

**Residential Communities**  
**Office of Residence Life**  
**2021-2022 New Community Proposal**

The Office of Residence Life (ORL) is proud to work with academic partners in the development of new Residential Communities, as well as the continued improvement of existing programs.

All proposals for the 2021-2022 academic year are due to the Office of Residence Life by October 31, 2019. They should be emailed to [learningcommunities@semo.edu](mailto:learningcommunities@semo.edu). Decisions will be shared by December 2, 2019. If you have any questions as you are putting together a proposal, please contact the Office of Residence Life at [learningcommunities@semo.edu](mailto:learningcommunities@semo.edu) or 573-651-2274.

Please submit a separate document with the information requested below.

Part 1: General Information

*Community Theme*

*Is the community for students in a specific major(s)? If so, what is/are the majors?*

*Is the community for students interested in a specific topic or for those who are part of a specific program? If students are required to be part of a specific program, what is it? Programs can be academic in nature, as well as other specialized programs.*

*Name of the community*

Part 2: Classes (if applicable)

*Will students be taking classes together? If yes, answer the following questions. If no, skip to part 3.*

*What classes will students take together?*

*During which semester will the class(es) be taken?*

*Are there any course pre-requisites? If yes, what are they?*

*Who are the faculty who will be teaching the classes?*

*If the classes are not all housed in the same department/college, what other department/college are they located in?*

*Will the students be in dedicated sections or will they be in a specific section with other students?*

### Part 3: Students

*How many students would you like to be part of the community?*

*What type of students are eligible for the community? (First-year students, upper-class students, mixed population):*

### Part 4: Residence Life Location/Staff

*Is there a specific location in the residence hall you would like the community to be placed in? (Building, side of campus, etc.)*

*Are there specific traits that you would like for the Resident Assistant to possess? (Please note, all final hiring decisions regarding RAs are made by the ORL staff. For more information on the Resident Assistant role please visit <https://semo.edu/residencelife/opportunities/employment.html> or contact the Office of Residence Life).*

### Part 5: Faculty or Staff Partner

*Who is the faculty or staff member who will be coordinating events, act as the point of contact for ORL, etc.?*

*Contact information for that faculty or staff member.*

### Part 6: Recruitment Plan

*What will the department/college provide in terms of recruiting students? Be specific about the steps that will be taken to recruit students (mailings, Open Houses, etc.).*

*What will you need from ORL to assist with recruitment?*

## Part 7: Co-curricular events

*What are some ideas for co-curricular events to be held? (It is recommended that 2-4 events be held each semester). Examples of programs held by existing communities include faculty meet and greets, attendance at the etiquette dinner hosted by Career Services, tips for completion of an academic program, movie nights, and many others.*

## Part 8: Additional Documentation

*Please provide documentation showing support from the following individuals for the development of the community:*

- *Faculty/Staff Partner*
- *Chair of Department that the Faculty/Staff Partner is housed in/Supervisor of Partner if not located in Academic College*
- *Dean of College/Vice President of Division that the Faculty/Staff Partner is housed in*
- *Advising staff (if any classes are indicated in Part 2)- The class proposal should be shared with Carol Heisserer ([cheisserer@semo.edu](mailto:cheisserer@semo.edu)) or Amanda Eller ([aeller@semo.edu](mailto:aeller@semo.edu))*
- *Any departments/colleges that will be teaching classes that the community is not housed in (if indicated in Part 2).*