



# Hong International Hall A Community of Language and Culture Houses

*2009 - 2010 Application*

This application is to be used by students who are **NEW** to HIH.

*In these times, the Hong International Hall community creates a supportive home and a hopeful environment that challenges residents and the campus to become fluent in languages and conversant with international issues. Hong International Hall thus promotes global awareness through intentional language immersion and cultural engagement.*

Hong International Hall (HIH) houses six international communities: one for each of the modern languages taught at PLU (Chinese, French, German, Norwegian and Spanish) and one for students pursuing PLU’s International Honors. All residents of HIH have the following eligibility requirements:

- Ongoing enrollment in coursework in the target language. Students with exceptional life experience and language fluency may be exempted.
- Commit to the community agreement regarding daily use of the house language in designated spaces.
- Active participation in House and Hall programs.

## APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

1. All students applying for housing in HIH must also complete a standard PLU housing application.
2. All applicants must complete the application below.
3. Incoming PLU students must also provide a letter of reference. Contact Residential Life Office staff for details.
4. For the first round of consideration, those applying for the 2009-2010 academic year must submit their application and questions to Residential Life by: 04/24/09, 5:00pm. Second round of consideration will closely follow. Applications for Spring 2010 must be submitted to Residential Life by: TBD.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Applying to reside in (rank order all that apply):

Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ French \_\_\_\_\_ German \_\_\_\_\_ Norwegian \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Int’l Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Type your responses to the following questions and attach them to this application. Responses need not exceed more than 100 words total per question.

- A) What interests you about residing in Hong?
- B) Describe how your interests and/or experience in international education and living amongst other cultures would affect your approach to living in community.
- C) Describe the extent of your education in the target language, as well as any other language / cultural education.
- D) Define your understanding of “community.” How have your experiences, interests, skills, etc. prepared you to participate in the HIH community?

## HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Residential Life staff and Languages & Literature faculty will work together to make assignments to the Houses within HIH. Assignments will be made from the pool of eligible applicants and be based on available space, responses to the questions and references from current and former language instructors.

### For additional information, contact the faculty/staff member listed below:

- Chinese:** Associate Professor Paul Manfredi, 535-7216, manfredi@plu.edu
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