FAQ for Trans* and/or Gender Nonconforming Students

Is gender identity and expression a protected category at Dartmouth?
Yes. Dartmouth College includes gender identity and expression in its policies against
discrimination and sexual harassment. Additionally, the Athletics department has adopted
the NCAA Policy on Transgender Student-Athlete Participation. Trans and Gender
Nonconforming students are also protected by Title IX, a federal law protecting sex
discrimination in educational institutions.

What do I do if I experience or witness bias or discrimination?
Report any form of bias or discrimination to a Dean in the Office of Pluralism or Leadership
or the Undergraduate Deans Office. You can also file an electronic Bias Impact Report.
Information reported on this form may be submitted anonymously and is considered
confidential to the extent permitted by law and/or consistent with the mission of the
College and its Standards of Conduct. To learn more about what is bias, how to prevent it,
and how to intervene, visit the End Bias at Dartmouth webpage.

Does Dartmouth College have gender-inclusive/gender neutral facilities?
Dartmouth has a number of single-unit bathroom, shower, and changing rooms across
campus that are accessible to people of all gender identities and expressions. Many of
these are also ADA accessible. For locations and details, please view the Gender-Inclusive
Facilities @ Dartmouth Map.

Does Dartmouth College have gender-inclusive residence halls or communities?
Dartmouth College seeks to provide a living environment welcoming to all gender
identities. First year students living as a gender not listed on their official academic
records may contact the Assistant Dean and Advisor to LGBTQ+ Students and Allies, Dr.
Reese Kelly, or staff members in the Undergraduate Housing Office for help finding a
suitable living arrangement. After the first year experience, students may apply to live on
the Gender Neutral Programming Floor where students of any gender can room together
and where residents can learn about and explore gender identity and expression in a
supportive environment.

May I change my name and/or gender marker on my academic records or the class roster?
Please see the Assistant Dean and Advisor to LGBTQ+ Students and Allies, Dr. Reese Kelly,
or Associate Registrar for Curriculum and Graduation, Michael Blumenauer, for help
navigating student records systems.

If I have trans*-associated health needs, are there College resources available?
If a student wishes to receive health care for trans*-associated needs, they can make a
medical, nutritional, or counseling appointment with the Dartmouth College Health
Service, Dick’s House. The current Co-Director of Health Services and a Primary Care

Created by Reese C. Kelly, Ph.D.
Provider, Jack Turco, MD, is an Endocrinologist who has been providing medical care and support for trans* people in the Upper Valley for well over a decade. He is also the head Endocrinologist for the Transgender Clinic at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center located just down the road from Dartmouth, in Lebanon, NH.

**Does Dartmouth College student health insurance cover hormone therapy and/or gender confirming surgeries?**

Yes to both. The Dartmouth Student Group Health Plan includes coverage of hormone therapy, gender confirming surgeries, and related medical expenses. Jack Turco, MD at Dick's House will help manage and administer hormones. For more information on gender-confirming surgeons and surgery options, see Dr. Turco at Dick's House or Assistant Dean and Advisor to LGBTQ+ Students and Allies, Dr. Reese Kelly. For more information about health insurance coverage, co-pays, and submitting claims, contact DSGHP by email or phone: 603-646-9438.

**Are there any other trans*-identified members of the Dartmouth community?**

Yes. There are usually a handful of self-identified trans* students who are "out" in the community each year. In addition, the Assistant Dean and Advisor to LGBTQ+ Students and Allies in the Office of Pluralism and Leadership, Dr. Reese Kelly, is an "out" queer FTM trans man.

**How should I answer questions about “sex” or “gender” on official College documentation?**

- The student should answer how the student self-identifies their gender identity. For example, if you self-identify as a Transwoman, that would be your response on a Dartmouth College document (or you may choose not to answer at all).

- The federal government does require Dartmouth to collect demographic information on a student’s “sex” at several points (e.g., on applications to programs) and requires an answer of either “male” or “female” for federal purposes. Please answer with the option that matches your current federal documents (e.g. passport or birth certificate). If the sex listed on these documents is not the same (some birth certificates cannot be changed), please defer to the most up-to-date document (usually the passport).

- Federal financial aid for a trans* individual is also complicated because of the issue of Selective Service. A student sexed male at birth (regardless of current gender status), is required to register with the Selective Service within thirty days of their 18th birthday to be considered for government benefits. They are also required to register with their legal name AND any name change. Because the FAFSA is based on sex assigned at birth, that form needs to be filled out in accordance with federal laws. More information can be found at: [http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/lgbtfafsa.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/lgbtfafsa.phtml).

*On this document trans* is used to denote any individual who has shifted away from their assigned sex or gender. It is generally considered a more inclusive descriptor than transgender, transsexual, or genderqueer.