# **FLEX** Learning Communities

FLEX Learning Communities offer students new to campus the opportunity to:

**Build** a community with other LC students and Peer Mentors.

**Explore** your academic program and career goals.

**Enrich** your academic skills needed for success.

Ease your transition to university life.

## "90% of FLEX students would recommend FLEX Learning Communities to a sibling or friend"

Source: 2018-19 FLEX Student Survey



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# First Year Learning Experience FLEX Learning Communities



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# What is a Learning Community?

## What does FLEX offer?

### The FLEX Learning Communities Team

A Learning Community (LC) is a small group of first-year students who take classes together and share some common interests. Arts & Science Learning Communities are designed to ease the transition into university by providing our first-year students with extra opportunities to make friends, explore ideas and work together, to develop the academic and personal skills to succeed.

Build Community – Learning Communities allow first year students to begin university surrounded by students who have the same interests and goals. Through learning communities, students build connections to people and places across campus that will help support them on their academic journey.

Making Connections & Exploring Careers – University is a great place to come and improve what you know, but who you know counts too. Learning Communities will help introduce students to programs and colleges across campus that are related to their interests and connect you to professionals who turned similar interests into exciting careers.

3 **Enrich Academics** – University is a whole different ballgame than high school. Learning Communities will connect Peer Mentors – our team of expert learners - to first year students to help them develop the academic skills they need to flourish.

FLEX is our largest Learning Communities Program offering more than 16 LCs in Term 1 and more than 8 LCs in Term 2 each year to select from, with course combinations consisting of popular first year courses. Our website opens each year in early May for sign-up which is well before the June registration window opens for first year students, join FLEX and sign up early!

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The FLEX Learning Communities are designed to complement programs, career paths and/or aspirations to professional colleges. The FLEX Learning Communities offer a wide range of supports to assist first year students to succeed academically, enjoy their university experience, and make connections and lifelong friendships.

#### **Build Community:**

- Each FLEX LC is assigned two upper year Peer Mentors
- Weekly LC Hour to build community and make connections
- Students with similar interests and goals are in your LC
- Huskies' Den Competition between all FLEX LCs

#### **Making Connections & Exploring Careers:**

- Course combinations designed to complement programs and career paths
- Connections to people and places across campus
- Connections to Arts and Science Departments
- Connections to professional colleges

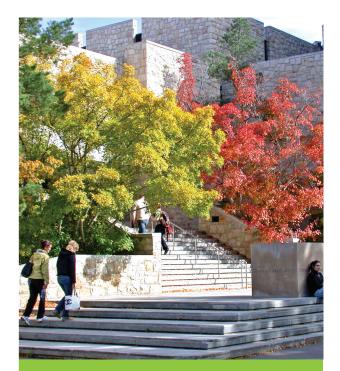
#### **Enrich Academics:**

- Learn from the expert learners our Peer Mentors
- Academic Coaching for FLEX students
- Connections with Academic Advisors
- Opportunities to develop academic skills needed to succeed

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