Mixed Gender Roommate Assignments in Unity House

The Unity House theme program offers a mixed gender roommate option, making UC Berkeley one of the very few colleges in the country to do so. This housing option has been referred to as a “gender neutral” roommate option at other colleges. Traditional roommate assignments are based on the gender binary forcing students to select “male” or “female” which actually define one’s biological sex and not one’s gender; as a result, students have had to accept housing based on official record of their documented sex and have not been able to select housing based on their gender identity. In line with the mission of the Unity House theme program, we offer students a roommate combination that is a comfortable and safe match and that allows students to indicate the best roommate option without having to apply for “special” housing circumstances or for a single room.