

7. **EWLLC Conference** (Spring): Towards the conclusion of the Academic Year, Asian Studies students, including those in the EWLLC may present their research from their Asia-related courses in a conference setting. Presentations will be in a formal setting and will include feedback from fellow students acting as discussants.

The above events are offered annually. However, residents of the EWLLC develop numerous additional activities with or without the support of the Asian Studies program and the faculty mentor. Activities that have been organized regularly in the past include joint meals based on the cuisine of Japan or China (or Korea etc.), karaoke trips to NYC, movie nights, outdoor activities and career events. Since many Community members are affiliated with on-campus clubs such as the International Student Union (ISU), the EWLLC promotes cross-fertilization amongst various student bodies and participation in events such as International Education Week.

While these events are organized within the EWLLC, they are open to non-residents as well.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO APPLY TO JOIN THE EWLLC

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AN OPPORTUNITY WORTH EXPLORING





WHAT IS THE EAST-WEST LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY?

The East-West Living and Learning Community (EWLLC) provides a format for students to immerse in the culture and language of the country (China/Japan) they are focusing on in their academic career. The EWLLC also provides students returning from a study abroad program and those with relatively advanced language skills a forum to practice, and maintain, their language skills.

The EWLLC offers a welcoming environment where students from different cultures and backgrounds have the opportunity to interact in a friendly environment, attracting both EWLLC residents and non-residents with a wide range of programming and language practice opportunities.

Recent graduates and alumni regularly comment on the significance of their involvement in the Community in both attracting them to New Paltz and Asian Studies, and providing them with a unique and memorable experience.

HISTORY

In 1974, SUNY New Paltz established an innovative learning environment that brought together students from the United States and Asia to live and learn together. The East-West Union included people who shared an interest in "Asia and Asians." The program was closed down and the opportunities for cross-cultural communication and enrichment it provided were lost for many years and many students.

Newly named the China-U.S. Living-Learning Community, the program was resurrected in 2011 with a focus on bringing together students from China to interact in a dormitory setting with domestic students studying Chinese language and culture. Having enjoyed immediate success, the program was renamed the East-West Living and Learning Community (EWLLC), and expanded to include Japanese students and those interested in Japanese language and culture as well.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

The EWLLC is based in the recently renovated Crispell Hall. It includes accommodations for 16 students. We strive to ensure a balance of Chinese, Japanese, and American students as well as males and females.

A SAMPLE OF THE PROGRAMS

1. **The Annual Welcoming Event** (late August/early September): EWLLC residents, Asian Studies faculty, students with an interest in Asia and invited guests gather in Crispell Hall to celebrate the start of the Academic Year, meet fellow students and faculty, and learn about planned initiatives for the coming year.
2. **Twice Annual Study Abroad Event** (Fall/Spring): In collaboration with the Center for International Programs, this is an opportunity for students to learn about study abroad opportunities across Asia from CIP administrators, recently returning students and faculty.
3. **Faculty-led Educational Events** (Fall/Spring): Once a semester, Asian Studies faculty are invited to the EWLLC to lead a discussion about their own research and/or creative work.
4. **Autumn Festival** (Fall): Working in close collaboration with the Asian Studies program, the autumn festival is an opportunity to celebrate the autumn with a variety of cultural approaches. In recent years we have drawn on Chinese, Korean and Indian traditions.
5. **Lunar New Year** (Spring): A major annual celebration. Again, working closely with the Asian Studies program, this festival is celebrated by drawing on traditions from across Asia.
6. **Farewell Event** (Spring): Towards the conclusion of the spring semester, the EWLLC holds an event to celebrate the conclusion of the Academic Year and bid farewell to residents who are graduating and/or departing for Asia.

