Theme Living Proposal Information

Residential Education and Dining Services
Stevenson-Griswold
440-775-8472

Residential Education and Dining Services offers students a housing opportunity called Theme Living.

Space may be allocated on a floor or in a section of a residence hall for groups of students who would like to form a living arrangement based on, but not limited to, broadly conceived interdisciplinary intellectual interests beyond the classroom in the arts and sciences; local or national community service; salient identity; and/or social or political interests of a wide variety (including international affairs, gender, or sexuality).

Groups are required to have an Oberlin College Faculty and/or Staff member as an official advisor. The advisor is expected to:

1. Plan and Implement with students at least one program or event a semester
2. Collaborate with other themes (where applicable) to organize an event that would further engage the community at large, academically, socially, and professionally.
3. Assist the group if conflict arrives between the group and the larger community
4. Meet with the Area Coordinator for Theme Living before the application is submitted and once each semester
5. Provide guidance to the student leadership for the theme on programming, training, and reflection
6. Attend at least one theme community meeting a semester with the floor
7. Meet with the theme student leadership council at least once a semester

The responsibilities of the Area Coordinator will be to:

1. Assist the group throughout the application process, including reviewing applications before the deadline for clarity
2. Work with the theme living group to set goals for each semester
3. Recommend whether the group is approved for reapplication
4. Participate in the renewal application process
5. Attend at least one theme community program or event a semester.

Groups should submit the proposal application to the Residential Education Office or via email to Tekikki Walker at twalker@oberlin.edu by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8th 2019. Approval of the proposal will be determined by the Area Coordinator in consultation with the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services. Approval will be for the next academic year only.
New Theme Living Proposal Application

On a separate sheet, please address each of the following in your renewal application:

1. Title of Theme Living Proposal

2. Name of Theme Leader (persons in charge of theme that are not an RA) and the best way to contact (e-mail, cell phone, etc.).

3. Please attach the signed Adviser Agreement Form

4. Please provide a general description of your theme floor.
   - What would you like to accomplish in the next academic year?
   - Give examples of activities that you will conduct with your members and how these activities will contribute to your overall goals for the floor
   - Describe what inspires your theme floor.

5. What types of spaces (e.g., kitchen, lounge, computer lab) do you need to accomplish your theme floor goals?

6. How will this living option foster interactions and discussion that might not happen without this dedicated setting?

7. Describe the selection criteria and process you will use for selecting students for this proposed theme.
   - Outline how you will designate a leadership council within your floor and what they would be responsible for
   - Interested students must fill out the Theme Housing Commitment Form for the 2019-2020 academic year, attach these completed forms to your proposal

Please Note:

- New themes (if approved) must create an application for interested residents and submit to Res Ed by February 15, 2019 at 5 pm. This will be posted on the Res Ed website and made available to residents after submission.
- All necessary forms can be found on the Theme page of the ResEd website
- A theme will need at least 10 interested students in order to be considered for approval
- If your proposal is accepted, all members who have filled out the Theme Housing form will be placed on the floor for the 2019-2020 academic year, removing them from the housing selection process
- Your theme leader and proposed adviser must meet with Tekikki Walker prior to the application deadline
- If you have any questions, please contact Tekikki Walker @ twalker@oberlin.edu