



HOW TO CHOOSE AN LGBTQ+ FRIENDLY COLLEGE

Remember that LGBTQ+ inclusivity can vary from one campus to another, so it's important to do thorough research and consider multiple factors when making your decision.

Some factors to consider when choosing a college:

- Find out if the campus has LGBTQ+ student organizations, clubs, or programs. These groups can provide support, community, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ students.
- Look for colleges that have LGBTQ+ dedicated resource centers, support groups, or organizations for LGBTQ+ students.
- Look for colleges that support updating student records by providing options to indicate preferred/chosen name, pronouns and/or gender identities.
- When you visit a college campus look for a strong visual presence of LGBTQ+ events, clubs and activities through signs, flyers, stickers or other postings.
- Attend virtual events, webinars, or LGBTQ+ student orientations to connect with current students and learn more about their experiences.
- Check if the campus has inclusive policies that protect LGBTQ+ students from discrimination and promote a safe and welcoming environment.
- Look for policies related to housing, nondiscrimination, gender identity, and expression.
- Look for explicit statements in the college's student code of conduct that discrimination or mistreatment against LGBTQ+ students is not allowed or tolerated.
- In addition to the campus culture, also consider the college's academic environment to determine if it is LGBTQ+ inclusive. Look for LGBTQ+ staff and explore the course catalog for majors or courses exploring LGBTQ+ themes, like gender studies or women's studies.

We invite you to visit Career and Transfer Connections for assistance in searching LGBTQ+ friendly colleges and universities.