LEADR Living-Learning Community

The LEADR Living-Learning Community is a residential program focused on easing the transition to college and providing support to students who are one of the first in their families to go to college and are pursuing a major in Engineering.

Academic success is encouraged through establishing a strong peer network and increased faculty and staff interaction. Students will also have the opportunity to develop friendships and community within the shared experience that first generation engineering students may feel as they navigate their college and campus. Additional support for members of this community will be provided by the LEADR Ambassadors—student leaders who have experienced being a first-generation engineering student and who look forward to sharing their knowledge with incoming students.

LEADR Living-Learning Community students will reside on the LEADR-designated floor in Kearney Hall, located in the Tercero Residence Halls, and participate in programs designed to enhance and support their academic success in engineering and foster a sense of community outside of the classroom.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- To help students foster a greater sense of belonging to UC Davis, the College of Engineering and each other
- Students will gain an understanding of what engineering is, and how to be successful in their first year
- Students will learn how to navigate college as a first-generation student, and learn concrete tools for success in the first year to graduation; including where to go for academic and personal support, how to engage with faculty and staff, and how to participate in the campus community.

**Student Testimonial:** “I gained so much the LLC, from being able to get help on homework in an instant, to just having people to talk to, the LLC was beneficial. Outside of my dorm and
my roommates, there were so many other people to talk to and get to know as most of them always had their door open. It is this open atmosphere that I loved the most about the LLC because it made me feel at home, like I had a "LEADR Family" here at UC Davis.”

Kevin, Electrical Engineering

**Academic and Personal Support:**

**Connected Course:** ENG 11: Issues in Engineering, is a 1-unit course for students majoring (or planning to major) in engineering. This course focuses on:

1) Engineering Grand Challenges and the types of engineering majors offered in the College of Engineering
2) Transitioning to College—including exposure to campus resources, study skill instruction and success strategies
3) Day in the Life of A Professional Engineer—learn from alumni about what it is like to transition to the workforce and/or graduate school.

**Evening Programming:** Programs in the evening will focus on the unique experiences of being a first-generation college student. Examples of topics include:

- what is “college”;
- how to talk to your family about college;
- faculty speakers who are first-generation;
- peer connections who share similar backgrounds;
- formation of study groups.

In ENG11, students present in teams on Engineering Grand Challenges

LEADR LLC Residents celebrate Valentine’s Day by decorating cookies
**Social Activities:** Throughout the year, the LEADR Program offers social activities for all LEADR students. Past activities have included game night, movie night, and study jams.

We highly encourage our students to sign up for this floor.