



University of Michigan

2013 – 2014 Information about the Gender Inclusive Living Experience (GILE)

The Gender Inclusive Living Experience (GILE) is one of several gender-inclusive housing options offered at the University of Michigan. GILE is intended for students who are interested in having a safe, inclusive, comfortable and supportive community living experience for people of all gender identities and expressions. This community supports students who identify as transgender* and gender non-conforming* in choosing (or being placed with) a roommate of any gender.

Students who live in this community will be expected to contribute positively to the community by:

- offering support and encouragement for the living environment,
- respecting floor members' different motivations for choosing this living option,
- embracing and learning from experiences different from one's own,
- actively participating in community events, and
- abiding by all regulations as outlined in The Statement and the Community Living at Michigan handbook (CLAM)

Applicants must be eligible to reside in University Housing via the new student housing assignment processes for freshmen and transfer students.

For more information on the different gender inclusive housing options available, please visit the Gender-Neutral Housing website at <http://www.housing.umich.edu/gender-neutral>. If you are interested in a gender inclusive room or apartment space, a personal and confidential assessment of the available options is available. To discuss your interest or preferences, contact Josh Peipock, Associate Director of Residence Education Josh Peipock at peipock@umich.edu 734-763-1452 or Will Sherry, Associate Director of The Spectrum Center at lsherry@umich.edu or 734-763-4186.

Definitions

***Transgender** is a term used for people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned sex at birth, including but not limited to transsexuals, cross-dressers, androgynous people, genderqueers and gender non-conforming people.

*For the purpose of gender inclusive housing, **gender non-conforming** is a term for individuals whose gender expression is different from societal expectations related to gender.

***Gender identity** is an individual's internal sense of being of being a man, a woman, both, neither, two-spirit, multi-gender, bi-gender, or another configuration of gender. Since gender identity is internal, one's gender identity is not necessarily visible to others.

***Gender expression** is the external manifestation of one's gender identity, usually expressed through "masculine", "feminine" or gender variant behavior, clothing, haircut, voice or body characteristics.

***Cisgender** is a term used to describe people who, for the most part, identify as the gender they were assigned at birth. For example, if a doctor said "it's a boy!" when you were born, and you identify as a man, then you could be described as cisgender. In other words, 'cisgender' is used to describe people who are not transgender.

Definition Sources: National Center for Transgender Equality; Mara Keisling, Executive Director, <http://transequality.org> and Basic Rights Oregon, <http://www.basicrights.org/uncategorized/trans-101-cisgender/>



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2013 – 2014 New Student Application for the Gender Inclusive Living Experience (GILE)

Name: _____

UMID: _____

Legal Name: _____
(needed for administrative purposes)

Uniquename: _____

Pronoun(s): _____

Class Standing: _____

Preferred Roommate: _____

UMID: _____

(If you have someone that you want to live with please provide that person's name here. Your requested roommate must also complete a Gender Inclusive Room Block Application. If you do not have a roommate, University Housing will place you with a student who has also applied to live in the GILE).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Short answer questions. Please provide responses to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in living in the Gender Inclusive Living Experience?
2. Describe your understanding and/or comfort level with exploring concepts of gender (examples include those related to academics, personal experiences, and/or community experiences).
3. Please discuss your bathroom needs (do you need a gender inclusive bathroom? Would you be comfortable using a cisgender bathroom?)
4. Please provide any additional information that you think would be helpful for University Housing to know about you or your interest in the Gender Inclusive Room Block community

Please Note: You are **not** required to provide any identifying information relating to your sex or gender. You are welcome to provide information, which may be helpful in placing you with a compatible roommate or suitemates, and in meeting your needs. This information will be treated as confidential and will be kept only in Residential Housing for a limited time. If you wish, please provide such information with your question responses.

This application must be submitted no later than **11:59 pm on May 7, 2013.**

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