Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) at the University of Vermont are designed to integrate students’ residential and academic experiences by offering housing and courses built around a common theme. RLCs engage the whole student, tying together the intellectual, ethical, cultural, and social aspects of college life. By living together with fellow students who share common interests and ideals, the individual student becomes part of a community that is also tied to the greater world beyond the university. In addition, students, faculty, and staff are given the opportunity to interact outside the classroom, the lab, or the office, thereby encouraging the pursuit of knowledge as a lifetime activity.

Students in RLCs participate in a variety of activities that are designed to explore the theme of their community, including workshops, field trips, attending music and theatre performances, guest lectures, and participating in recreational and cultural activities. First-time students (and in some cases returning students) enroll in one-credit courses that supplement each community’s learning goals.

More information about these dynamic communities can be found in the UVM Housing Experience section of the Residential Life website.