

UCR Housing Policies Related to Gender Identity/Expression

Consistent with university policy and practice, UCR Housing staff responds to student needs and works to develop a nurturing community atmosphere that values diversity and promotes the dignity of all people.

UCR Housing seeks to meet a range of student needs, which can include those related to physical ability, gender identity/expression, medical condition, dietary requests, etc.

In order to provide support to students who, for whatever reason, need special accommodations due to gender identity/expression, UCR Housing needs to know that a student requires such accommodations. Current and incoming residence hall students with concerns of any kind relating to their gender identity/expression are urged to identify themselves to UCR Housing staff. Staff will not ask for any more information than is required to meet students' housing needs and all disclosed information will be kept strictly confidential.

Gender-neutral housing placement priority will be given to students who notify UCR Housing in a timely manner that they require accommodations based on their gender identity or gender expression. Students must meet all UCR Housing contract and payment deadlines.

If UCR Housing is able to accommodate a student request, it will. In meeting the needs of students, UCR Housing consistently recognizes and respects the gender identity that the student has established.

Recognizing that students are not all alike, UCR Housing addresses concerns on a case-by-case basis. UCR Housing will always help a student, who has followed procedures, to find a comfortable and welcoming housing assignment.

If any student has a conflict with a roommate because of their gender identity or expression, that student should see their resident director first. Resident directors are full-time, professional staff members and have taken part in training specifically focused on gender identity/expression issues. If talking with the resident director brings no resolution, a student can discuss the matter with senior Residence Life staff and/or with the director of the LGBT Resource Center.

If at any time a student needs to discuss housing issues related to gender identity or gender expression, the following UCR professional staff may be contacted:

[staff member names]