



MINOT STATE GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING POLICY

Minot State is committed to offering supportive and inclusive communities to all our residents. Gender Inclusive Housing supports Minot State's nondiscrimination policy with respect to sex, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity.

Gender Inclusive Housing is available to all prospective and current students that are eligible to live on campus. Gender-inclusive housing reduces assumptions about gender identity surrounding housing assignments on campus. Gender-inclusive housing includes students who are transgender, non-binary, questioning their gender identity, who are not comfortable with a same-sex roommate, or do not want a same-sex roommate. Gender Inclusive housing offers more options than traditional co-ed housing.

Gender Inclusive Housing is an optional housing program, provided in our suite-style buildings with two rooms sharing a bathroom and shower facility. Students wishing to live in Gender Inclusive housing will mutually select roommates or suitemates and select their rooms during the established room selection processes that occur during the spring semester. When selecting to live in Gender Inclusive Housing, each resident holds a shared responsibility of creating an environment in which all residents are respected and valued- regardless of age, size, gender, sexual orientation, identity, identity expression, disability, race, ethnicity, color, creed, national origin, cultural background, socio-economic status, or religious affiliation or conviction.

Process for Gender-Inclusive Assignment

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1. Indicate "yes" to the question about Gender Inclusive Housing on the Residence Hall application.
2. Agree to live in a gender-inclusive environment to a room assignment in which a mutual roommate assignment will be made without consideration to the individual's sex, gender, or gender expression.

3. If there is a requested roommate, students will have the option to identify the student with whom they wish to live. Roommate requests must be mutual.
4. If available, contact information (e-mail) can be provided to all students requesting a gender-inclusive assignment. Students are encouraged to connect with each other and request each other as roommates through the room selection process.
5. Students are able to select an available room/suite in Lura Manor or Crane Hall that will make an entire suite Gender Inclusive, during room assignment process.

Conditions for Participation in Gender-Inclusive Housing

1. The following are conditions applicable to students who elect to live in a gender-inclusive housing option and reside with a person of a different gender (regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression). The student acknowledges that they understand the terms of the policy and conditions and agree to be bound by them
2. Students must apply with their prospective roommate(s) following the same processes and deadlines as all students entering the housing room selection.
3. Issues relating to room reassignments and vacancies will generally follow the procedure outlined in the Residence Life policy "Room Change Requests".
4. If a roommate cancels their housing or moves out of the room for any reason, the remaining roommates must identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The Residence Life Office will define the time allocated to find a new roommate. This window of time will vary depending on the time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. Typically, a resident will be allowed a minimum of 24 hours, but not more than one week to identify another eligible roommate. If another roommate(s) is not identified within the time period, Residential Life reserves the right to assign an interested student to the vacancy or to relocate the remaining resident(s) to another Gender Inclusive vacancy. Housing has the right to consolidate gender-inclusive spaces as needed.