

Green Living & Learning Residential Program (GL&LR) Housing Contract

2023-2024

What to Expect

The Green Living & Learning Residential Program (GL&LR) is designed to benefit undergraduate students of all class years who wish to live in an environmentally conscious community of practice. It provides an intentional space for students interested in living out their values of environmental stewardship, education, and sustainability in a holistic and immersive manner.

The residential experience emphasizes the importance of integrating cultural diversity, justice, human and environmental health. The purpose of such a program is to empower and guide students to understand that sustainable or green living encompasses human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods, and a better world for all generations.

This residential community of practice will team up with both faculty and staff to co-create supportive programming.

Students are expected to actively participate in GL&LR programs to ensure that they carry forth the mission and vision of the Center for the Environment at Saint Michael's College.

- ✓ **Prepare** students to think and act critically and creatively
 - by combining their *intellectual pursuits and applied opportunities* to tackle the world's most complex issues as environmental leaders - locally and globally.
- ✓ **Evolve the culture of sustainability on campus and in our community**
 - to have a *social impact* and leave a legacy for future generations.
- ✓ **Foster connection between students and career experts**
 - - coaches, alumni, professional networks - to create career exposure and structure learning experiences such that students leave with *essential workforce skills, career preparedness, and purpose.*

Who will live in the GL&LR Housing Community?

Students who want to live in a dynamic, fun, and vibrant space with likeminded peers who model both leadership of self and leadership of others in the environmental space.

This is determined first by an individual's commitment to the program and secondly by the GL&LR Housing Contract.

Students choosing to live in GL&LR Housing are agreeing to live a lifestyle that models, refines, and advocates

for environmentally responsible and regenerative living practices and holding space for and educating others that may negatively affect the community of which they are a valuable member.

Expectations for Programs & Experiences

- Collaborative and innovative peer programming will be used to educate, inform, and encourage our students to engage in this community. Both those choosing to live in the GL&LR Housing Program, and a wider selection of campus residents.
- Educational Programming will be used to advance students' environmental and sustainability competence through a variety of methods. Exposing them to faculty members outside of the classroom and staff from many parts of campus as well as peer to peer educational efforts will help create a well-rounded view of our global world, fostering a community of collaboration and innovation.
- Become members of key interdisciplinary programs on campus – ARC, CAN, Food Pantry, Farm, CDEC, CGE, C4E, MOVE, ASC, SGA, Orientation, and ResLife Teams
- Eligible to apply for the sustainable campus student internship
- Eligible for a special CSA membership with the Farm & Food Program to feed the GL&LR community and/or support any program development

Examples of GL&LR Educational Programming include:

- Faculty, discussions, and presentations
- Film series
- Cultural programming to understand the environmental justice challenges, especially as a PWI for cultures of the global majority
- Trips to community partners
- Cooking classes, sharing food and stories, regular trips to the Farm Stand on campus, the New North End Farmers' Market, and a number of International markets.

Social Programming will provide opportunities for students to grow and learn from each other and develop an inclusive healthy community.

Examples of GL&LR Social Programming include:

- Celebrations of key dates or advocacy events for the environmental movement, intentional and inclusive of many cultures.
- Relaxation activities/ study break sessions, especially during peak high-stress times as a college student and in coordination with the Wellness Program's offerings in the college's outdoor spaces
- Attendance to Green Up Club meetings
- Peer-to-Peer informal discussions and exchanges during Green Up Coffee Hours & Chats on Thursdays to spread awareness and understanding of sustainable campus initiatives

By choosing to live in the GL&LR Housing Program, I agree to the following:

- Each student is expected to work with their suitemates, RA staff, Green Up, and the Sustainable Campus Team of the Center for the Environment to develop 2 social programs & 2 academic programs per semester.
 - Each student recognizes that they are a valuable resource for the GL&LR Housing community, and they will donate their time and talents by participating in community programs
 - Each student holds the responsibility of treating others in their community with respect, compassion, and kindness. Furthermore, if conflicts arise each student understands that they can reach out to a member of the Residence Life staff for assistance.
 - Each Student is responsible for their guests. They will ensure that they abide by the GL&LR Housing Contract and the student code of conduct, as well as understanding that they will be held accountable for guests' actions.
 - Each student understands that floor / hall meetings and floor / hall programs are important to successful community interaction and development, and they agree to be a regular part of this community. Furthermore, they will in conjunction with their floor or suite and the support of the Residence Life Staff assist in organizing 2 social programs & 2 academic programs a semester. *Not doing so may jeopardize their ability to remain in the program.*
 - Each student understands that additional terms of agreement may be determined by each individual community as the need arises
- I accept the responsibility of these terms and will uphold these standards while a resident in the GL&LR Housing Program. Not to do so would be a violation of this contract and may result in my removal from the GL&LR Housing Program.

I, _____, agree to live by the terms above.
(Signature)

Printed Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

Room Assignment: _____

Date: _____

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