

COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

Updates from the Western Kentucky University Office of Admissions



Happy Holidays!

Western Kentucky University will be closed from December 19th to January 3rd. We are sending you warm wishes for a jolly and bright holiday season!

Let's talk about housing!

The housing application for Fall 2021 opened on **December 1st!** Housing and Residence Life is excited to roll out a new Living Learning Program for incoming students in our new First Year Village. For Fall 2021, the First Year Village will consist of two **brand new** pod-style residence halls and new green space at the south end of campus.

In pod-style halls, approximately 25 students will share common spaces such as a community area, two community bathrooms, one private bathroom, and a kitchen. Special features of the two new residence halls include living learning programs, office space for faculty-in-residence, classrooms, a community area in each pod, music practice areas and recording studios, and a dining location.

Students **must be admitted to WKU prior to applying for housing**, so we recommend encouraging interested students to apply and be admitted as soon as they can in order to have top priority for their housing assignments! Housing assignments are made in the order that applications are received. The priority deadline for housing is **March 31st**.

Students can apply for Living Learning Programs based on personal interests or academics! Fall 2021 LLPs will include Stonewall Suites (for LGBTQIA+ students), Top of the Class (Education majors), Agriculture, ROTC, Global Living, Business, Criminology, Chinese Flagship, ISEC (Intercultural Student Engagement Center), Forensic Science, Sustainability, Nursing, and more!

The Intercultural Student Engagement Center (ISEC)

The Cynthia and George Nichols III Intercultural Student Engagement Center (I.S.E.C.) promotes a **culturally inclusive campus environment**, cultural awareness and competence, inter-group dialogue, engagement and intercultural interaction, and supports lifelong learning about self and others. The office serves as a hands-on **recruitment and retention resource** for the many cultural, religious/spiritual, and identity groups reflected within the WKU community.

The center provides student support services to **foster academic success** and sponsors culturally based celebratory events. Staff within I.S.E.C. carry out programmatic initiatives designed to increase the cultural competency of students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, center staff manages respectful spaces for students to learn about themselves and others through meaningful experiences, dialogues, and opportunities for growth.

The **Intercultural Student Engagement Center** and **Pride Center** serve as the two main programs. The ISEC hosts the **ISEC Graduation Celebration** and the **Lavender Recognition Ceremony** to celebrate graduates. In addition to the ISEC Academy and Pride Center, students can visit, meet, and study at the Center. There are programs that take place during the year as well as a gallery for students to view. Need to get in touch? Email isec@wku.edu!

Questions?

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