“The learning community works well for me. I like how most of the classes work together, like Basic Writing Skills and Psychology, for example. We usually see and work with the same people on the assignments.”

Jovanny Aviles
Learning Community student

[I appreciate] “having the same people in each class because all of us have a bond now and study together.”

Kristin Neil
Learning Community student

“It is good that instructors with different perspectives and approaches have jumped out of our silos to work together in the learning communities for a common goal.”

Dr. Doug Sanders
Assistant Professor
Psychology of Adjustment
WHAT IS A LINKS LEARNING COMMUNITY?

At SUNY Orange, a learning community is a select group of 20 first-time students who take three of the same courses together. This group of students spend time together, study together, are challenged together and succeed together.

Learning communities work! Research shows that students who take part in learning communities earn higher grades, make friends faster, and graduate at higher rates than students who do not participate in learning communities.

WHAT ARE ITS BENEFITS?

- Boost your chances of academic success
- Receive a $150.00 book voucher
- Tutorial fee waiver
- Earn higher grades
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Develop career skills
- Learn goal setting & time management skills
- Form new friendships
- Adjust to college life
- Participate in two learning assistance sessions each week

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Links is offered to first-time, full-time freshmen who assess into Basic Writing 2 with no developmental reading requirement.

SUNY Orange Mission: We are a community of learners dedicated to reaching out to and enriching the lives of Orange County citizens through the highest quality education possible.

SUNY Orange is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.