

Gender Neutral Housing



Gender Neutral Housing refers to apartments where students of any sex or gender may live together sharing common living space, including the living room, bathroom, and kitchen.

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Would you be interested in living with friends of another sex or gender?

Initially suggested and coordinated by members of the Residence Hall Association, the Office of Residence Life launched a pilot program for Gender Neutral Housing for the 2009-2010 academic year. This pilot program included only students who were seniors for the 2009-2010 academic year. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the program was opened to juniors, and for the 2011-2012 academic year, we opened the program up to sophomores as well.

The gender neutral housing program allows students to reside in on-campus apartments, townhouses and suites with students of a different gender. Housing in each bedroom will be "same sex", however within an apartment, students of different sexes or genders may live together. For instance, in a two bedroom apartment, two women and two men may apply to be housed together.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for Gender Neutral Housing?

Students who will have sophomore status and higher who intend to reside on campus for the entire 2017-2018 academic year are eligible to apply. Applicants should be in good academic standing with a minimal judicial history.

How do I apply?

Applications are available on the Residence Life website www1.wne.edu/residencelife. Applications are due on Friday, February 24th.

Does my group have to do an interview?

No. In order to make Gender Neutral Housing more accessible to students, we have eliminated the interview portion of the process. Applications will be accepted based upon meeting the stated standards for Gender Neutral Housing (good academic standing, minimal judicial history and having an appropriate number of people in the group).

Where can I live if accepted to the program?

Gender Neutral Housing apartments, suites and townhouses will be available in Southwood Hall, Evergreen Village, Gateway Village, LaRiviere Center and Plymouth Complex. Groups must completely fill to capacity the type of apartment/suite/townhouse requested. Groups, once accepted, will have the ability to select their own apartment/suite/townhouse through a selection process based upon the priority ranking of each group.

Where can I get more information?

More information will be available at the scheduled information session and through the Residence Life website. Additionally, groups who apply will be in contact with a representative from the Office of Residence Life and will have the opportunity to seek any further information they need.

Gender Neutral Housing Timeline:

Applications Available:

January 15th

Information Session:

February 10th at 2PM
in Senate Chambers

HMA/My Future Room Link Live:

February 15th

Applications Due:

February 24th

Accepted Applications Contacted:

By March 6th

Housing Verification Payment Due:

Wednesday, March 8th

Gender Neutral Housing Room Selection:

During the room selection process.

For More Information
Contact the
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