Welcome to the Weston Exploration Living Learning Community! Opened in fall 1997, this LLC is a dynamic, socially active, and intellectually engaging home for more than 450 ILLINOIS students.

As new students to Weston Exploration (WEX), we are excited to introduce you to the staff, resources, and opportunities we provide to you as members of the Weston family! We will share additional Move-In, Fall Orientation, and other important information with you via email over the summer.

Join us for our annual Fall Orientation Program from Tuesday, August 21 through Thursday, August 23! Each year, 85–90 percent of our new Weston Exploration residents participate in our Fall Orientation Program. Move in two days early, participate in fun activities, and get to know our staff and other Weston residents before all other freshmen arrive on Thursday.

Should you have any questions, please contact our staff at (217) 244-9700 or exphall@illinois.edu.

We are excited to meet you this fall!

Gail Pring
Weston Exploration Office Support Associate and the entire WEX Team

What is the Weston Exploration Living-Learning Community?

Weston Exploration provides opportunities to explore your interests, skills, academic majors, and career options.

- Develop an individual career plan with job shadowing, internships, community service, and study abroad options.

- Choose from more than 30 courses each semester that fulfill general education or elective requirements. Some classes are taught right here in Weston, while other courses have reserved seats for WEX students.

- Take advantage of campus resources without having to leave Weston Hall! Several campus offices hold office hours in Weston — academic advising, career counseling, and health and wellness counseling.

We will help you explore the University of Illinois, connect with resources, develop future professional skills, and identify majors and careers that interest you!

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Visit our Website HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/WESTON
On-Site Resources in Weston Hall

Weston Exploration offers many resources right here in Weston Hall just for our residents. These resources make our community unique in comparison to any other residence hall! Staff from the Division of General Studies, The Career Center, and McKinley Health Center, hold regular office hours right in the basement of Weston Hall for our Weston Exploration residents. The basement is also home to three classrooms and an open resource area. When classes aren’t meeting, you are welcome to use this air-conditioned area as study space.

**Academic Advising** An academic advisor with the Division of General Studies (DGS) is available to meet with any Weston resident to answer questions about all colleges and programs. This advisor teaches the GS 101 courses that meet in Weston for DGS students.

**Career Counseling** Staff from The Career Center assist students with major exploration, resume building, interview skills, and specific career development and exploration.

**Stress Management & Wellness** The Stress Management and Wellness Educator from McKinley Health Center assists students in finding helpful ways to manage stress, pursue wellness, and develop the skills necessary to organize their time on a college campus.

**Residence Hall Library** Staff from the Ikenberry Commons Residence Hall Library assist Weston residents with conducting academic research and information literacy.

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### Academic Courses for Weston Exploration Residents

#### FALL 2018 ON-SITE COURSES

These courses meet in the Weston classrooms and are open to all Weston residents:

- **ADV 199**: Communications Industry
- **CMN 101**: Public Speaking
- **SOC 100**: Introduction to Sociology
- **GS 101**: Exploring General Studies
- **RHET 105**: Writing and Research
- **SHS 111**: Living Learning ASL Part I
- **CLCV 115**: Mythology of Greece and Rome

#### OFF-SITE COURSES

A number of academic courses offered by other living-learning communities are open to students in any LLC. View the Fall 2018 course schedule on the Weston page of the University Housing website for a complete list.

#### LLC MUSIC LESSONS

Weston Exploration residents are also eligible for FREE MUSIC LESSONS! A lottery is held during the first week of each semester for lessons in piano, guitar, voice, and more!

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**Need help with registering for any of these LLC courses?**

If you encounter registration problems, please contact us at (217) 244-9700
August Move-In Information

- If you are participating in the WEX Fall Orientation Program you can move in on Tuesday, August 21 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Freshmen not participating in the WEX Orientation Program can move in on Thursday, August 23.

- Move-In volunteers (I-Guides) will be available to help new students move into Weston Hall on August 21 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the majority of new freshmen move into Weston. During this time, you can pick up your keys in Weston. If you move in before or after this time, you can pick up your keys at the Ikenberry North Area Desk in Nugent Hall. You will receive additional Move-In information from University Housing later in the summer!

- If you need early arrival housing on Sunday, August 19 or Monday, August 20, you can check-in at the Ikenberry North Area Desk in Nugent Hall and pick up your keys to your room in Weston. There is an additional charge for housing on these days. For more information, visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/EARLYARRIVAL. NOTE: The WEX orientation fee covers your housing and meals for August 21 and 22.

- Are you an international or out-of-state student and need to move in earlier than August 19? Visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/INTERIMHOUSING for more information.

LIVING IN WESTON HALL?

Move In Two Days Early for Weston Exploration “WEX” Orientation!

To Sign Up: Check your Illinois email or visit HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/WESTON

Questions? Email exphall@illinois.edu

Helpful Websites

- Weston Exploration Living Learning Community: HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/WESTON Information about the Weston Exploration LLC including courses, programs, resources, and contacts. You can also view floor plans and furniture dimensions under the “Facility Information” link.

- MyHousing: HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/MYHOUSING Log into your MyHousing account in late June to see your room assignment and roommate information. This is also where you can submit bed configuration requests.

- Incoming Student Housing Resources: HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/INCOMING View helpful lists of what to bring (and what NOT to bring), resources for Move-in, furniture dimensions, and more! Interested in ordering a micro-fridge, linens or carpet? Links are on this page!

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Weston Exploration Frequently Asked Questions

What resources/benefits does Weston Exploration offer students?
The biggest advantage to living in Weston are the excellent resources right in the building where you live! In addition to academic courses, computer workstations, and air-conditioned classrooms/study areas, Weston offers access to career exploration resources in the Ikenberry Commons Residence Hall Library. Academic advisors from the Division of General Studies offer regular appointments in Weston Hall. A career advisor from The Career Center and a wellness educator from McKinley Health Center both hold office hours in Weston. In addition, there is a full time program director, hall director, ten resident advisors, and a multicultural advocate, who all work diligently to create a dynamic living and learning environment.

Are there specific requirements to live in the Weston Exploration LLC?
We expect our Weston Exploration residents to participate in programs and courses that interest you. However, students are not required to participate in any events or courses. Regardless of your interests, we provide a variety of events, workshops, courses, and resources that anyone can benefit from attending. There is an additional $276/year fee to live in Weston that covers the programs and resources offered just for you, and we expect you to take advantage of what our community offers!

Do I have to be undeclared or a Division of General Studies student to live in Weston Exploration?
Absolutely not! While some of our resources are specifically geared towards students who are exploring different majors or careers, there are still things that would benefit ANY student. Resume workshops, field trips, social events, job/internship workshops, guest speakers, business etiquette dinners, and information fairs are some of the programs you will find very useful, even if you have your major and know exactly what you want to do for your career.

How can I get involved in the hall?
There are many opportunities to get involved. Become a member of the Weston Hall Council — a group that plans hall programs and distributes money for programs. Start your own group centered around your interests. There are also opportunities to be involved in our Fall Orientation Team and many other University Housing student groups in Ikenberry Commons.

How do I sign up for an academic course in Weston?
A complete list of courses is available on our website. You can register for a WEX course like any other course. Please inform your academic advisor that you are a member of the Weston Exploration LLC to see if our classes fit your schedule. The LLC Music Lessons Lottery will be held during the first week of classes each semester; sign up during the lottery for your chance to take FREE music lessons that semester!

What is the WEX Fall Orientation Program?
Weston Exploration students have the opportunity to move in two days early to participate in a variety of fun and interesting activities. The Fall Orientation Program is a great way to get to know campus and other WEX residents before the campus orientation begins! Online registration opens June 1. This year’s orientation program will take place August 21 through 23. The $30 Orientation fee covers your early arrival housing and meals; this fee is charged to your student account in late August.