

# Trans\* On Campus Student Summary

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Below is a very brief overview of the *current* status of trans\* inclusion for common student campus interactions, including any available workarounds where formal systems are not yet fully inclusive. Longer descriptions will be available in our forthcoming *DU Trans\* on Campus Guide*.

This summary will be regularly updated, as the DU TransAllies working group identifies, confirms, and/or improves DU policies and practices on gender identity and expression equity. If you would like to be involved in this research and advocacy effort, and/or **if you know of additional situations or updates, please contact us at [lgbtqa@du.edu](mailto:lgbtqa@du.edu)**

activity	status and suggestion
applications	Academic and employment applications can be considered legal contracts and are the basis for other legal records. Therefore, you <b>must use your full legal name</b> .
athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DU has no specific policies/practices for screening/enforcing identity for gendered/sexed <i>club and intramural sports</i>.</li> <li>• <i>Varsity sports</i> are governed by NCAA policies.</li> </ul>
bathrooms & lockerrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DU has no specific policy on usage, leaving you free to use bathrooms or lockerrooms of your choice, but not guaranteeing others won't question/challenge choices.</li> <li>• We have published a list and interactive map of <i>all-gender and single occupant restrooms</i>: <a href="http://www.du.edu/pride/resources">www.du.edu/pride/resources</a></li> <li>• The "gold level" lockerrooms at the Ritchie Center provide more privacy for showers and changing; but do cost more. CME LGBTIQ&amp;A Services can assist with navigating the waitlists for these more limited spaces.</li> </ul>
classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course rosters and online learning platforms are populated with legal names.</li> <li>• Students should contact instructors in advance; see sample note below.</li> </ul>
email address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your DU username and <i>firstname.lastname@</i> default email address are based on your official legal record; and at present cannot be changed.</li> <li>• For students, the address is not actually an email account, and must be forwarded to an off-campus account (e.g., gmail, yahoo, etc). We suggest creating that address in your chosen name, and offering that address directly whenever possible; DU folks will write to, and receive from, your chosen name.</li> </ul>
greek societies (social fraternities & sororities)	DU does not yet have specific policy/practice governing gender eligibility. National organization guidelines, if any, apply.
housing	On-campus default room and roommate assignments are based on legal sex. When applying for housing, indicate your "preferred gender" in that specific system, and contact <a href="mailto:Mandy.Whitehouse@du.edu">Mandy.Whitehouse@du.edu</a> , HRE Ast Director—Occupancy, directly to discuss case-by-case assignment options. <a href="http://www.du.edu/housing">www.du.edu/housing</a>
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healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mental health services</i> are available through the Health &amp; Counseling Center (HCC, <a href="http://www.du.edu/duhealth">www.du.edu/duhealth</a>), and the Graduate School of Professional Psychology’s Clinic (<a href="http://www.du.edu/gsp/spp/services">www.du.edu/gsp/spp/services</a>).</li> <li>• The HCC offers <i>basic medical care</i> as well, not including surgery.</li> <li>• HCC <i>electronic medical records</i> can add notations for correct gender identity and chosen name.</li> <li>• We are in the process of determining specific <i>insurance coverages</i> for student and employees plans and providers.</li> </ul>
orientation	Discoveries orientation rosters, nametags, etc, are generating from your student record (legal name); but can be updated with chosen name if you contact <a href="mailto:discoveries@du.edu">discoveries@du.edu</a> in advance.
student records	Based on initial application information, all student records—ID cards, digital username, class rosters, online learning platforms and DU Webcentral (digital portal)—default to that legal name. We are exploring centralized work-arounds; but for now you’ll need to navigate the official name vs casual name situations.

In each case, the contacted staff/offices should NOT share your trans\* status beyond those involved in making accommodations for that specific function. To best protect your privacy, and leave you in control of your information, this may require contacting multiple offices as they apply to you.

CME’s LGBTIQ&A Services is happy to help you navigate and/or assist with these contacts. can help with advice and/or advocacy. Contact us via the Pride Portal (below), [lgbtqa@du.edu](mailto:lgbtqa@du.edu) or call 303.871.4614.

## We invite you to explore a growing set of resources on the DU Pride Portal: [www.du.edu/pride/trans](http://www.du.edu/pride/trans)

**Sample email to instructors below re: chosen name and correct gender/pronoun**, that we suggest sending before first class. Feel free to copy, paste and fill in/adapt for your use.

Dear **[appropriate title and professor's name -- e.g., Dr. Salazar]**

I am a student in your upcoming **[class name, course number and meeting day/time]**, and wanted to write with an important request regarding my presence, participation and safety in your class.

Although I will likely appear on the class roster as **[legal name]**, I go by **[chosen name]**; and I would greatly appreciate your using that name and **[correct]** pronouns with me, and modeling the same to the rest of the class.

If you have any questions re: University policy around gender identity/expression inclusion, and/or for additional support around accurately and inclusively engaging these issues, please feel free to contact Dr Thomas Walker, Director of LGBTIQ&A Services at the University’s Center for Multicultural Excellence **[, who is cc’d on this message –if that’s the case]:** [Thomas.walker@du.edu](mailto:Thomas.walker@du.edu); phone: 303.871.4614, and/or visit [www.du.edu/pride](http://www.du.edu/pride) .

Thank you very much for your help. I’m looking forward to your class!

**[Your name, Your email address]**