

Gender Inclusive Housing at West Chester University

FAQ

1. What does Gender Inclusive housing mean?

Students are able to match up with a roommate whose gender or gender identity may or may not match theirs. Even students with a same-gender roommate may choose this option to be near friends who are in a mixed-gender pair living on this wing.

2. Where is Gender Inclusive housing located?

The College Arms Apartment complex and one wing in Killinger Hall have been designated as Gender Inclusive.

3. What is different about the wing in Killinger?

One of the bathrooms on this floor is designated as non-gendered. There are three other bathrooms on the floor (2 female, 1 male.)

4. Can I live with my significant other/romantic partner in this environment?

We highly recommend that you do NOT live with your significant other/romantic partner.

5. Do I have to tell you why I chose Gender Inclusive housing?

No. We think it's important that students can have this choice without disclosing their gender identity and/or sexual orientation to the housing staff. We might ask you, in an anonymous survey format, at some point in the future about your reason(s) for choosing this option to help us better serve students in the future. You won't be required to respond to the survey, and we won't track responses.

6. Are there any different expectations for this Gender Inclusive community?

We will ask all students assigned to this community to sign a supplemental agreement, and one of our statements is regarding being a positive community member. The Gender Inclusive option is being offered because the LGBTQA community on campus has requested this type of housing option.

7. How do I apply for Gender Inclusive housing?

For College Arms, just apply during the regular application process in November–December. We'll ask students to complete the supplemental agreement at the time the occupancy agreement is signed.

For Killinger, returning students complete a North Campus Traditional Room Selection application. On that application, you can indicate your interest in Gender Inclusive housing. If we are able to offer you a space, we will provide you with additional instructions for selecting your room and completing the supplemental agreement. First-year students should e-mail housing@wcupa.edu for up-to-date information.

8. Can students be randomly assigned a roommate of the opposite sex?

No. When filling spaces, the Office of Residence Life and Housing Services will make assignments based on legal gender.

9. What if a student chooses to live with someone of the opposite biological sex or gender identity and becomes uncomfortable with the situation?

Our established room change process allows for reassignment in any living situation where there is a problem that cannot be resolved.