



International House Constitution

House Mission:

The International House helps facilitate international student life at Franklin & Marshall. We firmly believe in the College's mission to explore the cultural world in which we live in a deep and meaningful way and we contribute to that by hosting a multitude of activities on campus.

The members of the International House aspire to contribute positively to our community by sharing the enriching experiences of the residents and others interested in a variety of cultures that compose our world. Students living in the International House are committed to fostering a sense of internationalism within and beyond the walls of the House. Furthermore, the International House, in conjunction with other groups on campus, seeks to promote and celebrate diversity.

The House also serves as a location for debates and discussions about issues situated in our local F&M setting, or in the broader global context. We understand these programs as contributing to increased integration between the international and American students on campus with the goal of promoting in our local environment greater international understanding.

Application for International House Residency:

Students interested in International Living must apply by the deadlines proposed by the College Residential Coordinator.

Existing International House members will choose representatives to assist in the evaluation of applications. These representatives will assess the applications based on the following priorities:

- 1 . The applicant should be devoted to promoting internationality at Franklin and Marshall.
2. The applicant should commit to becoming an active member of the I-House community.

The evaluation committee may also keep the following criteria in mind:

1. Applicant's involvement with the international community (whether on campus or in the city of Lancaster).
2. Applicant's involvement in on-campus activities.
3. Applicant's commitment to volunteerism.

Stipulations for Residency:

Residents living in the house must agree to live by all house rules.

Residents must help supervise at least one major house event and two smaller ones. "Major" events include International House dances, group dinners, or events co-sponsored by other clubs on campus. Past events have included House Dinners, Culture Corner, Co-sponsored International Club events etc. "Minor" events require a smaller time commitment, and may include activities such as supervising house movie nights or coffees.

Residents must commit to attending house meetings.

Residents must agree to maintain the cleanliness of all common spaces.

Should residents choose to live in the house for a second academic year, their eligibility will be based on their previous involvement in the house.

Roles within the I-House:

Housing Coordinator: Oversees all house activities and possible room reservations. Further roles as stipulated by college housing.

Club Liaison: Connects with various clubs and organizations on campus and assists in coordinating events with these clubs. Presents opportunities for house members to be involved in these clubs.

Volunteer Coordinator: Helps organize a volunteer activity for house members.

Meetings:

The Housing Coordinator should arrange for the I-House members to meet at least biweekly as the schedule permits.

Meetings must be attended by all members unless the chosen meeting time conflicts with class schedules. The Housing Coordinator should be notified in advance of any such conflicts.

House dinners can replace the traditional house meeting

Amendments:

If three or more current International House members feel there is a need to alter this Constitution in anyway, they must call a meeting to discuss possible amendments. A majority vote is needed to pass any changes to the Constitution.