

What is a Peer Mentor?

Peer Mentors are integral to the First-Year Experience. Peer Mentors serve as role models for first-year students, and they help these new students integrate into the college community. Peer Mentors are selected for their academic engagement, their integrity\*, and their positive and helpful attitude. Their job is to model creative, intellectual inquiry and to steer first-year students in appropriate directions when they need help navigating curricular and co-curricular challenges and opportunities.

Peer Mentors support both the first-year students in their seminars and the faculty member who is teaching the seminar. They may be sophomores, juniors, or seniors, and they may live in the residence halls or off-campus. Wherever they reside, they make themselves available to new students regularly throughout the semester.

What is required of Peer Mentors?

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Sometimes, however, a faculty member does not have an individual student in mind, and/or an invited student is unavailable due to scheduling issues, study abroad, etc. In that case the faculty member may request, from the FYE Office, the files of any students who have applied independently. Students applying independently must submit an application (