

ECU Campus Living FX Application
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Priority Application Deadline: May 1 2009

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Middle name _____ Preferred Name _____

Banner Number (ID) _____

Permanent Address Line 1. _____

Permanent Address Line 2. _____

City: _____ State/Country _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number (____) _____ Your Cell Phone No. (____) _____

ECU Email Address: _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Major: _____ Undecided _____

Are you interested in a possible leadership position in the FX program? (Circle One Y N)

Please list any current activities (Volunteer and/or Leadership that you have held).

What do you hope to gain from being in the program?

What skills, abilities, or experience can you offer the program?

Please note: medical requirements, special program requests (unless both students are admitted to the program), and special accommodations take priority over roommate requests.

The First Year Experience Program is one of those programs that take priority over the roommate requests unless both roommates request the program and are accepted.

THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE RESIDENT AGREEMENT

FX: The First Year Experience

FX is a living and learning environment that is dedicated to the personal and academic growth and development of each first year student. The program was developed around four major principals. Each student that participates in this program is expected to commit to a series of responsibilities that fulfill the principals of the program. Engaged students should attend two programs a month to gain the full benefits of the program.

I commit myself to following expectations as specified for the First Year Experience program.

- **Academic Success**

Residents will learn to develop academic skills needed to maintain good academic standing, be challenged to set and achieve high academic goals, and learn the importance of academic excellence as they pursue a degree at ECU.

Establish academic goals within the first two weeks of school that are reasonable and achievable.

Take an active role in pursuing their academic goals through attending classes, studying academic materials outside the classroom, and using all the resources provided for students.

- **Citizenship**

Residents will learn how to take care of themselves, to balance independence with responsibility, to make smart choices, to embrace adulthood as competent ethical individuals, and to become contributing members of their community.

Help to create a community that is supportive of honesty and integrity in personal and academic endeavors by following policies and procedures outlined by East Carolina University in the *Student Handbook* and the *Campus Living Resident Handbook*.

Be aware and actively participate in safety and security measures in your community by carrying your keys, locking your door, escorting your guest at all times, and reporting unescorted individuals to Residence Life Staff or the ECU Police.

- **Social Maturation**

Residents will learn to develop social, emotional, mental, and physical well being while learning to develop healthy relationships with their peers as well as persons of diverse backgrounds.

Attend programs offered by the First-Year Experience Staff and engage in open and welcoming discussions to learn about not only ways they may be different, but also how they are similar and how they build on these similarities and differences to create a stronger community.

Learn and use appropriate communication skills when dealing with fellow residents and the greater University community.

- **University and Community Involvement**

Residents will learn about and utilize campus resources and participate in and support floor, building, university and community wide events and organizations.

Take part in community service projects in the Greenville community.

Attend one meeting of a recognized University organization.

I have read the FX Resident Agreement and understand that if I am accepted into the program, I will have to abide by the terms of this agreement. In addition, I agree to follow the Campus Living, University, State and Federal policies. If I fail to abide by the Resident Agreement or stated polices, I may be asked to leave the program and relocate to another residence hall or off campus.

Student Signature

Printed Student Name

Date

New Picture

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do FX students move in on Thursday?

FX students come to campus before most of the other students move in for a number of reasons. There are fewer students moving in on Thursday so it is easier on students and their families. By moving in on Thursday, students also have more time to meet other students through participating in programs and events. These events are planned specifically to help first-year students to succeed during their time here at East Carolina University. Each year we use student feedback to determine what topics to cover during programs and activities we plan. Attendance is mandatory.

Do my parents need to stay for the weekend?

Parents do not need to stay. We plan our parent events on the Thursday of check-in. We have left Thursday night free so families can say their goodbyes; finish unpacking and handle any other details that may be needed before they head home. We will start Friday programs at 11:00 a.m. the following day so students can go to Financial Aid, Cashiers Office or other departmental offices to handle general University matters.

What if I have a roommate request?

Yes, they can request a roommate. If both students request each other and both have requested the FX program by **May 1, 2009**, we will make every effort to put the individuals together. If only one individual request the FX program, the program request overrides the roommate request and the students will not be assigned together.

Can I ask to be in a specific building?

Students can list a neighborhood preference, but cannot request a specific hall. The FX program is currently located in Garrett located in the West End neighborhood and Aycock is located in the College Hill neighborhood. Due to limited space in the program, students may be placed in either building. On the seventh day of classes, if a student still wants to move and space is available, he/she can move to another building on campus.

Is it easy to attend two FX events a month?

This is not difficult at all! The residence hall staff provide numerous programs during the week.

Why should I participate?

Statistics show living on campus can help a student's academic performance. Participating in the FX program further enhances living on campus. Students have stated participating in FX assisted them in making the transition to ECU by helping them meet new people, become more involved on campus, and manage their time effectively.

How do I apply to be in the FX program?

Compete the FX application on line and print off a copy. Mail it back by May 1, 2009. Once housing assignments have been made, you will be notified of your status in the program.

Further Questions? Contact Janet R. Johnson, Associate Director of Residence Life. 252-ECU-Home (252-3284663).

The First Year Experience

The First –Year Experience (FX) living environment is designed to assist first-year students in succeeding academically and socially as they make the transition from high school to college life. Students who participate in FX benefit from a number of experiences offered through the program.

The Move-in and Living Experience

Students that arrive on Thursday, August 20th, as required, will find that move-in is a lot easier because few students are on the campus at that time. Lines are shorter, parking is available, and traffic is much less congested. Students have more time to get settled, explore campus and bond with the other students on their floor and in their building. Many lifelong friendships are made early and last a lifetime.

- *Because FX is an all freshman program, students are placed with people who are similar to them. Most of the students in the FX program have similar classes and therefore have the opportunity to pair up with one another.-Valencia*
- *Being a RA in a FX residence hall, I provide students with an extensive amount of assistance in helping them to bridge the gap between high school and college. Being a part of the FX program, students feel a sense that they are home. From programs, dinner with their friends and RA, late night chats, and a friendly FX staff, students are sure to have the BEST living experience they will ever have at ECU. The FX program makes sure to provide students with the essential tools that they need, to prepare them for a better tomorrow. – Lauren*
- *The living experience is good because you are surrounded by those who are in the same boat as you. You are all freshman starting new in college. It helps to be around those who are going through the same changes in life you are.-Ashley*
- *The living experience is the best because you get to know everyone through programs, and just by hanging out in the common areas and halls. It's the best way to develop friendships that last throughout college!-Monica*
- *I will promise you that you will never find a place so close to home, I have been living here for three years and the community is unparalleled.-Derrick*
- *Living in an FX residence hall feels like a home away from home. Because of the high number of programs, you really get to know the people living around you. There is always an activity to do or someone to talk to. FX halls are high energy and make living on campus a lot of fun. –Brittany*
- *When I lived here as a freshman, I loved it so much that I came back to be a Resident Advisor here. You meet so many incredible people and form amazing friendships and create amazing memories that stay with you for a lifetime. My best friends even today lived in Aycock Hall with me when I was a freshman there. I had an amazing experience and I intend to make residents have a better experience than even I did.-Josh*

The Academic Experience

FX students live among fellow students attending the same classes, making it easier to form study groups, walk back and forth to class together. FX, like similar supportive living environments, has been shown to help first-year students perform better academically compared to students who do not live in these types of environments during their first year of college.

Statistics show that living on campus can even help you perform better academically. In one study, First- year campus residents participating in FX posted an average GPA that was .73 higher than that of first year students who lived off campus. Campus Living encourages and maintains a living and learning environment that is geared toward academic success.

- *The Academic Experience is the best in FX programs than in any other residence hall. FX offers programs daily that encourage academic enrichment and motivate students to succeed.-Valencia*
- *In FX residence halls, residents live amongst freshmen students who tend to take the same classes, professors, and have similar schedules as themselves. This makes it easier for students to gain an understanding in the academic components of their lives. Being a RA, I also enjoy putting on programs like, "Resume' Building," and "Study Session Nights" which assists my residents in achieving the grades they want. As ECU's motto states "Tomorrow Starts Here," the FX Staff endeavors to make sure that all students succeed.-Lauren*

- *The academic experience has been great. You're constantly surrounded by students who are in the same classes as you. So you always have someone to study with.-Ashley*
- *The academic experience is great because everyone is taking the same classes, so you know you can find help if you need it! It's easy to make study groups and find support! –Monica*
- *Is what you make it, there are always tutor sessions and other help sessions posted on the walls and they are useful for the residents and the RA's.-Derrick*
- *When it comes to academics, the FX program is very active in helping freshman succeed. RA's put on programs and speakers from the tutoring center come in to help with study skills and balancing academics. We are all here to get a degree and the FX building provides a positive atmosphere to achieve that goal.-Brittany*
- *The academic experience is great. The RA's are always doing programs that involve on-campus tutoring centers such as the Pirate Tutoring center or the First Year Writing Program. Not only that, Marcus makes sure that the residents stay in top academic condition by personally talking to each student who gets below a 2.0.-Josh*

The Program Experience

Students who choose FX have access to student staff (Resident Advisors) and professional staff (Hall Coordinators) who are not only available to answer questions, but who also plan activities that range from intramural sports, Wii tournaments to community service projects and study skill programs. All of these help to provide fun times, information and build a close knit community. With the wealth of programs offered by FX Staff, students will not have a difficult time meeting the two programs a month requirement to stay in the program.

- *I believe that FX programs are more centered on the individual student than other Residence Hall programs. FX programs prepare students for things that may happen during their college experience and also educate them on how systems operate in the college world.-Valencia*
- *Unlike other halls, in FX residence halls students are required to attend at least 2 programs a month. These programs help to bring diversity, build relationships, inspire intellect, and promote values and ethics in the lives of all residents. Students find these programs exciting as they become close to their RA and have the opportunity to meet new people in the hall. –Lauren*
- *The program is experience is the best part about FX. it really creates community in the halls and helps residents create relationships with one another. You can definitely tell the difference between FX halls verses non-FX.-Ashley*
- *RA's in a FX dorm have a lot of programs for the residents to get to know one another better and learn as much about college life as they can! -Monica*
- *They cater to the residents and the situations of the halls, If residents want to meet people we have speed dating, if they want to get out we take them to play pool or bowling. If they have academic issues we have cram jams to help them study!-Derrick*
- *From the first week of school, FX has you involved in the residence hall and on campus. University resources, extra-curricular activities, and building involvement are all explored within the first week of FX. The high energy of the FX program and staff foster this involvement throughout the year. Friends are made fast through this program and make you feel right at home. FX aids growth in independence, involvement, character, and academics-Brittany*
- *RA's are required to each put on two programs a month, and so there's always a ton of programs doing on ranging from dodge ball games to collage making to pizza parties. There's always something going on in an FX Residence Hall-Josh*