

Paideia: Politics and Active Citizenship Living Learning Community
2024-2025
East Residential Neighborhood

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Gatherings

Paideia will have bi-weekly meetings in the East Neighborhood. The day of week and time will be set each semester based on the availability of the group.

LLC Description

The Paideia: Politics and Active Citizenship Living Learning Community (Paideia LLC) is a hub for students interested in political engagement. This LLC provides opportunities for campus involvement and leadership in civic engagement, and provides a space for the discussion of local, state, national, and global political issues.

Paideia is the place to be for politically active and interested students. As we enter into the 2024 presidential election season, the Paideia LLC offers the chance to connect with issues and the community. Paideia also provides a place for you to discuss, debate, and learn from your peers as we as a community navigate the fast-paced events unfolding around us.

LLC Student Learning Outcomes:

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) provide students with a sense of belonging in a community of their peers united by a common interest. By engaging in this LLC, students will:

1. Participate in intellectual, personal, and social growth activities within a collaborative and integrative (academic, social, and residential) environment.
2. Apply academic, professional, social, cultural, and/or wellness skills/knowledge through experiences, reflection, and synthesis outside of the classroom.
3. Participate in mentoring relationships with faculty, staff, and/or peers outside of the classroom.

Paideia-Specific Learning Outcomes

- Students will expand their civic knowledge through events and programs, regular meetings for discussion, and the active monitoring of campus, city, state, national and global events.

- Students will learn how we as a community can practice civility and bipartisanship even when we disagree on issues.
- Students will have the chance to actively connect what they learn in the classroom with life on campus, and in our local community, state, nation, and world.
- Students will have the opportunity to experience together through discussion, reflection, and action the fast-paced events that characterize the America of 2024.
- Students will develop essential skills for civic and political engagement and learn how citizens get involved on the local, state, national, and international level.
- Students will think about ways in which academic learning translates into active citizenship.

Traditions

The Paideia LLC is known for:

- Critical conversations about local, state, national and global issues
- Participating in the Elon Votes! register to vote and absentee ballot campaigns
- Conversations with local political leaders and elected officials
- Participation in campus deliberative dialogue events

Requirements

- Students must be first year residents of East Neighborhood
- Students must participate in bi-monthly conversations and assist in sharing leadership in facilitating these conversations

Opportunities to be Involved

- Tuesday, September 10: Presidential Debate Watch Event
- Wednesday, September 18: Active Citizen Series: Bridging Political Divides with Artificial Intelligence – A Conversation with Dr. Christopher Bail
- Monday, September 23: Active Citizen Series: Deliberative Dialogue – Anxiety & Elections
- Tuesday, November 5: Election Night Watch Event – Global Commons Great Hall

Course Opportunities

We encourage LLC students to consider the following courses to supplement the Politics & Active Citizenship Experience: POL 270, Civic Engagement Forum; POL 111, Introduction to American Government; AMS 210, Introduction to American Studies; REL 110, Religion in Global Context; and PSJ 110, Introduction to Poverty and Social Justice.

Leadership Opportunities

As a community focused on political and civic engagement and cultivating future civic leaders, two Paideia students will be considered for membership on the Elon Political Engagement Work Group. This body plans civic engagement programming for the campus community.