

Gender Inclusive Housing

First-Year Housing, Resident Life, Dining & Conference Services

What is gender inclusive housing? And why is it offered?

GIH was created to meet the needs of all students by nurturing an atmosphere where everyone can be most comfortable with whom they live. Not all students are comfortable with living arrangements that are assigned solely based on biological sex. It is important that the residential community has an atmosphere that values diversity, social justice, and promotes the dignity of all people. Therefore, first-year students that are interested in this housing option may be placed with another student regardless of biological sex or gender identity who has expressed an interest as well.

Who is eligible for gender inclusive housing?

All incoming students are eligible. First-year and incoming transfer students will be auto-assigned through the housing portal. Students who are interested in living in a GIH room/suite should indicate such on the last question of the lifestyle questionnaire.

Do I need to apply for gender inclusive housing?

There is no special application process for this housing option. Students choosing GIH follow the same process as those choosing the single sex option. Incoming freshman can indicate interest in GIH on their lifestyle questionnaire and will be placed with other first-year student(s) who also indicate interest.

Is there an area that is set aside for gender inclusive housing or can I live anywhere?

There are no wings, floors or buildings that are exclusively gender inclusive, in order to create a vibrant and diverse community.

If I choose gender inclusive housing, will I definitely get it?

Although the goal is to accommodate everyone's needs, there are times when that is not possible and remaining housing spaces must be filled. Gender inclusive housing is not an exception to the rule. In some cases, we may be unable to honor the request for gender inclusive housing due to space limitations.

Who decides who I will live with, and how will a vacancy in a GIH unit be filled?

Incoming freshman are auto-assigned to a space with a roommate via the housing database. If a space opens up in a gender inclusive unit, a staff member from Housing Operation or Residential Life will reach out to discuss an alternate roommate, but both the potential roommate and the occupants of the unit must be comfortable living together. It may be necessary in certain circumstances for residents to be relocated to ensure the best use of the space.