

Gender Inclusive Housing (GIH) is represented in each major building style: apartments, suites and traditional. Here at Fitchburg State, GIH means that we have housing spaces in identified residence halls where residents can be assigned to the same apartment, suite or floor that does not factor in gender identification.

At Fitchburg State a distinction is made between GIH and Gender Neutral. Gender Neutral would refer to two or more people with different gender identification living in the same bedroom space. We do not have that style of housing at this time. Additional information on how GIH operates within each building style for new and current residents is provided below.

Apartments

Upon request to the department, residents can be housed in a gender inclusive apartment. With the exception of a few spaces, the majority of the apartments consist of single bed rooms. All bathrooms are single user facilities. Residents will be provided an opportunity during the Current/Resident Student Housing Application process to sign-up for Gender Inclusive Housing. Apartments and/or *Apartment structured housing: *Cedar Street House, Simonds Hall, and Townhouse Apartments.

Suites

Similarly to the apartments, residents will notify the department of their interest in Gender Inclusive Housing. The majority of suites are double bed spaces. The actual bedroom spaces are based on same gender identification. The suite can have residents with different gender identifications. Mara 8 is the residential building where this program is located. Bathrooms are single user facilities.

Traditional

Within our traditional housing setting, Gender Inclusive Housing is primarily located in Russell Towers. Russell Towers consists of 4 towers (A, B, C, D) The majority of the spaces in Russell Towers are double bed spaces. For the actual bedroom, they follow both residents having same gender identification. The GIH is assigned to the B Tower. Within the B Tower, there are 6 floors that have a single user bathroom in addition to the general floor bathrooms. Also, there are a limited number of rooms within Russell Towers and Herlihy Hall that have a bathroom inside the room.

Russell Towers also hosts the LGBTQIA+ Residential Learning Community (RLC). All members of the community are invited to take part. The community is assigned the B Tower as the host floor and then expanded across the same floor but different towers (i.e. 6th Floor A Tower, 6th Floor B Tower, 6th Floor C Tower, and 6th Floor D Tower).

Was all of this information too much? Did it spark additional questions? Is this just confusing? Don't worry, reach out to us (housing@fitchburgstate.edu and 978-665-3219). Each student's needs and experiences are different. We want to help you find the fit that you believe will be best for you!