The Business Enterprise Living Learning Community

The Business Enterprise community is specifically designed for incoming business students in the Gatton College of Business & Economics and is housed in Jewell Hall on North Campus. The BE LLC is designed to provide incoming freshman with the opportunity to explore the business field through a combination of connected coursework, interactions with faculty, staff, and peer mentors, and co-curricular activities. Furthermore, the Business Enterprise Living Learning Community strives to provide (1) a residence in which business students can live together, supporting one another throughout their academic and college experiences; (2) a space to engage in lively dialogue and interactions to foster a sense of community among Gatton students; and (3) programs and opportunities that will enhance their overall UK and Gatton experience.

Objectives and Expectations for the Peer Mentors in the Business Enterprise LLC

The purpose of Peer Mentors in the Business Enterprise Living Learning Community is three-fold in nature. First, the peer mentor will help in the planning and development of programs for the LLC. Second, the peer mentor will serve as a resource and support for the first-year students in the Business Enterprise LLC. Finally, the program is designed to help build and strengthen the leadership and professional skills of the peer mentor, providing them the opportunity to grow in their own leadership experiences. In addition to the general guidelines for peer mentors set by UK Residence Life, here are some specific expectations of the Business Enterprise peer mentors outlined in more detail below:

- Must serve as peer instructor for one of the Business Enterprise LLC sections of UK 101;
- Plan and execute at least one program per month, related to the LLC’s focus areas (BE Hive XLs);
- Organize and facilitate weekly program for LLC community; (BE Hives)
- Encourage participation in Business Enterprise activities and other Gatton College programs and events;
- Assist in the mentoring for residents to help them adjust as new students and to UK/Gatton culture as a whole;
- Record student attendance at Business Enterprise programs and provide timely report to Hall director and Business Enterprise LLC Director.
- Meet with the Business Enterprise Director -weekly throughout the year to discuss upcoming events, challenges, and successes of the program.
- Assist with LLP orientation, move-in, training, re-orientation and semester-end programs.

Peer Mentor Selection

The Business Enterprise Peer Mentors will be selected each year by the Gatton College enrichment team in partnership with the Office of Residence Life. Currently, six mentors will be selected for each academic year for the Business Enterprise LLC. Peer Mentors for the Business Enterprise Living-Learning should:

- Must be a student with sophomore standing or above in the Gatton College;
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average;
- Represent themselves and the Gatton College in a positive light.
- Have great enthusiasm for helping, mentoring, and modeling good behavior to other students.
- Be a self-starter and willing to take initiative and ownership in the community
- Must apply for and be selected to serve as a UK 101 Peer Instructor.
- Be in good judicial standing with the Office of Residence Life.
- Must reside in the residence hall of the selected LLC (Jewell Hall) upon selection.

Compensation

Each peer mentor will receive a stipend each semester for serving in this capacity.