

What's the difference between Academically Linked and Non-Academically Liked Living-Learning Cluster:

Both options have students living together and participating in events and activities. The difference is that Academically Linked Clusters are organized around academics, with intentional faculty support and academic engagement on and off campus. Non-Academically Linked Clusters don't have an academic connection or academic engagement.

Do I have to join a Living-Learning Cluster?

No. Living-Learning Clusters are optional for all students.

Can anyone participate in a Living-Learning Cluster?

Yes! However, some are only open to students in specific academic programs. For example, Health Professions Living-Learning Cluster is only open to students that are majoring in Nursing, Allied Health, and Exercise & Sports Physiology. Please contact our office if you have questions about whether you are eligible to participate in a particular Living-Learning Cluster.

Does it cost anything to be in a Living-Learning Cluster?

No. It is free for students to join and participate in a Living-Learning Cluster.

How do I sign up for a Living-Learning Cluster?

You sign up via the online Living-Learning Cluster through the eRezLife Platform.

Application Link - <https://plymouth.erezlife.com/login/>

- Use the option to "Sign in with School Account"
- Navigate under forms to find "Living-Learning Cluster Application"

Can I join a Living-Learning Cluster AND pick a roommate?

Yes. The easiest way to ensure you and your roommate are placed together in a Living-Learning Cluster is to ensure you both complete the Living-Learning Cluster application and preference each other. If you want to join a Living-Learning Cluster that is restricted by major, then you should pick a roommate with that same major – so you both can get into the Living-Learning Cluster.

If I join a Living-Learning Cluster, do I have to be in it all 4 years?

No. Living-Learning Clusters are a one-year commitment. You could decide to join a Living-Learning Cluster for only your First-Year at PSU, or you could decide to join Affinity Housing in your Sophomore year and beyond.

How many students are in each Living-Learning Cluster?

Individual Living-Learning Clusters can range in size from smaller Living-Learning Clusters with ten students to larger Living-Learning Clusters with seventy-five students. Add them all together, and we have ~190 first-year students and ~150 upper-class students in our Living-Learning Clusters.

How are Living-Learning Clusters arranged?

The Living-Learning Cluster arrangement varies – from spanning multiple floors to filling one floor to being clustered together on the part of a floor. With all these options, it's important to know that your Living-Learning Cluster floor could be all your specific Living-Learning Cluster or coupled with one or more Living-Learning Clusters.

Will I fit in with the other students in Living-Learning Clusters? I want to make sure I have a fun college experience.

Living-Learning Clusters are for everyone! The students in Living-Learning Clusters want to succeed academically and socially. This means that the students who live in Living-Learning Clusters are bright, want to get the most out of college, and also want to have fun.

Will a Living-Learning Cluster ever not run?

Unfortunately, yes. Low or no student interest can be the main reason why a Living-Learning Cluster would not happen for the upcoming academic year.

Do Living-Learning Cluster classes count toward my degree?

Many of the classes connected to a Living-Learning Cluster will fit your degree requirements, but not all of them.

How do I pick the right one?

By knowing yourself and knowing your options. What do you like to do? What interests you? What academic program are you in? There is no correct answer; it is up to you.

What if I change my mind before the academic year begins?

Please let us know. For Living-Learning Clusters, we will work to see if we can re-assign you prior to opening, but we cannot guarantee that we can.

What if I don't like it once I am in it?

If it turns out that your Living-Learning Cluster experience is not what you were expecting or hoped for, we are happy to discuss your options.

How much time will I have to commit to the Living-Learning Cluster?

This depends on the Living-Learning Cluster, the Living-Learning Cluster classes, and additional activities and events (usually 3-4 activities per semester).

Do I have to participate in all of the activities of a Living-Learning Cluster?

To get the benefits from a Living-Learning Cluster, your active participation is essential.

Can I start my own Living-Learning Cluster?

Yes! We welcome ideas for new Living-Learning Clusters from students, faculty, and staff. Please contact our office to explore the possibilities.

How are faculty and staff involved in Living-Learning Clusters?

The faculty and staff who work with Living-Learning Clusters are committed to enhancing your experience through programs and events, arranging guest speakers, and developing supportive relationships with students in the Living-Learning Clusters. Frequently, these Living-Learning Cluster faculty and staff become mentors and key members of your college network; who can help you succeed in your college career and beyond.

How long have Living-Learning Clusters been at Plymouth State?

The current living-learning community program began in 2002 with one Living-Learning Cluster: the Q.