

LSU Residential Colleges Program Mission Statement

The mission of the LSU Residential Colleges Program is to provide a seamless living-learning environment which fosters the development of three core outcomes: critical thinking ability, communication skills, and sense of community and social responsibility. Pedagogical strategies are not necessarily different from that which would occur in a non-residential college classroom to achieve the outcomes, but the environment itself provides more opportunities for achieving them, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Specific goals of each residential college are as follows, in support of the overall mission.

Global Studies Residential College: To provide the students with a living-learning environment that highlights the ever more important connection between the local and global, and that allows the student to succeed in a world that is becoming increasingly globalized and interconnected.

Herget Residential College: To provide a living-learning atmosphere that eases the transition from high school to the university and from adolescence to adulthood and that prepares students to succeed in their major college.

Information Technology Residential College: To successfully transition first-year students interested in technology to the university by providing opportunities to socialize with other technology-oriented students, and by strengthening their confidence through community interaction.

Agriculture Residential College: To assist students in developing leadership and communication skills as they transition into the university environment.

Basic Sciences Residential College: To promote an environment conducive to learning, discovery, and engagement for entering first-year science and math majors.

Business Residential College: To assist students in developing an understanding of business culture.

Engineering: To improve retention rates in engineering and construction management through a first year experience that actively incorporates and engages faculty and students.

Mass Communication Residential College: To provide a living and learning environment that allows for easy transition into university life for Mass Communication students via exposure to a diversity of people and thought, an understanding of professional and ethical behavior, and support for critical and creative thinking.