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Identity Based Mods
&
Intentional Housing
Communities





Identity-Based Mods

Residence Life and Housing facilitates the continuation of many Identity-Based Housing communities started by students. These residential spaces give support to members of our community with social identities that have been historically marginalized in this country, and strive to counter systemic oppression. This arises from our commitment to fostering diverse, socially just, and inclusive communities.

We recognize that our society—through its laws, institutional structures, and customs—has privileged some social groups while systematically disadvantaging and disenfranchising others. Even as we struggle to end these practices, we recognize that day-to-day life for members of these disadvantaged groups can be hurtful and exhausting.

Identity-Based Housing is an institutional structure designed to assist members of historically oppressed groups in supporting each other. It helps to create an added level of psychological and physical comfort and safety for those who choose to live in those spaces, often providing the foundation for those students to be able to engage fully in the greater community.

Creating these safer spaces, in collaboration with centers on campus, will benefit the entire community. We must have the full engagement of all our community members, especially those whose experiences and perspectives are different from the College's mainstream population. It is through these means that we, as a full community, are most likely to challenge assumptions, craft new solutions to problems, and perform to our highest ability.

Residents in Identity-Based Housing are expected to attend the Identity-Based Housing Orientation in September. Additionally, residents will be encouraged (not required) to plan and/or attend approximately one program per month during the academic year.

FILLING AN EXISTING IDENTITY BASED MOD

The deadline to apply to live in an existing identity based mod is **Tuesday, April 6th at 6pm**. All identity based mods share an online application, which can be found at www.hampshire.edu/housing/identity-based-housing. Students may apply for as many identity-based mods as they like in the same application. Current residents of identity-based mods who wish to live in the same mod next year will need to re-apply; preference will be given to residents who have demonstrate a commitment to the mission of Identity-Based Housing. Students may only accept residency in one mod and must relinquish the opportunity to participate in any other housing options.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of current residents and staff members of Residence Life and Housing. Once the mod has reviewed applications, they will submit a roster to the Residence Life and Housing Office, listing current residents who have committed to staying in the mod next year and new invitees. **Invitations to chosen applicants will be sent via Hampshire email between Friday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 14th.** Accepted applicants will have up to 48 hours to respond and confirm their placement or will forfeit their offer. **Rosters will be finalized by the Residence Life and Housing staff on April 16th.**

Not-Yet Permanent Mods that do not fill by this date may be re-sized or placed on hiatus for the following year. A mod on hiatus may "reclaim" Identity-Based Housing status during the next Housing Lottery, provided they have enough students to completely fill the mod.

ID Based Mods should work actively with Residence Life and Housing to recruit new members whenever vacancies arise during the year.

EXISTING IDENTITY BASED MODS

Permanent

Asian Heritage, Enfield 57 (three singles)

LGBTQQIAAP, Enfield 41 (three singles)

Students of Color, Enfield 52 (six singles)

Queer, Enfield 54 (five singles)

Women of Color, Enfield 60 (four singles)

Not-Yet Permanent

Queer People of Color, Enfield 58 (four singles)

On Hiatus

Pan Afrikan Diaspora [can be renewed]

Trans and Non-Binary Stability [can be renewed]

Trans and Non-Binary Students of Color [can be renewed]



EXISTING IDENTITY-BASED MODS

LGBTQQIAAP

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Allies, Asexual, Pansexual (LGBTQQIAAP) Mod is an intimate intentional living space for people who share these identities and want to live with others who identify under the same umbrella. This 3-person mod in Enfield 41 has the potential for all its new members to manifest a unique, safer, and personalized living environment. If you are interested in joining the LGBTQQIAAP Mod, complete your application now!

QUEER

The Queer Mod in Enfield 54 is a 5-person space for people who identify as Queer, however individually defined. It is a comfortable space that can serve as a break from the outside world, and has historically been a place for making art. Its colorful walls full of paintings and artwork attest to its history.

WOMEN OF COLOR

The 4-person Women of Color Mod in Enfield 60 is one of the oldest identity based housing communities on campus. Previous residents have remarked that: "We believe in fostering a supportive body built on foundations of sisterhood and cultural values. As young women of color in a predominately white institution, we find value in our relationship within our ecosystem and our different cultural perspectives. It is one of our objectives to create a safe home for young women to speak, be heard, and have a meaningful presence on this campus. As sisters we lean on each other throughout the tough times, and we take pride in taking care of each other."



EXISTING IDENTITY-BASED MODS

STUDENTS OF COLOR

The Students of Color Mod (SOC) houses 6 people in Enfield 52 and is for students who identify as People of Color. The SOC Mod values communication, respect, community, self awareness & cleanliness, and an overall love for People of Color, their bodies, and their experiences. Students here have created a communal identity, with shared food, shared apartment items, and an overall sense of each other and their needs.

QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR

The Queer People of Color Mod (QPOC) is a 4-person mod (Enfield 58) for students who identify as Queer People of Color. This mod is unique in that it centers around another particular intersection, providing an avenue for QPOC to find shared meaning and identity in their Mod Community.

ASIAN HERITAGE

The Asian Heritage Mod is a 3-person mod in Enfield 57 for those who identify with having Asian Heritage. What makes this mod unique is shared cultures, often shared languages, and shared experiences. It's a space where people don't have to explain who they are or where they're coming from.



Intentional Housing Communities

Residence Life and Housing is committed to supporting and complementing the academic program by creating holistic environments that encourage collaboration, connections, learning, and personal growth. It is with this goal in mind that Intentional Housing Communities were established.

Intentional Housing Communities are living spaces where the residents have chosen to come together around a particular area of interest that will contribute to and cultivate the campus' culture of learning. They work together with a faculty or staff advisor to educate themselves and the larger community about their area of interest. Students who elect to reside in these spaces can expect to gain meaningful relationships with one another, lasting connections with staff and faculty, access to greater campus resources, and a sense of pride in their community.

FILLING EXISTING IHCS

The deadline to apply to live in an existing Intentional Housing Community is **Tuesday, April 6 at 6pm**. All IHCs have a shared application, which can be found at www.hampshire.edu/housing/housing-communities-applications. Students may apply to multiple Intentional Housing Communities, but may only accept an invitation to one and must relinquish the opportunity to participate in any other housing options.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of current residents and staff members of Residence Life and Housing. Once the mod has reviewed applications, they will submit a roster to the Residence Life and Housing Office, listing current residents who have committed to staying in the mod next year and new invitees. **The Residence Life and Housing Office will send invitations to chosen applicants via Hampshire email between Friday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 14th.** Upon receiving an invitation email, applicants will have up to 48 hours to respond confirming their placement or will forfeit the offer.

Rosters will be finalized by Residence Life and Housing staff on April 16. If a mod does not have a full roster by April 16 the group will lose IHC status and the mod will be available in the campus-wide housing lottery.

Due to the unique nature of the Kosher Mod, it is exempt from this policy and may leave spaces empty to be filled by Residence Life and Housing. Additionally, residents of the Kosher Mod must reapply each year to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community.



REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING INTENTIONAL HOUSING COMMUNITIES

Each IHC must select a contact person who will act as a facilitator and liaison with the Residence Life and Housing Office throughout the summer and academic year. This person will be responsible for communicating with Residence Life and Housing to ensure the IHC is completing all requirements. Their attendance at an informational meeting each semester is expected.

IHCs are required to implement **two educational initiatives each semester**. During the spring semester, both educational initiatives must be planned, and one completed, by the end of February. An educational initiative can be anything that increases knowledge about the intentional housing community's area of interest and furthers the mission of the community. Past initiatives have included discussions, film screenings, art shows, open houses, and community meals. The audience can be as large as the Five College community or as small as the group.

Residents must submit a brief evaluation form within one week of the event.

Evaluations will describe the type of event, how it was promoted, how it furthered the mission of the housing community, and how successful it was.

If spaces become available over the summer, Residence Life and Housing staff - in coordination with the contact person - will attempt to fill them with alternates. If no alternates were listed, or those listed no longer wish to live in the IHC, Residence Life and Housing Staff will attempt to fill spaces through an application process in coordination with the contact person. However, the Office of Residence Life and Housing reserves the right to place interested students in vacancies when deemed administratively necessary.

IHCs should work actively with Residence Life and Housing to recruit new members whenever vacancies arise during the year. In order to continue as an IHC, groups will need to participate in the spring room choosing process, as described in "Filling Existing Intentional Housing Communities" on the previous page.

All residents of IHCs are responsible for contributing to these requirements. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in loss of the space at the end of the academic year. IHCs which do not complete any educational initiatives during the fall semester may lose their status at the end of that semester.



EXISTING INTENTIONAL HOUSING COMMUNITIES

MINDFULNESS MOD

[ENF 64] A space where students support one another to be mindful and cultivate moment-by-moment, non-judgmental, focused attention and awareness.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE MOD

[ENF 47] Our goal is to be a community resource that promotes the growth of the Ultimate Frisbee on Hampshire campus. We wish to promote the values of the importance of teamwork and improvement, along with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, in Ultimate known as "the Spirit of the Game".

GREENHOUSE MOD

[ENF 46] A place for growing plants and food, learning about environmental sustainability and for events that bring the Hampshire community together.

CREATIVE HEALING

[ENF 65] "Our mission is to seek alternative healing practices through art, spirituality, community, and mostly each other. As people of color on campus, we find that white notions of self care are often put upon us making our own creativity from within repressed. We value centering each other's experiences as a vulnerable state of connection, break down the hierarchies of communication through circle practices, and being support systems for one another."

KOSHER MOD

[PRS 82] A Kosher living space. All students welcome to apply, regardless of religious affiliation.



Medical Accommodations

The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) works closely with the Housing Operations Office (HOO) to collaborate with students to identify reasonable housing-based accommodations based on their individual, disability-related need. The goal is to provide equitable access to the healthy, functional, and educational aspects of on-campus living. Housing-based accommodations are available to students with a documented need. Student preferences are considered for placement when possible, but ultimately placements are made by the HOO and OARS based on documented need and availability of appropriate spaces.

More information and the housing-based accommodation request form can be found at www.hampshire.edu/oars/housing-based-accommodations. New requests must be submitted prior to Tuesday, April 6.



Important Dates & Deadlines

Friday, April 16th - The Field Study, Leave, and Exchange Deadline. Only students who are fully enrolled for the fall semester can accept invitations to Identity Based mods or Intentional Housing Communities.

Tuesday, April 6th - All applications for spaces in existing Identity Based mods and Intentional Housing Communities must be submitted online before 6pm on April 6th. No late applications will be accepted.

Friday, April 9 - Wednesday, April 14 - invitations to accepted applicants for Identity Based and Intentional Housing Communities will be sent during this time. Upon receiving an invitation email, applicants will have up to 48 hours to respond confirming their placement or will forfeit the offer. Applicants may only accept an invitation to one mod, and upon accepting the offer will relinquish the opportunity to participate in all other housing options.

Monday, April 20 - Friday, May 15 - students who have accepted invitations to live in Identity Based mods or Intentional Housing Communities should come to the HOO to sign up for individual rooms in each mod. Students who do not sign up for a particular room will be placed into remaining spaces in the mod at the discretion of the HOO.

**APPLICATIONS FOR EXISTING ID AND IHC SPACES ARE
OPEN NOW!**

Find them at: www.hampshire.edu/housing/housing-communities.applications