

BME/Biology Learning Community Program Details

LOCATION:	CYPRESS HALL 5 th FLOOR (Suites 501-509)
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GOAL:

The purpose of the BME/Biology learning community is to provide support both personally and academically for our BME/Biology resident students in their first year at NJIT. Residents will be able to take advantage of a wide variety of resources for academic and social success. In addition the staff will develop an environment in which the residents are supported and which allows the students to create connections with the department, and their peers on the floor.

STRUCTURE:

- The BME/Biology resident assistant selected to live on the floor is an upper class student that is an undergraduate student of the department.
- The residence coordinator is responsible for the direct supervision of the BME/Biology resident assistant.
- The department coordinator works closely with the Residence Life staff to promote a seamless connection between what the students are learning both in and out of the classroom.
- In order to live on the BME/Biology wing of Cypress Hall at least one resident in the room must be a registered undergraduate studying Biomedical Engineering or one of the Biological Sciences.
- The Residents on the floor are able to take advantage of special programs that are related to their field of study and of interest to BME/Biology students. Additionally the residents have the opportunity to be a part of a number of other community service, diversity, leadership, educational and social programs that are offered to all of our resident students.

BME/Biology Learning Community Programming Initiatives

Program	Date Range	Program Details
BME/Biology Resident Student Orientation Breakfast	Early September (First 2-weeks)	Learning community orientation breakfast. Residents have an opportunity to have breakfast with some of the faculty and staff of the BME/Biology Departments, discuss the various program tracks, and learn about the BMES – student society.
BMES Interest Session	Early September (First 2-weeks)	Representatives from the BMES student society will speak to the BME residents about membership in the BMES, requirements and benefits of membership.
Tech Games	Mid-September	A chance for the BME/Biology residents to bond in a series of events and games as part of Freshman Weekend. The floor team will have an opportunity to win money and prizes!
NJIT DAY	Early October	A NJIT tradition! The floor team will have an opportunity to win money and prizes while competing in the Highlander Games and other activities throughout the day.
Spring Registration	Early November	Faculty/Staff from the BME/Biology department are on hand to help the floor residents select their courses for the spring semester. They will also advise students on potential tracks in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biomaterials - Tissue Engineering - BioMechanics
Medical School Program	Early November	Students interested in going to medical school will have a chance to speak with current medical students regarding how to apply, what to take while an undergraduate, the MCATs, and other topics related to the admissions process.
Dental School Program	Late February	Students interested in going to dental school will have a chance to speak with current dental students regarding how to apply, what to take while an undergraduate, the DATs, and other topics related to the admissions process.
Bodies Exhibit NYC	Early March	Students will be able to visit the popular bodies exhibit in New York City. Students who reside on the BME/Biology learning community will receive discounted tickets.
Speakers/Lectures	Various	Students will attend various BME/Biology related lectures and seminars throughout the academic year.