

# **University of Pittsburgh at Titusville**

## **Gender Neutral Housing Policy**

Gender neutral housing is a process that permits students to live with other students of their choice, regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression.

### **Selection Process**

During room selection, students who are eligible to live in our designated gender neutral housing will be permitted to select any student as a roommate, regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. One townhouse will be eligible for gender neutral housing. Students who select gender neutral housing will follow the same application and selection process as all students, including application deadline of May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are limited spaces, so you must apply early. These are on a first come first serve basis.

In order to select a gender neutral space, students must meet the application deadline so they can participate in room selection. Students that apply after the housing application deadline will be placed into same-sex units based on the student's documented biological sex as space permits. Information regarding gender neutral housing will be included in housing application and room selection material.

Housing and Residence Life reserve the right to review all requests, and will approve on a case by case basis. Housing and Residence Life recommend that romantic couples (regardless of sexual orientation) not live together.

Before room selection is complete, housing staff will meet with students who have chosen the gender neutral housing option in order to further clarify the process for filling vacancies and to answer any questions the students may have.

### **First-Year Students**

First year students, including first-year transfer students, will be assigned housing based on documented biological sex. Transgendered students may contact the Director of Housing and Residence Life to discuss housing options and must receive approval to live in gender neutral housing. If a transgender student requests a roommate that is not the same biological sex, the requested roommate must confirm their desire to live together as roommates in a gender neutral space.

### **Vacancies**

If a roommate cancels their housing or moves out of the room/apartment for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) will be given an opportunity to identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The window of time to select a new roommate will vary depending on the time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. Typically, roommates will be allowed a minimum of 48 hours to identify another eligible roommate. If the student(s) need an extension beyond the housing selection or room change period, approval must be obtained from the Graduate Resident Directors and/or Director of Housing and Residence Life. If another roommate is not identified within the approved time period, Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to revert the space to single-sex, which may require students to relocate, or to require any student occupying the room individually to pay the fee to remain in a single room. Room type match cannot be guaranteed for relocated students.