



# Community Curriculum

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE CHEAT SHEET

## Community Curriculum Components

The Office of Residence Life is a staff of committed and diverse educators that strive to provide our students with opportunities to learn in a safe and welcoming environment. We aim to create a community where diversity is appreciated and pursued and we “empower students to become life-long citizens.” The Office of Residence Life is committed to facilitating the education that takes place outside of the classroom and to ensure that the work that we do in the residence halls is educationally purposeful and supports the academic mission of the university.

The educational priority of our office is to promote *global citizenship*. *Global Citizenship is defined as becoming an engaged and responsible member of your community through the knowledge of self and how one’s actions impacts others and the campus, local, national and global community.*

For our staff to facilitate our educational priority, we will focus on the following goals:

Promoting self-awareness to foster a greater knowledge of self.

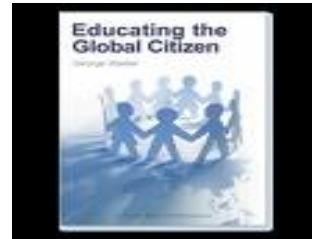
Promoting awareness of difference while increasing knowledge and appreciation of others.

Empower students to become more action-oriented.

## Learning Goals

### Learning Goal: Knowledge of Self/Self Awareness

1. Students will have the opportunity to explore and have an understanding of their social identities.
2. Students will have the opportunity to understand how those social identities inform their decisions and shape their perspectives.
3. Students will have the opportunity to explore, develop and understand their value and belief systems.



### Learning Goal: Knowledge of Others/Awareness of Difference

1. Students will have the opportunity to become aware that others have different social identities and experiences than their own.
2. Students will have the opportunity to be aware that their behavior impacts others.
3. Students will have the opportunity to understand that others have their own value and belief systems that shape their perspectives.

### Learning Goal: Action-Oriented

1. Students will have the opportunity to identify personal passions and how they will act to affect change.
2. Students will have the opportunity to identify necessary resources to pursue interests.
3. Students will have the opportunity to understand that they influence others.
4. Students will have the opportunity to take appropriate action in relation to personal, campus, local, national and global issues.





# Components of Curriculum

## Floor Meetings

Floor Meetings will be designed for staff to inform residents about information and will also allow for residents to learn more about global citizenship and to interact with one another.

## 1-on-1 Meetings

1-on-1 Meetings are designed for staff to take the opportunity to get to know residents.

## Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards are focused on themes and topics that support the goals of global citizenship.

Themes/Topics:

- Getting to Know You
- Civic Engagement/Voting/Presidential Election 2008
- Community Service/Giving Back to Community
- Celebrating Difference/Awareness of Difference
- Going Green- Environmental Sustainability
- Academic Success (Registration Information, Learning & Advising Information, How To, Study Skills, Office Hours, etc.)
- Student Government Association/Speaking Out
- Getting Involved on Campus/Clubs & Organizations
- Tapping into Talents/Interests, Hobbies & Passions/Resident Recognition
- Beyond Philly U: Study Abroad/Career Services/Graduate School/Internships
- Campus, local, state, global issues
- Healthy Living- Emotional & Physical Health
- Finding Philly- Philly events, facts, sites of interest, getting around, etc.

## Roommate Agreement Meetings

Roommate Agreement Meetings are meetings facilitated by the RA which allow the residents to institute standards for their room, apartment, or townhouse.

## Social Living Contract

Outlines behavior and to institute standards for their community.

## First Year Experience Events (First Year Area)

## Building Wide Events as Staff Team\*

## Community Service Events as Staff Team (Upper Class Area)

## RA Incentive



## What does Citizenship mean to you?

"It means being a part of/ belonging to/ being loyal to a community and feeling a sense of importance/ and say. 'I think it is very important to be an accountable member of an organization.'"

"Being a good person, being curious about people you don't even know."

"Means giving back to the community. Also taking part in community events/ environment/ active."

- All quotes were taken from first year students after being apart of this curriculum for the first time.



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