

# Gender Neutral Housing — Frequently Asked Questions

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## Gender Neutral Housing

A guiding principle behind room draw is the ability of individuals to select their own room and roommate (s). Gender neutral housing is an additional option provided by Dartmouth, one not limited by the traditional gender binary. It seeks to provide housing options welcoming to all gender identities and expressions. Gender neutral housing allows for same-gender, opposite-gender or other-gender identities to live together regardless of biological sex. Two gender neutral housing options are available: specific Gender Neutral Apartments and Suites selected at Room Draw and the Gender Neutral Program Floor (McLane ground floor) for which individuals can also apply.

## Gender Neutral Apartments and Suites

### What are the Gender Neutral Apartment and Suites?

The Gender Neutral Apartment and Suites are select room types such as apartments, suites, quads, and singles with connecting bathrooms that will be designated gender neutral.

### Where do I find out what apartments and suites are designated gender neutral?

Gender Neutral Apartments and Suites will be highlighted green on the residence hall floor plans. Specific rooms are posted on the ORL communities website, <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/housing/communities/>.

### How do I select a Gender Neutral Apartment or Suite?

Gender Neutral Apartments and Suites are available at Room Draw on a “first come, first serve” basis dependent upon seniority and priority number. The room needs to be filled to capacity, so all roommates should attend Room Draw at the time of the person with the best priority number. While a degree of flexibility may be available at Room Draw, it isn’t guaranteed that all individuals seeking gender neutral housing will be able to obtain gender neutral housing.

### What happens if I go to Room Draw and all the Gender Neutral Apartments and Suites are gone?

Please talk to Rachael, Murray, or Gwen to see if there are any options. As with all housing options, please prepare multiple additional options should your primary, gender-neutral housing option no longer be available.

## Gender Neutral Program Floor

### What is the Gender Neutral Housing Program Floor?

The Gender Neutral Program Floor is a special-interest living community where residents can learn about and explore gender identity and expression in a supportive environment. Individuals must apply and be accepted to participate in this program floor. It is located on McLane ground floor.

### How do I apply for the Gender Neutral Program Floor?

Similar to an affinity program, applicants will need to fill out a separate Gender Neutral Housing application form. This form is a word form that one can download, complete, and return to the ORL Housing Office the posted deadline. The form is available at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/housing/forms/>.

### How do I best answer the application questions to get onto the Program Floor?

Be honest. We are looking for individuals with a genuine interest in gender exploration, identity and expression. Interactive and supportive members are essential to the success of the community.

### Who selects and assigns room/roommate(s) for the residents for the Gender Neutral Program Floor?

Applications will be processed by the Program Advisor and representatives from Undergraduate Housing Office, the Gender Neutral Housing Committee, and/or Residential Education. Roommates can be requested on the application form but are subject to program acceptance and space availability. Information provided on these forms will be kept confidential and will be used only to aid in assignments of rooms and roommates.

### What if I apply for the Gender Neutral Program Floor and I’m not selected?

This does not mean you may not be a good candidate; however, there are only a limited number of available spaces. If you wish to live on campus, room selection would be through the Room Draw process. You can also request to be on the Program Floor waitlist by blitzing “keys1@dartmouth.edu”.

More Information on Gender Neutral Housing is available at the ORL Room Draw website:  
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/housing/room-draw/>

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