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# **Turning a House Into a Home**

Purpose of LLPs: to create **supportive and seamless learning environments** that encourage students to **make connections** between subject areas, between in- and out-of-classroom learning experiences, and between each other and faculty members

(Shapiro & Levine, 1999)











# Why LLPs Work

- LLPs:
  - Promote academic success and persistence
  - Create a sense of connectivity and belonging
  - Foster a sense of shared learning and involvement



Sample list: Tinto & Goodsell, 1994; Terenzini et al., 1996; Magolda, 2004; MacGregor & Smith, 1992; Edwards et al., 2002; Matthews et al., 1997; Tinto, 1998





## **Key Outcomes**





# **Overview**

- 1. Retention gains and higher GPAs
- 2. Formation of a supportive community of peers
- 3. More engaging course structures and learning experiences
- 4. Greater student involvement in the university and increased engagement outside of the classroom
- 5. Gains in critical thinking



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# **Impact on Retention**

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# **Impact on GPA**

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### **Initiative 1: LLP Quality**





# **Composition of Task Force**

- Led by Colleges, Undergraduate Education, and Student Affairs
- Co-Chairs:
  - Dan O'Hair, Dean, College of Communication and Information
  - Ike Adams, Dean, College of Social Work









# **Goals/Deliverables**

- To discuss and make recommendations for the following areas:
  - Academic standards and quality of LLPs
  - Academic leadership and support structure needed for LLPs
  - Issues to consider in growth of LLPs
  - Assessment and measures of success of LLPs
  - Costs and sustainability of LLPs
  - Other issues







## **Next Steps**







#### **Initiative 2: Expansion**





# History of LLPs at UK



Programs in blue represent communities linked to a single academic unit.

- Programs in red represent communities linked to multiple academic units (interdisciplinary).
- Programs in green represent non-academic (i.e. themed) communities.
  - + Programs in plain text are communities that no longer exist.





# **Classes Taught in the Halls**

149 academic courses were taught in the residence halls during the fall 2013 semester. 1,498 students were enrolled in these courses.

A & S 100: 11 sections	ENG 230	HON 152: 2 sections	MA 137
A & S 300	FAM 654	HON 251: 6 sections	PHI 120
CHE 105: 5 sections	GER 101	HON 252: 3 sections	PSY 100
CIS 110: 2 sections	GEO 261	HON 301: 4 sections	SPA 103
CIS 191	HIS 104	ISC 471	SW 740
CLD 230	HIS 105	ITA 263	UK 101: 13 sections
CS 535	HIS 108: 2 sections	KHP 230	WRD 110: 9 sections
EDP 518: 4 sections	HIS 109: 2 sections	КНР 319	WRD 112: 2 sections
EDP 600	HON 100	MA 110	
ENG 207	HON 151: 3 sections	MA 114: 3 sections	





# **LLP Expansion**

• From 13 to 19 LLPs







## **LLP Expansion**

#### **UK LLP Program Expansion by Class Level**



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# **LLP Expansion**

- LLPs with the highest growth trajectory for 2014-15:
  - Engineering
  - Honors
  - Business
  - A & S Wired







#### **Initiative 3: Zone Concepts**





# Fall 2014

- Zone concept
- New programs becoming operational
- LLPs in Champions Court facilities:
  - Champions Court I
    - Engineering
    - Business
    - EDLIFE
    - CI Connect
    - iNet
  - Champions Court II
    - A & S Wired







#### **Innovative Classrooms**



*3* classrooms equipped to convert to collaborative cocurricular programming space in just *3* minutes.













