



The Graduate Commons program, created by Harvard Real Estate Services in collaboration with Harvard Graduate and Professional schools, provides a housing experience that balances the need for privacy and convenience, while providing opportunities for cross-discipline collaboration and social interaction outside of the classroom, fostering a greater sense of community for the Harvard Graduate student population.

This three-year pilot program is led by two Senior Faculty members, known as Faculty Directors, living in our two properties, 10 Akron and 5 Cowperthwaite. Directors work closely with the Program Coordinator and four student Community Advisors, selected each spring, as well as with the entire Graduate Commons community, totaling over 300 residents from all Harvard Graduate and Professional schools.

### First-Year Program Sampling

- “Meet the Scholar” Lecture Series
  - Fall series – Professor Kamarck (HKS), Professor Bilmes (HKS), Dean Allan Brandt (GSAS), Dr. David Carrasco (HDS/FAS) and Dr. Brian Gill (Mathematica, Inc)
  - Spring series - Professor Max Bazerman (HBS) and Professor Nicholas Christakis (HMS/FAS), Author/Scholar Susan Ware and Prof. Jennifer Lerner (HKS)
- Fireside Chats
  - Professor Anthony Aveni of Colgate University
  - Visiting Professor Michael D. Jackson of Harvard Divinity School
- Sushi Rolling Party
- Day of the Dead Altar Creation
- Salsa Dancing
- Outings: Wrentham Outlet Mall, Salem, MA Halloween Happenings, New Hampshire Camping Trip
- Harvard/Yale Tailgate Event
- Musician Jam Sessions
- Weekly Yoga Classes
- Holiday Ball with student performances
- Holiday Food Drive
- Service Day (planned Spring 2009)
- Recycling/Energy Usage competitions (planned Spring 2009)

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