

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Thank you for seeking more information to clarify Question 8 on the First Year Housing Preference Form. The question is on a sliding scale from 1 to 5 (Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree) and states: [1] value maintaining lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender friendly space in room.

If a student indicates they “strongly agree” with the statement they are indicating that they are comfortable having a student in their room who might be gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) and perhaps in the past they have supported a friend or have a family member who is GLBT. If a student indicates they “strongly disagree” with the statement, they are indicating that they would likely not be the best roommate for someone who is coming out or exploring their sexual identity. There are many reasons a student might not feel they are in place to be a roommate with a person who is potentially coming out or exploring this element of their identity and that is okay. If you are fine either way and don’t feel strongly one way or another then you would circle “3”. We fully expect all students to respectfully share residence halls with a diverse group of individuals, but we would like to support gay and lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning students through lessening some of the additional challenge and concerns they might have coming to Bowdoin about whether or not they will have a friendly living space.

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