



Sam Houston  
State University

## Freshman Learning Communities

### 2015-2016 Living Learning Community Application

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST ALREADY BE ADMITTED TO SHSU AND HAVE AN APPLICATION AND UNIVERSITY HOUSING DEPOSIT ON FILE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY**

Choose your learning community: \_\_\_\_\_ Bearkat Learning Community (BLC)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Criminal Justice Living Learning Community (CJLLC)

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|---|------|------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Name:   |      |                                    |                |   |
|   | Last | First                              | Middle Initial | SAM ID  |
| SHSU Email:   |      | Other Email:                       |                |   |
| Home Phone:   |      | Cell Phone:                        |                |   |
| Parent Email:   |      | T-Shirt Size:                      |                |   |
| Have you been advised on your classes for the fall semester by an academic advisor?                   |      |                                    |                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| HS Graduation Date (must be in 2015)  |      | Number of college credits (if any) |                |   |
| Roommate Request Name:  |      | Roommate Request SAM ID:           |                |   |
| Any special requests or needs for your housing assignment (please explain if physical disability)?    |      |                                    |                |   |
|   |      |                                    |                |   |
|   |      |                                    |                |   |
| Additional Information*: <input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Interview (BLC Only) |      |                                    |                |   |

\*Additional Information: You are also required to write an essay that is *at least* one page, double spaced addressing this prompt: Please explain 1) why you want to participate in this program, 2) how you can contribute to the community, and 3) what your current strategies for academic success are. (If applying for the BLC, you have the option to schedule a phone or in person interview with the program coordinator). **Your application will not be complete until this step has been completed.**

### STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR PARENTAL COMMUNICATION:

I acknowledge that under the Family and Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), SHSU and the Freshman Learning Community staff cannot release certain educational information to another person without my written authorization. I agree that if admitted to a residential learning community, this form serves as my permission for any member(s) of the Learning Community Advisory Committee to contact my parent(s) regarding any information pertaining to my academic success (including but not limited to specific course work) academic progress, and behavioral issues in the classroom or residence hall. I understand that it is necessary for the greater good of the learning community to seek an open communication flow among student, advisor(s), and parent(s).

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Student Signature

Date

Please fax or scan your completed application and essay to  
936-294-2232 or [fye@shsu.edu](mailto:fye@shsu.edu), SUBJECT: Learning Community Application



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The Freshman Learning Communities exist to provide the opportunity for freshman students to combine the academic and residence life experience during their first year at Sam Houston State University. Each participant is asked to acknowledge acceptance of the following stipulations of the learning community and in doing so understands that violation of this agreement may result in exclusion from the program.

1. I agree to reside in designated housing (Raven Village for BLC and Houston House for CJLLC) for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters, and to contribute positively to the community of the house. I understand that the FLC Advisory Committee may remove me from the house and reassign me to different housing at any time if they believe my presence is detrimental to either my well-being or the house community as a whole.
2. I agree to enroll in the required classes (for BLC, at least two classes each semester; for CJLLC, three classes in the fall and at least two classes in the spring) selected for living learning community participants during both the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters, for a total of four designated classes for BLC and five designated classes for CJLLC during the 2014-2015 academic year.
3. I agree to participate in advisement for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 by an appointed BLC or CJLLC advisor.
4. I agree to attend the Learning Community Orientation at the beginning of the semester.
5. I agree to participate fully in the six BLC Challenge sessions (required for BLC only).
6. I agree to fill out and turn in an Academic Progress Form in the fall semester.
7. I agree to participate in evaluations and/or interviews about the learning community as it is studied and observed by Sam Houston State University officials throughout the year.

**I accept assignment to the Bearkat Living Community or Criminal Justice Living Learning Community and I understand and agree to abide by the conditions of this participation agreement.**

Signature of Participant

Date

Print Name

SAM ID

SHSU E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan on attending Freshman Orientation

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to attend Freshman Orientation

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already registered for Orientation—the session I'm attending is: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Learning Community Representative

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