

Coeducational Housing Pilot Program at Rogers State University

Overview & Guidelines

Because of demand by students at the University, the University is will be studying the benefits and impact of coeducational housing on the University community by implementing a pilot program allowing a limited number of upper-division students to live in a coeducational environment. Incoming first time Freshmen students are not eligible to participate during their first two semesters. The program will begin in the 2019-2020 academic year and run through the 2021-2022 academic year. After the program is complete, the University will make a recommendation whether to continue the program. This pilot program can be terminated at any time if determined to be in the best interest of the University.

A select number of UVA and UVB units will be designated by the Director of Residential Life for coeducational assignment. A coeducational unit designation simply means that a mixed gender group may request one of these units. These designated units are only made available to returning or incoming students classified as upper-division (i.e., non-freshman). The selection of coeducational housing units will be by student choice only; no students will be assigned to a coeducational living situation without their express written consent.

The following policies and conditions are applicable to students who elect to live in a coeducational housing option and reside with a person of a different gender. By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the terms of the policy and conditions and agree to be bound by them.

1. All roommates in coeducational housing must be:
 - 18 years of age at the time of the request;
 - an upper-division or graduate student; and
 - eligible for University housing.
2. Applicants must fill the unit being requested to full capacity, meaning there must be an eligible student applying for every bed space in the unit.
3. If a vacancy exists in a coeducational unit, the following will occur to fill the empty bed:
 - The Residential Life office will allow the remaining residents to identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The Residential Life office will define the time allocated to find a new roommate. This window of time will vary depending on the time of year and status of the housing waitlist. Typically, a resident will be allowed a minimum of 24 hours, but no more than one week to identify another roommate.
 - If a new roommate is not found by the remaining residents, the Residential Life office reserves the right to place another student who has requested coeducational housing in the open bed.
 - The Residential Life office also reserves the right to require the remaining residents to relocate to another unit; unit type match not guaranteed.

- The Residential Life office, at its discretion, may allow the students occupying the room to pay for the additional space if all agree to the additional charge.
- 4. In the absence of extenuating circumstances, residents will communicate to their roommate(s) any plans to change rooms or cancel their housing agreement as soon as possible. The roommate leaving the unit is encouraged to help find someone to take their bed space. In all instances, the conditions of the University Village Contract will apply.
- 5. Married students or student in a dating relationship are not permitted to live together in coeducational housing. If the Residential Life office becomes aware of such a relationship, the students will be removed from the program and/or the requested housing assignment may not be approved.
- 6. Coeducational housing applicants follow the same housing application or renewal process and deadlines as other applicants. Students must also sign this Coeducational Housing Guidelines document to be considered.
- 7. There is no guarantee that coeducational units will be available. There is an inherent risk in entering the housing selection process in a mixed gender group. Should all units that have the coeducational housing designation be selected by the time a mixed gender group's paperwork is intact and submitted, the group will be unable to select any housing unless it can be divided up into single-sex groups and corresponding units are requested. If special accommodations are needed during the housing selection process, please contact the Residential Life Office.

I have read and agree to comply with the Coeducational Housing Guidelines.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Student ID Number

Date