FAQs

What is Gender Inclusive Housing (GIH)?
- Gender Inclusive Housing allows for students signing up for these areas to be permitted to have roommates and suitemates regardless of gender identity.

What is the purpose of Gender Inclusive Housing?
- Binghamton University recognizes that same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. GIH seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (male and female).

Who is eligible to sign up for Gender Inclusive Housing?
- Any student who is eligible to live on campus is eligible to apply and live in Gender Inclusive Housing.

Where is Gender Inclusive Housing located on campus?
- A number of rooms, suites, flats, and apartments have been delineated as Gender Inclusive spaces in each of the residential areas on campus.

Do I have to disclose my reason for wanting/needing Gender Inclusive Housing?
- Students will not be required to reveal their reasons for opting to live in Gender Inclusive Housing, although romantic relationships within the same living space are not encouraged.

How do I sign up for Gender Inclusive Housing?
- Returning students will need to complete a Gender Inclusive Housing Application Form via the Residential Life home page. Requests received after housing closes will be waitlisted. New students will be able to check the Gender Inclusive Housing option when they complete their Housing Application online. All applications will be reviewed and, depending on space, students will be notified if they are able to participate in Gender Inclusive Housing and their room assignment.
What if someone who is assigned to live in a Gender Inclusive space decides they no longer want to live there?

- In the event of a vacancy in a Gender Inclusive room, suite, or flat, the remaining students will have five business days to seek out another student to fill the vacancy and communicate that student’s name to Residential Life. If suite/flat mates have not notified Residential Life of someone to fill the vacancy within five business days, Residential Life reserves the right to assign a student from the waitlist, combine two or more under-capacity Gender Inclusive suites or apartments, or convert the suite or apartment to standard occupancy based on the gender identities of the remaining students. Residential Life will work closely with students in this process.

What if I no longer want to live in Gender Inclusive Housing?

- Students may request room changes by following the normal room change procedures and completing a waitlist form from the residential area where they want to live.

What if I do not want to live in Gender Inclusive Housing?

- Students need to complete a separate application in order to be housed in Gender Inclusive Housing. If they do not wish to live in Gender Inclusive Housing, they simply do not apply for Gender Inclusive Housing.

What if my parents don’t want me to live in a Gender Inclusive room/suite/flat?

- Binghamton University strongly encourages students to discuss their intent to participate in Gender Inclusive Housing with their parents/guardians. Students under the age of 18 should discuss housing plans with their families, as they must provide written parental consent. Students over the age of 18 will not need to provide parental consent as they are legally able to make decisions about their housing contracts.