Information Technology Residential College
SMART Classroom

By creating a high-tech learning and living environment for today’s tech-savvy students, LSU has become one of a handful of universities to offer a residential education program centered around information technology (I.T.). Made possible, in part, by funds from Governor M.J. “Mike” Foster’s information technology initiative, the I.T. Residential College in Graham Hall welcomed its first class in fall 2002. The program is a unique opportunity for incoming freshmen interested in learning computer applications to develop their I.T. skills and expertise, regardless of their academic backgrounds or focuses.

Throughout their freshman year, participants in the I.T. Residential College take specially designed courses that emphasize hands-on activities and the uses of many computer applications and technologies while living together in Graham Hall. For instance, the I.T. Residential College writing program offers training and practice in formal, professional writing, as well as development of I.T. skills through Web-based research, document design, and PowerPoint presentations.

The I.T. Residential College features two SMART classrooms (Shared Multimedia Access to Resources for Teaching). These state-of-the-art learning halls create new opportunities in teaching and learning by integrating computer, multimedia, and network technology, all in a wireless environment.

I.T. Residential College goals
• Enhance students’ technological skills
• Help students obtain technology-based jobs on- and off-campus, while pursuing an undergraduate degree
• Develop students’ ability to use technology in a variety of career fields and research settings
• Provide a distinct advantage for students upon entering the work force

As the latest addition in LSU’s ongoing development of its residential college programs, the I.T. Residential College creates a living/learning community designed to enhance the college learning experience.