportunity for out of class experience and contact with faculty.
 - The unique leadership experience of developing and sustaining a living learning community.
 - Recognition at the Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet.
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What do I need to know? Each themed community must have a minimum of eight individuals. You will need a theme and plan of action for your community, including programming ideas, practical goals and needed resources.

How do I Learn More? If you think that you and a group of friends that would like to start a Themed Community in Cougar Village for next year, please contact Lisa Israel, Assistant Director for Residential Education lisrael@siue.edu or Sarah Wyatt Kirkpatrick, Community Director for Cougar Village skirkpa@siue.edu to learn more about the process. You can also visit www.siue.edu/housing for information regarding this and other living learning communities.