



In 1930, the Department of Home Economics opened the Home Management House for seven Home Economics students enrolled at Ball State University. The first house was owned by Harry Howick, Ball State's Dean of Men, and was rented by the department. Over the years, there were nine different houses.

The Home Management House students lived in the houses for an entire quarter, where they cooked, cleaned, adhered to a weekly budget, shopped for groceries, participated in child-rearing, and entertained local and administrative guests. The women rotated their responsibilities weekly, allowing each student to experience a variety of household duties. In addition to the students, each house included an advisor.

The purpose of the Home Management House program was to teach these women to apply skills learned in the classroom before becoming home economists or home economics teachers.

Home Management House program was phased out during the winter quarter of 1987.



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EVOLUTION OF IMMERSIVE LEARNING...

From the Home Economics Home Management House, to the Maplewood Mansion Learning Lab

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IMMERSIVE LEARNING PROJECTS seek to meet the following criteria:

- carry academic credit
- engage participants in an active-learning process that is student-driven but guided by a faculty mentor
- produce a tangible outcome or product such as a business plan, policy recommendation, book, play, or DVD
- involve at least one team of students, often working on a project that is interdisciplinary in nature
- include community partners and create an impact on the larger community as well as on the student participants
- focus on student learning outcomes
- help students define a career path or make connections to a profession/industry



Maplewood Mansion is one of the original Ball Family homes, located in the Minnetrista Boulevard Historic District of Muncie, Indiana, about two miles from the Ball State University campus. Through a partnership established in 2017 between Ball State University, Ball Brothers Foundation, and Indiana University School of Medicine, Maplewood Mansion Learning Lab was established with these goals:

- To provide short-term housing for medical students completing their educational requirements at Ball Memorial Hospital;
- To provide these medical students with an exceptional Muncie experience that encourages them to return to the area after graduation to live and work;
- To provide immersive learning experiences for Ball State University students.

Students in advanced Residential Property Management classes have completed a variety of projects to address these goals:

- Career apparel
- Resident handbook
- Mission/Vision/Values
- Forms and procedures
- Inventory of furnishings
- Social media sites, Logo
- Welcome gifts for residents
- Updates to common spaces
- Rotating student leadership roles
- Responding to fictitious "on call" situations



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