

RESOURCES

Ally Program

www.unt.edu/ally

Counseling and Testing Services

www.unt.edu/cat

Division of Equity and Diversity

www.unt.edu/edo

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

<http://orgs.unt.edu/fmla>

Gay and Lesbian Association of Denton
(GLAD)

<http://orgs.unt.edu/GLAD>

Harvest Metropolitan Community Church

www.harvestmcc.org/

Housing and Residence Life

www.unt.edu/housing/

Lavender Circle

<http://orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle>

Men Against Violence

<http://orgs.unt.edu/mav/>

North Texas Chapter of the National
Coalition Building Institute (NT - NCBI)

www.unt.edu/hr/training/ncbi.htm

Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and
Gays - Denton County

www.pflagdenton.org/

Student Advocate Volunteer Educator
(S.A.V.E.)

<http://orgs.unt.edu/SAVE/>

Student Health and Wellness Center

<http://healthcenter.unt.edu>

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

<http://geocities.com/dentonuuf>

United Methodist Students

<http://orgs.unt.edu/ums/>

Women's Center

<http://web2.unt.edu/dos/new/wc>

GLBT terminology

www.unt.edu/ally/Terminology.html

If you have questions about coming out...

Download "Coming Out Brochure"

www.unt.edu/ally/comingoutbrochure.html

You may meet with a UNT counselor.

www.unt.edu/cat/



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ROOMMATES:

Coming Out,
Getting Along,
Valuing Diversity



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and Diversity

Welcome to the University of North Texas! We understand that being a freshman can be somewhat strenuous and yet exciting. You should know that UNT strives to provide a safe environment for all of its students by supporting the UNT Non-discrimination and Diversity Policies.

Still, many students who are GLBT and their roommates face challenges that other students might not face. One example is when a student who is GLBT comes out to his/her roommate.

“You should never have to feel alone!” – Rebeca, UNT sophomore

Coming Out to Your Roommate

Tips gathered from UNT students who are GLBT and have lived in the dorms.

- Coming out is a personal decision and a process. Do not come out until you are ready.
- Let your roommate get to know you first.

- When talking to your roommate, do not be defensive. Be patient and calm.
- If you decide to come out and do not feel comfortable doing it alone, talk to your R.A. or P.A.
- You may also talk to your Hall Director if a situation seems out of control.
- Go to the Ally home page, www.unt.edu/ally, click on “contact an ally” to identify an ally you can talk to. Allies completed training and pledge to listen and be understanding.
- If you are uncertain how your roommate might react, come out several days before room change. Room change is usually 2 weeks after classes start. Ask dorm front desk staff for more information. If available, space is limited!
- If you are feeling alone, there are allies and persons all over campus to give you moral support. You may send an email to glad@unt.edu.

Things to Consider When Your Roommate Comes Out to You

- Sometimes backgrounds and values of persons are different. In our diverse world it is important to be respectful of others and to learn more about each person as an individual.

Respect both similarities and differences.

- If you believe this situation might conflict with your educational experience because of your background and personal beliefs, talk to your roommate, R.A., P.A. or Hall Director. What might be a solution? Communication can work. If not and you live on campus, your front desk can arrange a move.
- If you have questions about persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, check resources and information at www.unt.edu/ally, meet with a counselor in Counseling and Testing Services www.unt.edu/cat or consider participating in a diversity workshop www.unt.edu/hr/training/ncbi.htm or Ally training.
- As we prepare for life it is important to be respectful toward all individuals regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, ability, national origin, religion, appearance, sexual orientation, veteran status and additional individual differences. This is what being a good citizen, leader or ally is all about.

*“UNT is a very safe place. You always have someone to talk to.”
– Dave, UNT freshman*