



# Communications Living & Learning Community Syllabus 2024-2025 Academic Year

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## **WHAT IS THE COMMUNICATIONS LLC?**

The Communications Living Learning Community (CLLC) is an intentional residential community drawn together around a shared interest in the field of communication. The community provides an opportunity for members to become leaders within the School of Communications and the wider university community via programming and opportunities. COMMLLC members are expected to take initiative, take advantage of opportunities, and engage deeply with the academic, professional, and social components of communications.

## **LEARNING COMMUNITY GOALS:**

Throughout the academic year, students in the Living Learning Community will:

- **Connect** with each other and with students and faculty in the School of Communications based on common interests.
- **Understand** the vast field of communications and how their peers' diverse backgrounds and experiences fit within the field.
- **Promote** leadership, personal responsibility, group identity, and teamwork through the co-creation of a community grounded in inclusivity and respect.

## **CONCEPTS AND GUIDELINES:**

To achieve the community goals, you will need to actively contribute to a participatory and respectful community environment. These activities include, but are not limited to:

### ***Community Participation***

- Make this community your own through active involvement and communicating with other members in the community on a regular basis.
- Attend COMLLC activities and contribute to their planning.
- Attend School of Communications events throughout the semester.
- Attend Communication organization meetings based on your interests in the field.

### ***Community Respect***

- Abide by the Elon University Social and Honor Codes
  - Elon's Honor Code is founded upon the four interrelated ideas of **honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect.**
- Be considerate of other residents and respectful of others' needs.
- Notify RAs and residence life staff of anything that negatively affects the quality of life in the community.
- Keep the hallways neat and clear of debris.

## **COMMUNICATIONS LLC TRADITIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

### ***General exposure to the communications field***

- Exposure to the field of communications and its major areas of study.

### ***Explore careers and areas of specialty in the field of communication***

- Arrange speakers to talk about various topics in communications and what skills you need to pursue these career paths. Potential speakers include faculty, student media leaders, internship and career counselors, researchers, and others given your particular interest.
- Identify professionals in the field, determine areas of overlap with other fields, and seek ways to engage with these professionals.

### ***Develop interpersonal communication skills***

- Communicate regularly with each other and with your faculty advisor.
- Independent, meaningful cooperation and collaboration with members of your community.

### ***Be comfortable in the group***

- Students should be respectful of each other in this **living** community, of faculty in this **learning** community, and of the facilities provided to you as you make this your home during the academic year.

- The floor should be a welcoming, open place where everyone feels comfortable in the living environment. If anything makes your living arrangements uncomfortable, notify your RA, residence life staff, and/or faculty advisor as soon as possible.

**Resources:**

School of Communications Career Guides --

<https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/communications/career-services/career-guides/>

School of Communications Resume and Cover Letters --

<https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/communications/career-services/resumes-and-self-marketing/>

**COMMUNICATIONS LLC MEETINGS:**

As part of your participation in the Communications Living Learning Community, you are asked to be a contributing member by attending hall meetings, meetings with the faculty advisors, LLC events, and other events involved with the Historic Neighborhood.

**Professional & Academic Events**

Based on your interests, you should take advantage of events or programs relevant to our LLC, ideally as part of a group from the LLC. These may include:

- Film events & discussions
- Global education for Communications Majors
- Elon in LA program
- School of Communications events and organizations
- Historic Neighborhood Planned Events

**Social Events**

Exact Events TBD based on student input.

- Faculty or student-led screenings
- Movie night/Theater night
- Documentary night
- Historic Neighborhood Planned Events
- Etc.



# **Communications Living Learning Community**

## **Fall 2024 August/September Events Calendar**

*(Tentative)*

### **Monthly Events will be sent out every month:**

- These events will include School of Communications events, speakers, internship forums, professional visits, organization meetings, workshops, etc.
- These events will also include neighborhood events, hall events, and other LLC events that are scheduled throughout the semester.

## **AUGUST:**

### **DINNER WITH COMMLLC**

- Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- McEwen Dining Hall
- 5:30pm

### **LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY KICK OFF EVENT**

- Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Alumni Gym
- 6:30pm

### **FALL ORGANIZATION FAIR**

- Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Young Commons
- 6:00-8:00pm

## **SEPTEMBER:**

### **COLLEGE COFFEE CONNECT**

- Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Come check in with me at College Coffee
- Anytime between 9:40-10:20am
- Phi Beta Kappa Commons (unless raining – check email for alternate location)

### **DINNER BEFORE COMMON READING TALK**

- Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - McEwen Dining Hall
  - 6:00pm
- \*\*Leah Thomas, The Elon Common Reading Lecture following dinner in Koury Athletics Center at 7:00pm

**FAMILY WEEKEND (September 27-29<sup>th</sup>)**

- Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Meet n Greet with Faculty

***\*\*More dates and times to come for September, October, November, and December!!***