



UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

Gender Neutral Housing Application

Gender Neutral housing is defined as a housing option where students may share a suite, in mutual agreement, regardless of the students' biological sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Gender neutral housing is intended to provide a more inclusive housing environment for students who may identify as transgender, gender non-conforming (individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender) and of varied sexual orientations. Consequently, gender neutral housing is not co-ed housing and is not open to all students.

Students interested in Gender Neutral housing must submit a secondary application and participate in a meeting with the Associate Director of Residential Education.

Students selected to be part of this community will be expected to make positive contributions to the suite such that it is inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientation identities.

Space is limited. Interested students should participate in regular housing application process should they wish to live in housing regardless.

For more information, please visit our website at:

<http://sites.laverne.edu/housing/experience-and-living-learning-communities/gender-neutral-community/>

Background Information

Legal First Name: _____ M.I. ____ Legal Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Student ID #: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Class Year: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th+ Grad

Location and Room Style Preference

Gender Neutral Housing will be located in the following location: Vista La Verne.

Preferred Room Capacity (Please Check): Single ____ Double ____

Please Note: You are **not** required to provide any identifying information relating to sex or gender. You are welcome to provide information which may be helpful in placing you with a compatible roommate or suitemates. This information will be treated as confidential and will be kept only in Student Housing and Residential Education for a limited time.

What is your gender identity:

Male ____ Female ____ Transgender ____ Other _____

What is your biological sex:

Female ____ Male ____ (over)

Extended Response Questions

(please attach a separate document if needed)

1. Please provide additional information you feel comfortable sharing about your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or biological sex to help us in the housing assignment process.

2. Why are you interested in the Gender Neutral Housing community? Why is it important for you to live in a gender neutral environment?

3. How would you contribute to an inclusive environment around gender expression and sexual orientation:

Gender Neutral Housing Community Contract

(To be completed with the Gender Neutral Housing Application)

Contract Terms

As part of the Gender Neutral living community, I agree:

- To abide by all regulations as outlined in the Student Housing Handbook, and respect the purpose of the Gender Neutral Housing Community, as stated in the definition.
- To contribute positively to the community by offering support and encouragement for the living environment.
- To respect my floor members' different motivations for choosing this living option.
- To use inclusive and socially just language within and outside of the living space.
- To consciously practice habits that contribute to safe community living.
- To embrace and learn from experiences different from my own.
- To actively participate in community events including, but not limited to, floor meetings, socials and building wide programs.
- To support social justice and diversity initiatives launched from within the community.
- To educate my guests about community expectations and values.

Community Expectations

The success of the community and the fulfillment of its mission are dependent upon full participation of all members. Residential Housing will ask students who violate these agreements to meet with the senior staff member in the hall (Residence Life Coordinator) to evaluate the student's impact on the gender neutral suite.

I have read the above and understand my responsibilities as a member of the suite. I understand that noncompliance with this contract may result in my relocation to another space on campus.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by May 1st

Applications should be submitted to:

Eugene Shang, Associate Director of Residential Education, at the Student Housing and Residential Education Office in Oaks B-Bottom or via email at eshang@laverne.edu.

For questions about Gender Neutral Housing, please call Eugene Shang at (909) 593-3511 x4963