

# IST LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC)



### Find Your Home at Penn State

A big university like Penn State may feel overwhelming at first, but there are ways that you can make a big campus feel smaller. One way is to join the College of Information Sciences and Technology's Living Learning Community (LLC).

Located in Thompson Hall in the West Housing Area, the College of IST's LLC offers designated campus housing to IST students so they can live and learn with classmates who have similar interests.

The College of IST's LLC strives to create a unique living environment that fosters social and academic interaction between students. It aims to enhance the awareness of information and technology by bringing residents of common interests together and advocating for a greater appreciation for the future of technology.

Not sure if the IST Living Learning Community is right for you? Visit **ist.psu.edu/llc** to learn more about the LLC and to see how IST students are finding their communities on campus and in the classroom.

# **Secure your Spot:**Updating Your Housing Preference

#### 1. Accept!

Log in to your MyPennState account and accept your University admission offer and The Housing and Food Service (HFS) Contract by **May 1**. Payment is required to complete the acceptance process.

# 2. Update your Housing Preference

Log in to eLiving to update your preferences on the HFS Contract by indicating "West Halls" as your housing area preference and then "LLC: IST House" as as your preference. Update your preference by **May 15**.

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The College of IST's LLC offers a great way to connect with other students, meet new people, and build a unique living and learning environment on campus. As a member of the IST LLC, you can attend special events such as floor dinners, movie nights, themed holiday parties, and academic workshops, and join intramural IST LLC sports teams.

## Here are a few more benefits to living in the IST Living Learning Community:

#### Location!

Thompson Hall is located across the street from the Westgate Building, the home of the College of Information Sciences and Technology where most of your IST courses will be located. Learn more at **ist.psu.edu/thompson-hall.** 

#### Friends!

Coming to a large place like Penn State can be intimidating, but students report that they were easily able to make new friends in the IST LLC. They have classes together, share interests, and understand the challenges that come with being new to Penn State.

#### **Guaranteed Housing!**

Once you are a member of the IST LLC, you are guaranteed housing in Thompson Hall as an upper division student, provided you remain an active member of the LLC Community. Other students living on campus will participate in a housing process to secure on-campus housing for after their first-year.

#### Leadership Opportunities!

As a student-run organization, the IST LLC provides opportunities for first-year and upper division students to step into meaningful leadership opportunities. This experience looks great on resumes as students develop essential leadership skills.

#### Networking!

Connect and learn from upper division students who live in the IST LLC. These students are excellent resources to help first- and second-year students establish their Penn State and IST communities, as well as learn from their academic and professional experiences.



## Hear from our students:

"Living in the LLC puts me in close quarters with fellow IST students. It's so helpful to have classmates right down the hall to collaborate with on homework and projects, and to have access to live-in upperclassmen who have taken these courses before me. I feel like I'm supported in my coursework working with people outside and in the classroom. It helps me in my academic endeavors."

-Paul Suchko, Class of 2019

"When I first came to
Penn State, it was a little
overwhelming to find a
community on such a large
campus. The IST LLC made
the transition to college much
easier. I was living around
people who were also in my
classes. I continue to live
in the LLC because of the
connections I've made with my
IST friends, both in and out of
the classroom."

-Jack Giebel, Class of 2019



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