



CARROLL UNIVERSITY
Office of Residence Life
and Housing

Open Housing Themed Learning Community

Carroll University defines Open Housing as an inclusive, voluntary housing option where students can share a designated living unit with other students regardless of sex, gender identity or gender expression. It is not intended for romantic cohabitation. Students who choose this housing option will be expected to contribute positively to the community by respecting other members' motivations for choosing this housing option, by upholding all Open Housing policies, and by abiding by all University regulations outlined in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

Open Housing Information

- Open Housing will be available to returning Carroll students through the spring housing selection process in select living units in Hilger, Pioneer, Frontier, Prairie, and all university apartments.
- There is no additional cost associated with living in Open Housing.
- Students may choose roommates regardless of sex, gender identity, or gender expression.
- Students will not be assigned to Open Housing unless they have elected to do so. Only those living units which are occupied by students who have filled out the Open Housing Application will be considered Open Housing living units. All other living units will be available for the general housing draw (there is currently no specific number or limit to the number of spaces for Open Housing in Prairie, Pioneer and Frontier Halls).
- Students who have elected to be a part of Open Housing will participate in an Open Housing Lottery separate from the general housing lottery.
- The Housing Office will only guarantee housing requests in which all students have mutually requested one another on the Open Housing application, and fill every space in the living unit. Applicants who do not fill an entire living unit will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Members of Open Housing agree to contribute positively to the community by respecting other members' motivations for choosing this housing option. Members also agree to the following Open Housing guidelines and policies:

- Open Housing is intended for students who wish to share a living unit with students of the same or a different sex or gender; as with all campus housing, it is not intended for romantic cohabitation.
- All room vacancies and room changes will be handled at the discretion of the Housing Office.
- Once a living unit is selected by students electing Open Housing, it will continue to be Open Housing as long as the residents can maintain full occupancy of the living unit.
- In the event that a student is unable to complete their planned term of residency, roommates agree to work with Residence Life and Housing to resolve the vacant space, recognizing that the living unit may convert to a same gender living unit.
- In the event of a room vacancy, students residing in the suite will have three business days to find a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The new roommate must review and agree to the terms of Open Housing. All students currently in the living unit must approve the new roommate. If the students are unable to fill the vacancy, the Housing Office may attempt to fill the space with a student who is interested in living in Open Housing. The current roommates will be asked to approve the student interested in moving into the vacant space. If the Housing Office is unable to fill the vacancy, the space may be converted into a single-sex living unit.
- As in all campus housing, the Housing Office reserves the right, at any time, to request a student to move.

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from Open Housing.

If you have any questions please email reslife@carrollu.edu