

VOICE AND ACTION LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Center for the Advancement of Women, the Division of Student Affairs, and the Women and Gender Studies program are offering a living learning residential experience for students with academic interests in gender justice advocacy. Voice and Action Community (VAC) residents represent the values of the university and exemplify what it means to be an unstoppable and determined member of society. VAC is the perfect home for anyone looking to join a thriving community full of dedicated students who are interested in policy, political science, civic engagement and advocacy, law, social justice, and community engagement. Residents will be eligible for additional \$2,500 housing scholarships.

Where: Chalon Campus

Eligibility:

- Any student with a major/minor in Women and Gender Studies (as of '21) and/or any of the humanities or social sciences with a demonstrated interest in women and gender studies.
- Any Honors Program student or GWSTEM honors student.
- Submission of a one-page essay that demonstrates an interest in women and gender studies, policy, political science, advocacy, law, social justice, or community engagement as it relates to her or their studies.

Prompt: Describe an event or experience (e.g., a class debate, an experience aboard, participation in a social movement, etc.) in your life that led you to the realization that gender justice matters. Based on your unique experience, what actions have you taken since then to demonstrate your interest in this area? Be as specific as possible.

- Good standing (academic and conduct) with the university.
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Fall 2021: priority given to first-year students and those with sophomore standing.

Academic Requirements:

2 units fall semester; 5 units spring semester.

Transfer students may be waived out of spring semester courses if they are bringing in an equivalent course(s). Students who are new to the LLC but have already taken a FYS 2 spring seminar other than the FYS 2W Women and Gender do not need to repeat FYS. Transfer students who are waived out of FYS do not need to take FYS in the spring semester to maintain standing in the LLC.

Year one for all Voice and Action students (first-year students OR first semester in VAC):

Fall:

- WST 01 "Action and Advocacy" (1 unit): This is a readings course designed to introduce students to international and domestic policy, policy solutions, social justice, law, protest, and/or advocacy.
- LWS 5 Leadership in Action (1 unit)

Spring:

- FYS 2W Women and Gender (2 units)
- WST 101: Intro to Women and Gender Studies (3 units)

All VAC students will be required to participate in six co-curricular activities per semester. These must be approved by the Director of the Center for the Advancement of Women (CAW). For students who would like to continue living in VAC, these are the only requirements post first year.

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