The Residential Colleges are themed living-learning communities for first-year students.

“Bucknell prides itself on being home to a wide range of disciplines. The best thing about teaching in the Residential Colleges is working with colleagues and students from across the campus. I love helping students draw meaningful connections between the seemingly disconnected facets of college life at Bucknell.”

– JAMES W. BAISH

Students who participated in them say the Residential Colleges were among the best experiences at Bucknell.

“The Discovery Residential College was one of the most unique and rewarding experiences I’ve had here at Bucknell. Discovery has a lot to offer with fantastic trips, interesting writing seminars and most of all, a great group of people.”

– BEN WEIN, Junior Fellow
chemistry engineering and economics major

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Why join? You’ll live on a hall with students interested in the same topic as you. Together, you’ll explore that topic inside and outside of class, forge lasting friendships and connect with professors and older students who will become your mentors. You’ll go on trips, serve your community, broaden your perspectives. And you’ll be prepared to lead and succeed at Bucknell and beyond. It doesn’t matter what you plan to major in. Whether you want to be an engineer, an artist, a business leader, a writer, a physician – or anything else – you can sign up to join whichever Residential College interests you.

**arts college:**
Act or draw, build or write; learn to play the Gamelan. Make art or just take it in. Go digital or get historical as you explore the role of the creative imagination in the world at large.

**discovery college:**
Learn how science has changed the world. Participate in hands-on activities. Visit places where breakthroughs have occurred. Appreciate science through the lenses of other disciplines, including history, philosophy, and education.

**8 COLLEGES:**
- arts • discovery • environmental • global • humanities • languages & cultures • social justice • society & technology

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WITH YOUR CLASSMATES
Students who join the Residential Colleges say they get to know more students, in a shorter period of time, than those who live in a typical residence hall. They also say their friendships last well beyond their time at Bucknell. Some of the ways Residential College students have connected with each other include movie nights, creating a theatrical performance, planning an art soiree, canoeing and cross-country skiing, raising money for charities, participating in a Stop the Hate march and simply hanging out.

environmental college:
Study the complex scientific, social, political and ethical dimensions of environmental issues. Explore the ecological impact of human activities. Look at successes in sustainable development. Raise awareness about environmental issues. Celebrate the wonder of the natural world.

global college:
Take a close look at internationalization, globalization and related themes tied to culture, controversies and solutions. Understand the evolution and contradictions of the modern world. Learn how to initiate change. Challenge your beliefs and look beyond the conventional.

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Do you agree with Forbes that "Obama is wrong when he said that we are a Judeo-Christian nation?" (By the way, what did he say that what he said)? Why or why not?
Faculty members known as Senior Fellows lead each Residential College, guide weekly Common Hour discussions, travel off campus with students and join them in conversation. Bucknell sophomores, called Junior Fellows, live on the halls with first-year students and help them plan activities and get to know campus. No extra course required. You’ll sign up for a first-semester Foundation Seminar just like every first-year student in the College of Arts & Sciences – but you’ll choose one that’s specifically tied to the Residential Colleges. Engineers can sign up for the Residential Colleges too.

**humanities college:**
Explore a long line of thinkers and writers, from Plato to Dante. Understand literary genres, philosophical traditions, religious expression and much more. Gain an interdisciplinary perspective on topics ranging from the visual arts to scientific texts.

**languages & cultures college:**
Understand national and cultural perspectives of non-English speaking countries. Explore the world’s cultures. Become skilled in cross-cultural communication. Prepare yourself to make the most of a study abroad experience.
venture BEYOND CAMPUS
Each of the Residential Colleges travels off campus to visit sites related to coursework and discussions. In the past, groups have traveled to major cities to see the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit, the Dialogues with Darwin exhibit, the National Gallery, the Newseum, the Spy Museum, the World Trade Center site, the United Nations and historic Harlem. They’ve also seen plays in New York and Washington, D.C., including “Much Ado About Nothing,” “Billy Elliot” and “West Side Story,” visited the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and toured the Gettysburg battlefield.

**social justice college:**
Understand critically the root causes of poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia, religious intolerance and discrimination based on age or ability. Learn to advocate effectively for fairness, respect and inclusion. Overcome obstacles that prevent people from speaking out for social justice.

**society & technology college:**
Examine the possibilities inherent in technology, along with the ethical, economic and policy challenges that come along with it. Consider the ways technology contributes to and detracts from society. Design technological solutions in a creative environment.
“Growing up in New York City and attending an international school, I was used to being part of a diverse community. I was afraid I’d lose this diversity when I went to college and that’s why I joined the Global Residential College. As soon as I arrived on campus I felt like I was a part of a great community. I felt at home as I looked around and saw the diversity I was used to. The Residential College program has given me a great sense of community and has been such a rewarding experience that I would strongly recommend it to incoming students.”

– SARA PALOMBO, Junior Fellow
environmental studies and education major

SOLD! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

You’ll be able to sign up for a Residential College in mid May, when you select your courses for the first semester.

Select the Foundation Seminars coded RESC that interest you. You’ll enter your preferred choices in our online portal, and we’ll assign you to a hall with students who are part of the same Residential College.
Students in the Residential Colleges go on to succeed. They say they are more likely to:

- Participate in service-learning opportunities
- Work with faculty on projects outside of coursework
- Attend art exhibits and performances
- Try to better understand someone else’s views
- Talk about ideas and career plans with faculty
- Learn something that’s changed the way they understood a topic
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