The Office of Residential Life (ORL) offers gender inclusive living options as a means to provide a safe and supportive environment for residential students of all gender identities and gender expressions. ORL recognizes that college housing policies often assume that students identify as either male or female and that they are heterosexual. We also recognize that some students may feel tension or unease in living with the same gender and/or may not identify with their biologically assigned sex.

Below are the guidelines for ***Gender Inclusive Housing*:**

* All students in gender inclusive housing must be full-time students, at least 18 years of age, and eligible for college housing.
* Students are still required to participate in Room Draw and must be able to fill the space that they are interested in to full capacity. Prior approval is required before selecting housing.
* Should a vacancy occur in your residence for any reason you must identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy within the allocated time (minimum of 24 hours, maximum of 1 week-- which will vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist).
* If the vacancy is not filled, ORL reserves the right to assign another student to that vacancy, which may result in defaulting back to single-sex housing if needed.
* Students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship are strongly discouraged from rooming together.

Students are not required to disclose their reasons for choosing gender inclusive housing. In addition, the ORL does not inform parents, guardians or families of their choice to live in gender inclusive housing. However, we recommended that you share this housing choice with your parents/guardians. First-year students interested in gender inclusive housing should indicate their interest via the housing preference form.

*Gender Inclusive Housing* is available in areas designated by ORL; this includes but is not limited to the 1st floor of South Hall, East Houses, and all off-campus properties (i.e. Pink Palance, Mission Apartments, 2111, 1731, etc.). While Juniata will maintain single-sex bathroom facilities in some areas, unisex bathrooms can be designated according to student demand.

Students interested in *Gender Inclusive Housing* are required to submit an application, which will assist the ORL in determine availability prior to Room Draw. Applications can be located at <http://www.juniata.edu/services/reslife/forms.html> or in the Residential Life Office. Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2017 and decisions will be communicated prior to Room Draw.