

Identity Terms

Gay male: A man who is emotionally, romantically, sexually, affectionately or relationally attracted to other men, or who identifies as a member of the gay community. At times, “gay” is used to refer to all people, regardless of sex, who have their primary sexual and or romantic attractions to people of the same sex.

Lesbian: A woman who is emotionally, romantically, sexually, affectionately, or relationally attracted to other women, or someone who identifies as part of the lesbian community.

Bisexual: A person (male or female) who is emotionally, romantically, sexually, affectionately, or relationally attracted to both men and women.

Transgender: An umbrella term for those individuals whose gender identity does not match with that assigned for their physical sex. Includes, among others, transsexuals, genderqueer people, and crossdressers.

Ally: A person who supports sexual and gender diversity, challenges those who don't, and works towards equality. Often used to describe a heterosexual person who identifies with the LGBT community.

Questioning: The process of examining one's sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Can be used as an adjective.

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Local Resources

Miami University Counseling Services	513-529-4634
Office of Residence Life	513-529-4000
Women's Center	513-529-1510
Office of Diversity Affairs	513-529-6504



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Spectrum

Join Spectrum, Miami's alliance for LGBT students and their allies. We meet Wednesday nights at 7:00 in 336 Shriver (Office of Diversity Affairs). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come!

www.muohio.edu/spectrum

LGBT Radio

Tune into Rainbow Revolution, a LGBT radio show from fellow Miami Students!

The show is broadcasted on Tuesdays from 11:00 PM– 12:30 AM.

Tune in at www.redhawkradio.com

LGBT Films

- ▼ *Milk*
- ▼ *But I'm a Cheerleader*
- ▼ *The Birdcage*
- ▼ *Transamerica*
- ▼ *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*
- ▼ *The Kids Are All Right*

Websites

www.advocate.com
www.out.com
www.365gay.com
www.pflag.com
www.hrc.org
www.thetaskforce.org

LGBT Novels

- ▼ *Tipping the Velvet*– Sarah Waters
- ▼ *Bastard Out of Carolina*– Dorothy Allison
- ▼ *Stone Butch Blues*– Leslie Feinberg
- ▼ *Maurice*– E.M. Forster
- ▼ *Two Teenagers in Twenty*

Don't assume your roommate is straight.

When you move into your new dorm room at the beginning of the year, you may have some anxiety about meeting your roommate. Will you get along? Will your roommate be messy? Many first year college students have never lived with anyone besides our families and now you're expected to share a tiny room with a complete stranger. You and your roommate may end up as friends, or you may just tolerate each other until the end of the school year. **But what if your roommate is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)?** What do you do then?

If your roommate comes out to you, you should try and keep an open mind and not judge. It is important to be aware of your personal boundaries, what you feel comfortable discussing, and your own moral and personal beliefs regarding LGBT people. Whatever they may be, just listen. Coming out can be a very vulnerable time.



After your roommate has come out to you, acknowledge what you've heard. If someone comes out to you, let them know what you have to say. The first thing that may be going through your head is that your roommate is going to be attracted to you, that you aren't going to be able to undress in front of your roommate.

Relax. Chances are your roommate is not attracted to you. **Just as most heterosexual people are not attracted to all different sex people, LGBT people are not attracted to everyone of the same sex.**

Remember that it is okay to ask questions. If you have never known a LGBT person, you may have questions for your roommate regarding your roommate's sexuality. It is okay to ask about their dating life or even questions about how they came out and came to know they were LGBT. The key to any good relationship is good communication, so if you have any concerns, bring them up. Don't be afraid to bring up questions and concerns that you may have so the two of you can figure out what to do about your concerns.

Your RA or hall director may be able to help you with these conversations. GLBTQ Services and other campus resources are also available.