



HONORS FOCUSED INTEREST COMMUNITY

WHAT IS A FIC?

Focused Interest Communities (FICs) let students connect with peers who have the same interests and experiences. Students live together in a residence hall wing and share study and social lounges. FICs have specific programs throughout the year that help students adjust to their first year of college, make connections with faculty, and create a bond with SIUE.



THE HONORS FIC

The Honors FIC is supported by University Housing and the University Honors Program. Spaces in the Honors FIC are reserved for students accepted into the University Honors Program. Students share honors courses, and may have other courses with honors students in their major.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY

"My favorite part about being in the Honors Program is the inclusive and tight-knit family that the students form, especially while living in the Honors FIC. We challenge each other intellectually, learn from each other, and support each other."

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

The first semester of college can be intense, especially for high-performing students. We encourage students to live with others who are having similar experiences in their classes. Because we have students from every major on campus, honors students can form their own major-focused groups, especially for support in their first semester courses. We also work closely with University Housing to provide the right mix of programming and support for all FIC students.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER FICS?

The University has other major- and interest-related FICs, all of which are open to honors students as well. You can choose any of them, but our honors students have this to say:

"I didn't live in the Honors FIC, but I felt welcome there. Being in the honors classes mean you really get to know those people. The Honors FIC is very social, and I still found plenty of people in my major there. That made studying for major classes easier because I knew people, which was harder in my major FIC. I was lucky to meet people in the Honors FIC, and I'm glad to be living in the upperclass Honors FIC next year."



BENEFITS OF THE HONORS FIC

- In-building programs with the University Honors Program Director and advisors
- Tutoring sessions led by upperclass students for a variety of high-demand majors and programs, including pharmacy, biology, nursing, and math/engineering
- Special programs and trips planned by University Housing and the University Honors Program
- Social, personal development, and career programs coordinated with the first-year honors curriculum
- Consideration for inclusion in any upperclass Honors FICs in future years

READY TO GO? TAKE THESE NEXT STEPS

1. The preferred housing deadline is May 1.
2. Apply for University Housing online at www.siu.edu/housing/apply
3. Select your preference for the Honors Focused Interest Community on the housing application. If you've already applied for housing, you can contact the University Housing office and update your FIC request to honors.
4. Remember that any roommate requests must be made at this time and both must request to live in the Honors FIC.
5. Students receiving the Meridian Scholarship are required to live in the Honors FIC. Remaining spaces in the FIC are filled according to your housing application deposit date (i.e., the sooner you apply, the better your chance at getting your first choice).