Special Interest Communities

- Health & Wellness
- Meyerhoff International Living Experience
- Performing Arts
- Community Related Experiences in Art Through Engagement

Special Interest Communities support students by providing them a living environment where everyone shares a common interest. With programming and events centered around the ideals and goals of the community, residents will build strong bonds with each other as they explore these interests. The Residence Life staff will offer unique opportunities that focus on the theme of their community to further enhance the residential and learning experience. All upperclass students (current Freshmen and above) are encouraged to apply. There are no prerequisites required and we invite students with varying degrees of background and experience to join in our diverse community.

The Health & Wellness and Performing Arts special interest communities are housed in Leake Hall, the Meyerhoff International Living Experience (MILE) program is located in the Meyerhoff House, and Community Related Experiences in Art Through Engagement (CREATE) resides in The Gateway. Each community is comprised of approximately 25 upper-class students. Students who are selected for the program will be guaranteed housing and will be afforded the opportunity to pull in one apartment-mate who is also selected for the program. Both students should apply separately for consideration. Selecting a predetermined apartment-mate is not a requirement. All assignments will be made carefully based off of the information provided in your housing application. To learn about what each special interest community has to offer please visit the webpages for each program at mica.edu/reslife/specialinterest

Application Process

To be considered for a Special Interest Community please complete the specific application in addition to completing the on-campus housing application online. Our review committee will hand select the students we believe will gain the most from the experience as well as offer new perspectives to the communities. We encourage anyone that is willing to actively participate, take ownership of the community, and be a good ambassador of our Special Interest communities to apply.

Applications are due Friday, March 21st, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Please return completed applications to the MICA Residence Life Office in Latrobe House, 2nd floor. If you have any questions please contact residencelife@mica.edu or 410.225.2398
MICA Residence Life & Off Campus Housing

Special Interest Communities Application

Name: __________________________________________

Academic Status for 2014-2015:
☐ Sophomore
☐ Junior
☐ Senior

Student ID Number: __________________________

Cumulative GPA: ________________

MICA Email: ________________________________

Cell Phone: ________________________________

I am applying for:
☐ Health & Wellness  ☐ MILE  ☐ Performing Arts  ☐ CREATE

Answer the following 3 response questions for each community in which you would like to apply.

***Responses should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to this application.***

Please be sure to include your name on your response sheet.

1. What interests you most about living in a Special Interest Community?
2. What is one program, event, and/or trip you would like to see take place?
3. Do you have any previous experience relating to this community’s interest? If so, please describe in detail.

Answer the corresponding community specific question.

4. Health & Wellness specific: Describe how you would support the mission of living in a substance free community (abstaining from tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs). Why is this lifestyle beneficial for you?
5. MILE specific: In what ways could you be an ambassador for MICA in the MILE community? Do you plan to study abroad next year? Yes/No.
6. Performing Arts specific: In what ways can performing arts (theatre, dance, etc) add to the diversity and culture of the MICA community?
7. CREATE specific: Tell us what selflessness means to you and how do you see yourself applying that to your residential community and beyond MICA?

Do you plan to pull in an apartment-mate?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please include their name and student ID number: __________________________

*Please note that your preferred roommate must apply separately.

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