We promote intellectual and social engagement with a focus on creativity and a spirit of community interaction. Unit One offers academic courses; music lessons; a Guest-in-Residence program; arts and music studios; lectures and performances; and other educational activities, groups and events.

Students often perceive university education as a checklist of requirements. At Unit One, we encourage students to actively participate in defining and constructing their education.
ACADEMIC COURSES

There are many advantages to taking classes at Allen Hall. Classes are smaller and more interactive than other sections of the same course. Many classes fulfill general education requirements. Allen students get priority for enrollment.

Fine arts courses are accepted for the minor in Art + Design and have studios located within Allen Hall. Classmates are hall mates, making in-class discussion and out-of-class cooperation much better.

Instructors like to teach at Allen Hall and students have a better chance of getting to know their instructors. Instructors have resources available for informal meetings and out-of-class activities, like field trips, that enhance course material.

TAKE A UNIT ONE CLASS SCHEDULE TO YOUR MEETING WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR. REMIND THEM THAT YOU HAVE ACCESS TO UNIT ONE COURSES AND WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH GENERAL EDUCATION AND ELECTIVE CREDIT CLASSES.

MUSIC LESSONS

Students at all levels can take these private lessons for no additional fee. Most students study piano, voice, or guitar, but we try to find teachers for all instruments. Students can study any style of music.

We hold an online lottery during the first week of classes to allocate spaces. Students get twelve half-hour lessons per semester. They register for MUS 169; the course is graded S/U (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) on the basis of completing the twelve lessons.

We have three 24-hour music practice rooms with pianos, plus two other acoustic and two other electric pianos available to all Allen Hall residents.
You are invited to a special orientation for new Unit One/Allen Hall students. Most new residents -approximately 300- attend this orientation, which allows you to move in and get settled early.

Orientation is a great way to get a jump start on life in Allen Hall. It is designed to help you quickly meet other students, learn about the Unit One program, meet Allen Hall staff, and gain useful information for college life.

This year, move-in for orientation is on Tuesday, August 18. Orientation begins at 5p.m. on the 18th and runs through Thursday, August 20th.

Thursday is also the official move-in day for new undergraduate students. The U of I Welcome Days/Fall Orientation are Thursday through Sunday the 23rd. Returning students move in on Saturday; classes start on Monday, August 24.

The cost for the Unit One/Allen Hall orientation is $30. This pays for your pre-contract meals, housing, activities, and a t-shirt. Register by August 1 to receive a t-shirt.

Online registration will be accepted through August 16. After that you can register when you arrive.

http://go.illinois.edu/AllenOrientation

When you come to campus, a group of returning students known as “I-Guides” will help you move your stuff into your room. Park in the circle drive in front of Allen Hall and they will help you unload and move to your floor and room.

It is helpful if you label your boxes with your name and room number so that others can easily handle and identify them.

I-Guides are only on duty August 18 for new student orientation; they will not be available other days. On those days, carts are available for you to use. When you move in early -on the 18th- you avoid the traffic congestion of move in day for new undergraduate students on the 20th.
ORIENTATION FAQs

Can I arrive before Tuesday 8/18?
You can arrive as early as Sunday, 8/16 at noon, but must pay a $50 per night fee for every night before Tuesday if you participate in orientation, or Thursday if you do not. If you participate in orientation, the $30 fee covers your housing/meal expenses for Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

I am not able to attend all of orientation, or will arrive late; should I still register?
Yes! There is still plenty to take advantage of even if you cannot attend all of it, and it’s still a great opportunity to meet other residents.

Why is there a fee for orientation?
The fee helps to offset the costs and pay for activities and meals.

Is orientation mandatory for first year students at Unit One/Allen Hall?
No; orientation is not required but it is strongly encouraged. More than 90% of Allen Hall freshman participate in orientation. Those who do tend to feel more connected to the Allen Hall community and have reported having a better understanding of the resources available to them at Unit One/Allen Hall.

Where can I see a schedule for orientation?
We will mail a schedule to all first year students at the beginning of July. You can also see a schedule on the Unit One website: www.housing.illinois.edu/unitone Under “groups and programs”, click on new student information.

INFORMATION

Laura Haber, Program Director for questions about orientation and living in Unit One/Allen Hall unitone@illinois.edu

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Find out your roommate and room assignment in late July at www.housing.illinois.edu

See Allen Hall floor plans at www.housing.illinois.edu/unitone and click on facility information.