

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS THEMED COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

What communities are there at UW-Stevens Point?

For the 2025-2026 academic year, we have six different themed communities planned:

- **Athletics Community Experience**
Official UWSP Student Athletes
- **College of Natural Resources (CNR) Community Experience**
First-year Students, CNR Majors
- **Honors Community Experience**
Official UWSP Honors Program Students
- **IDEA Community Experience**
LGBTQ+ Students and Allies
- **LEAD Community Experience**
Official UWSP LEAD Students
- **Sentry School Community Experience**
First-year Students, Sentry School of Business and Economics

What are the advantages of living in these communities?

These communities provide a more targeted partnership with a department on campus that provides additional programming and opportunities for connection with faculty and staff of their units. (Athletics, Honors College, and Diversity and College Access depending on the community). These communities allow students with similar schedules, demands, and identities to support each other and to feel more connected to UWSP. This sense of belonging helps students with the transition to college and leads to greater resiliency and success.

Can I express interest in multiple themed community experiences?

No, in the Housing Portal, you can only express interest in one of the Themed Community Experiences, so please indicate which one you prefer the most.

If my roommate does not meet the requirements of these communities, can I still live with them?

No, if your roommate doesn't meet the requirements for the community (i.e. not a collegiate athlete or Honors student), they are not eligible to live in that community and thus, cannot live with you. If your roommate preference takes precedence over living in this themed community, you will need to choose a different location on campus to live with your roommate.

Does it cost extra to live in a themed community experience?

No, there is no additional charge to live in one of these themed communities.

If I express interest in living in a themed community experience, am I guaranteed a spot?

No. Checking the box on your housing application does not guarantee you a room in that community. There are a limited number of places reserved in each community. Additionally, there are certain requirements that must be met to live in those communities.

- For the Athletics Community Experience, you must be recruited and confirmed as a collegiate-level athlete. Being interested in athletics or playing intramurals of club sports does not qualify you to live in that community. The Athletics Department recommends athletes to live in that community, so if you are chosen, you will be offered a space.
- For the CNR Community Experience, you must be a first-year student in this college. Transfer students are eligible.
- For the Honors Community Experience, you must be officially accepted into the UWSP Honors Program to be eligible to live in that community. Just being in National Honor Society in high school doesn't qualify you for this community—you must be admitted and enrolled in our official Honors program.
- For the IDEA Community, you must be committed to inclusivity on our campus, either through the LGBTQ+ community or allyship.
- For the LEAD Community, you must apply through the Diversity of College Access (DCA) Office and be accepted into their year-long program.
- For the Sentry School Community Experience, you must be a first-year student in the UWSP Sentry School of Business and Economics.

If I live in the Athletics Community Experience and get cut from or leave the team, will I need to move out of that community?

Yes, unfortunately, if you no longer are a collegiate student athlete, you cannot continue to live in that themed community, and thus, will need to select a different location to live.

If I live in the Honors Community Experience, but don't meet the academic requirements for the Honors Program, will I need to move?

Unfortunately, yes, as the requirement to live in the Honors Community Experience is to stay in good academic standing with the University Honors Program.

If I sign up to live in a Themed Community Experience but then change my mind, can I be moved?

Yes, if you select a room in this community and then change your mind, you can request a room change.