

Prospective Student Housing FAQ

All first-year students live in a Learning Community of their choice, based on their interests. Choices are ranked in the housing contract. The housing contract is available to you after you pay your acceptance fee.

Learning Community Location & Restroom Info in the Housing Contract

All the Learning Communities include a building that has at least one gender-inclusive restroom with a shower. The housing contract includes a chart that breaks down which buildings first-years are assigned to within each community and what the bathroom options are in each building.

Within each Learning Community, trans and nonbinary students, and others who have requested gender-inclusive housing, are given priority by Residential Life for placement in a building with gender-inclusive restroom(s). For example, in Cultural Crossroads, first-years live in Marsh, Austin and Tupper (traditional-style halls). Returning students live in Living/Learning (suite-style halls). First years requesting gender-inclusive housing would be assigned to Marsh because it has a gender-inclusive restroom. Austin and Tupper do not.

Requesting Gender-Inclusive Housing in the Housing Contract

All students living on campus can opt in to gender-inclusive housing in their housing contract. Gender-inclusive housing means roommate options will not be limited by legal sex. In the contract, students can specify their gender identity and the genders they would prefer to be roomed with. Residential Life will match roommates within Learning Communities based on the preferences selected in the housing contract.

Roommate Preferences in the Housing Contract

Requesting a preferred roommate(s) is possible after you have received your Learning Community placement. During Orientation, if you find someone you'd like to room with, you can enter them as a roommate preference on your contract. They must be in the same Learning Community as you and must also preference you on their contract.

Alternative Housing for First Year Students

The LGBTQA+ First Year Suite houses up to six students who need an alternative to other on-campus housing options at UVM. It is not part of a Learning Community. To apply visit (link to supplemental housing application): go.uvm.edu/firstyearsuite

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