

First-Year Residential Experience...

Welcome to the Now!

Welcome new and potential Marshall University students! We know that your first year of college is an exciting time filled with a variety of emotions. Whether you are nervous about your arrival to college, making new friends, taking new classes, or are just excited to start college, your first year experiences are crucial to ensure you are successful in your time at Marshall!

The First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE) located in FY North and South, Buskirk and Twin Towers East is a program designed to assist first-year students in transitioning to the academic and social demands of college. The staff in the FYRE focus on creating social and programmatic opportunities centered around the needs of the first-year students such as: creating a strong academic foundation, making cultural connections, getting involved on campus, meeting new friends and connecting with faculty. Living in the FYRE will give you all the tools you need to navigate life on-campus while taking advantage of all of the resources and support available to you as a Marshall student.

From the classroom to living on campus, the First Year Residential Experience will help you build a strong academic foundation, create life-long memories and experience everything that Marshall has to offer. Through research and your own experience, we know that the foundation of success you build your first year will be key to your overall success at Marshall. Get involved in the First Year Experience!

Freshman Interest Group

New for 2011-12! Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) are a unique program for freshman which extends learning from the classroom to the residence halls. A FIG consists of a group of 10-25 students who take courses together built around a common theme and live together in the same residence hall. Through faculty involvement and exciting floor and class activities, being part of a FIG is a rich, rewarding educational experience. Living in a FIG means:

- **The registration process is simplified** - you will be pre-registered for your FIG courses prior to Orientation and invited to attend first regular Orientation session
- **Attend classes with the same 15-25 students**
- **Meet students with similar interests**

Chorus - The University Chorus Freshmen Interest Group is the ideal opportunity for any student who is not a music major yet is interested in singing to be a part of the College of Fine Arts and Department of Music. Interested students will be enrolled in the same first year seminar course, sing in University Chorus, and have the opportunity to participate in a weekly activity time led by Mr. Wray meant to enhance your musical experiences at Marshall.

Creative Writing - Are you a creative writer? Take the opportunity to write poetry, short stories, and essays while taking four great courses taught by award-winning poets, fiction writers, and essayists. Each course counts toward your degree. You will also participate in the University's literary magazine, the Visiting Writers Series, open-mic nights, and a host of other events that will inspire and challenge you as a future best-selling author.

Japanese - In this group meetings, students who are interested in Japanese culture and Japanese major have opportunities to meet with the faculty and experience variety of activities related to Japan. Activities include; Japanese popular culture, films, games, traditional tea ceremony, martial arts, Japanese table manners, calligraphy, social issues, current news, fashion, study abroad in Japan, and Japanese music.

Working in America - This freshmen interest group centers on the backbone of the American economy that has made the USA the world leader in technology and innovation. From automobiles to nanotechnology and from production to personnel management, students will explore the world of manufacturing and the future careers available to them in this vital economic sector.

The President and the Press! - Election Day 2012 is fast approaching and American citizens will soon elect their next president. Who will it be? What is the media's role in the presidential election? Gather with your peers and a Marshall University public relations professor to discuss the campaigns (including communications goals, objectives, strategies, and tactics), media coverage (newspaper, magazine, television, radio, and Web), and watch and analyze debate performances of the political parties' nominees.

For more information and a description of the FIG's, please visit our website at www.marshall.edu/housing



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