



GENDER-NEUTRAL HOUSING LIVING AREA

Consistent with University policy and practice, the Housing Office and Office of Residential Life respond to student needs and work to develop a nurturing community atmosphere that values diversity, social justice and promotes the dignity of all people.

In keeping with the overall mission of Sonoma State University, we strive to provide safe and supportive on-campus lifestyle and living learning communities where diverse students are challenged to develop holistically; as scholars, citizens and leaders.

In keeping with this mission and California Law, which includes “gender identity” in the fair housing non-discrimination statement, gender-neutral housing is offered in Sauvignon East Village to all residents, including first year students. Gender Neutral housing allows same gender roommates, opposite gender roommates or other gender-identify roommate pairings. The community is designed as an intentional living community affirming the cultural experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning residents as well as their allies.

Residents must self-select the Gender-Neutral Housing option. Gender-Neutral Housing will never be forced upon a student.

For Gender-Neutral placement, roommate pairings will not be based on gender identity, therefore Gender-Neutral Housing allows roommate pairings regardless of the gender with which a student does or does not identify. Thus, residents of Gender-Neutral Housing may request any roommate.

Gender-Neutral Housing placement for returning residents will be done during the Room Selection process mid March.

The University discourages all students in romantic relationships from living together. Therefore, a supplemental application and a short interview with a member of the Residential Life staff must be completed.

If the Housing Office and Office of Residential Life are able to accommodate a student request, we will do so. In meeting the needs of students, we consistently recognize and respect the gender identity that the student has identified. Recognizing that students are not all alike and have different needs and desires, we will address these concerns on a case-by-case basis. If Gender- Neutral Housing is not available, you may request information regarding other housing options available.

For information or questions concerning Gender-Neutral Housing please contact Maggie Plummer at margaret.plummer@sonoma.edu.



Gender-Neutral Housing Supplemental Application 2012-2013

Instructions

1. Apply for on-campus housing through the Seawolf RC ResidentWeb.
2. Complete the following Gender-Neutral Housing Supplemental Application
3. All fields are required.
4. Submit the Gender-Neutral Housing Supplemental Application to the Office of Residential Life by February 22nd by 4:30 p.m. for processing and consideration.
5. You will be contacted via phone by Residential Life for an interview as part of the selection process.
6. Selection notification will be by email from Housing/Residential Life.

For information or questions concerning the Gender-Neutral Housing Supplemental Application please contact Maggie Plumber at margaret.plummer@sonoma.edu.

Student Information

Student Name:	Preferred Name:
Mailing Address	City, State & Zip
SSU Email:	Student ID #:
Cell Phone Number:	Alternate Phone Number:
Class Standing for Fall 2012:	Major:
Preferred Roommate (If applicable)	Preferred Roommate ID # (If applicable)

Check all that apply:

- I require accommodations based on my gender identity or expression, and I request placement in Gender-Neutral Housing.
- My roommate and I request placement in Gender-Neutral Housing. (Please note that both roommates must mark this option to be considered).
- I am open to placement in Gender-Neutral Housing, but I have not identified a roommate. I do not mind sharing an apartment with someone of the opposite gender, but prefer a roommate of the same gender.
- I am open to placement in Gender-Neutral Housing, but I have not yet identified a roommate. I do not mind sharing an apartment with someone of the opposite gender, nor do I mind a roommate of the opposite gender.
- I am interested in a single in Gender-Neutral Housing.

If I am not accepted to Gender-Neutral I am still interested in other on-campus housing.

Yes No If No, why? (Please include with your answers to the following questions below)

Please type your answers to 2 of the 4 following questions in no more than 300 words and attach them to this cover page.

1. Why would you like to live in Gender-Neutral Housing rather than another on-campus living environment?
2. How would your background and life experiences contribute to the Gender-Neutral Housing community?
3. What are your thoughts on the importance of having Gender-Neutral Housing?
4. It is expected that residents placed in Gender-Neutral Housing are open-minded to varying gender identities. Explain what this means to you and how you will apply this to your residential experience.

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