RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Including Warren Ashby Residential College, Ione Grogan Residential College, and Cornelia Strong Residential College

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About

The Residential Colleges (Ashby, Grogan, and Strong) provide a small college environment within the large university setting, with the advantages of both available to students. Administered by the Residential Colleges Office in the University Teaching and Learning Commons, the Residential Colleges are curricular and co-curricular academic communities designed around high-impact educational practices and populated by first- and second-year students who live together in a residence hall and take a common core of general education and capstone courses around a particular concept such as social justice and contemporary media literacies (Ashby), professionalism and team-based learning (Grogan), or sustainability and hands-on research (Strong). Having been a part of the UNC Greensboro academic community since 1970, these innovative living-learning environments offer a full slate of general education courses in Minerva’s Academic Curriculum (MAC) in addition to a series of core courses that speak to and engage with a key concept that frames the curricular and co-curricular programming in each RC. The Residential College model is founded on the idea that students who engage with faculty, take classes together in small communities, and connect their intellectual and academic experiences to their lives and communities have a better chance at thriving in college, while learning to explore new ideas and asking how that knowledge might benefit others.

Open to first- and second-year students in every major on campus, the Residential Colleges help students develop a strong foundation in critical inquiry, writing, speaking, and problem solving, as well as personal and social responsibility. Rich in traditions, the Residential Colleges each maintain a series of annual signature events and unique academic and social programs. The following unique curricular foci and signature pedagogies/methodologies integrate the courses and learning experiences within each RC:

- **Ashby Residential College in Mary Foust Hall**
  - Curricular Focus: Social Justice and Contemporary Media Literacies
  - Signature Pedagogy/Methodology: Multi-literacies and Genre Work

- **Grogan Residential College in Grogan Hall**
  - Curricular Focus: Professionalism
  - Signature Pedagogy/Methodology: Project- and Team-Based Learning

- **Strong Residential College in Guilford Hall**
  - Curricular Focus: Sustainability
  - Signature Pedagogy/Methodology: Field Work and Hands-on Research

Vision

Drawing on our rich histories, the Residential Colleges offer students innovative and multidisciplinary courses, close working relationships with faculty, and leadership opportunities that encourage intellectual curiosity, personal development, and civic engagement. Additionally, the Residential Colleges provide opportunities for faculty to refine their teaching praxis through supported development in High-Impact Educational Practices (HIPs).

Requirements

Admission into one of the Residential Colleges is required for enrollment in courses and participation in co-curricular and social programs offered by the Residential Colleges. To apply for admission, incoming students respond to Residential College-specific questions on their university application. Once enrolled in the Residential Colleges, students may earn graduation cords and be eligible for awards and scholarships by fulfilling the following minimum requirements:

1. Fulfillment of RC-specific participation expectations, including residency in a Residential College
2. Completion of 6–9 credits of core RCO courses that meet the university’s Minerva’s Academic Curriculum (MAC) general education requirements
3. Completion of a capstone RCO course, including presentation of an undergraduate research project

Ashby Residential College

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Special events within the community.

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Ashby Residential College in Mary Foust

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range academic studies to communal issues and personal
development. Ashby upholds a tradition that fosters friendships, a
commitment to life-long learning, and a responsibility to the community.

Ashby Residential College fosters a holistic academic community
grounded in liberal education and multi-literacies. Our primary intellectual
and social commitments are to global engagement, social justice, and
multi-literacies, which includes sustainability, wellness, and global human
rights. Our innovative, multidisciplinary curriculum and self-governing
activities encourage students to:

• Integrate and apply knowledge to societal challenges with
  progressively higher levels of explorations and expectations;
• Organize, plan, and implement projects that foster personal
  development, innovation, leadership, and civic engagement; and
• Develop with faculty, staff, and alumni a strong and diverse
  community connected by a respect for individuality and a balance
  between public and private values.

Overview

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emphasize small-seminar classes that meet UNC Greensboro general
education requirements. In-house programs provide support in terms of
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Ashby Residential College Core Values

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Vision Statement

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Every semester, the Ashby curriculum includes approximately eighteen
courses taught by faculty from departments across campus. These
courses meet UNC Greensboro general education requirements as well as
requirements for a variety of majors. All students are asked to participate
in one of the ARC multidisciplinary core courses, which represent four
to five integrated courses from the Ashby curriculum, and to choose
another class from the other curricular offerings, which represent a wide
range of academic subjects. These seminars, along with varied types of
independent study and community service work, make up approximately
six hours of a student’s semester course load. The remaining semester
hours are taken within the greater university. Ashby students are not only
full members of UNC Greensboro, but are also encouraged to participate
in the life of the university.

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About

Grogan Residential College is a two-year, residential and academic
program that serves undergraduate students in all majors offered at UNC
Greensboro. Recognizing the changing realities of work, Grogan helps
students connect their passion, curiosity, and interests to their learning
and development as future professionals. Grogan offers a personalized
approach, project-based learning strategies, and opportunities for broad-
based leadership and professional development.

Grogan College also serves as a "teaching innovations lab" where UNC
Greensboro faculty develop new and more effective approaches to
teaching and learning. Through its unique residential environment,
dedicated faculty, innovative CORE courses and related experiential
learning opportunities, Grogan College helps students develop
perspectives, aptitudes, and skills needed for sustained professional
success in a changing world.

Mission Statement

Grogan Residential College fosters active lifelong learners and creative
future professionals.

Members of Grogan College:

• Take Grogan Core courses that connect passion and curiosity to
  learning and professional development.
• Live with other students who share similar academic and
  professional interests.
• Connect with faculty through courses, workshops, field experiences,
  and other programs.
• Engage with peer mentors.
• Develop a capstone portfolio that effectively communicates the value
  of their Grogan experience and articulates their future professional
  path.
Strong Residential College

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Strong Residential College, founded in 1994, fosters a holistic academic community grounded in liberal education with an intellectual commitment to sustainability and hands-on research.

Strong College strives to help students make connections to the larger, global landscape by focusing on creating sustainable social, economic, structural, aesthetic, and environmental futures through fieldwork research, reflection, and learning—an approach that ultimately threads observation and analysis into intentional connections between education and social responsibility.

Students in this closely knit community will take at least two core courses focused on sustainable communities during their four semesters in the program and will also have the option of taking Minerva’s Academic Curriculum (MAC) courses open only to Residential College students. In the fourth semester, students will complete independent capstone projects structured around the concept of sustainable communities. During the two years of the program, students will develop their leadership skills through participation in Strong College committees and will live in Guilford Residence Hall.