



### **Gender Neutral Housing Policy & Agreement**

Gender Neutral Housing will be offered side by side to traditional housing in International Village. This option is not available to first-year students.

The following are the terms of the policy and conditions, by selecting Gender Neutral Housing you agree to be bound by them:

- In order to be eligible for Gender Neutral Housing, students must adhere to housing application and deposit deadlines and receive a lottery number.
- Gender Neutral Housing will be available in International Village, in semi-private style accommodations which consist of two (2) single bedrooms connected by a shared bathroom.
- In the housing selection process students have the option to either pull in an eligible roommate to fill the suite, or select only a single space within a suite. If the student does not select a roommate, the space will remain available during the Gender Neutral Selection period to be filled by another student. If the remaining space does not get selected during the Gender Neutral Selection process, Housing & Residential Life will fill it with a student of the same sex.
- If a roommate cancels their housing or moves out of the room for any reason, the remaining roommates must identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The Housing & Residential Life Office will define the time allocated to find a new roommate. This window of time will vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. Typically, a resident will be allowed a minimum of 24 hours, but not more than one week to identify another eligible roommate. If another roommate(s) is not identified within the time period, Housing & Residential Life reserves the right to assign an interested student to the vacancy or to relocate the remaining resident(s) to another vacancy; room type match cannot be guaranteed.
- Like most Universities, Northeastern discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall housing unit, although we do not question the student's motives for wanting to live in a gender-neutral housing option.
- It is the student's choice to communicate with parents or family members about the decision to live in a gender-neutral housing option. The Office of Housing & Residential Life encourages this conversation between parents or family members and students about the housing choice so that they can be in support of the student's decision.
- Should all rooms, suites, or apartments that have the gender neutral optional designation be selected at the time the group is eligible to select housing, the group will be unable to select any housing unless it can divide up into single-gender groups and select separate suites or rooms.