Welcome to the Bobcat Family!

We are so queertastically glad you are part of Ohio University and the Southeast Ohio Communities. OHIO and Athens have built a strong rainbow foundation for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and ally communities; we are the first center in the state of Ohio and one of 55 universities nationwide that offers Gender Neutral Housing. That said, we still have a lot of work in creating an environment (on and off campus) that is truly safe and celebratory of people of all genders, orientations, and expressions of identity. As the center continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of the university and of our geographic location, we invite you to be part of the effort to create spaces where folks across the spectrums of sexuality, gender, and coming out feel affirmed in whatever ways needed.

we serve LGBT people, non-LGBT people, and everyone in-between and beyond!

Navigating Bobcat Life with Rainbow Style

The LGBT Center offers a variety of programming such as: Dine-n-Discuss, Queer Hollywood, the annual Queer Studies Conference, guest speakers, craft moons, Pride Graduation, and much more. The center also houses a resource library of books and films as well as offers a computer lab, lounge area, study space, and a place to color unicorns. Additional opportunities include:

* Getting involved in SpeakOUT and/or #Safingallthezones (SafeZone workshops)
* LGBTQIA Mentorship Program
* Holigays like National Coming Out Day and Transgender Day of Remembrance
* Just being you!

Variety of different groups to get involved in (many are on Facebook and/or Twitter):

* Asterisk: Athens Area Trans Advocates ~ This group advocates for trans and gender variant people and their concerns.
* F*ck Rape Culture ~ A social movement to challenge, undermine, and eradicate rape culture at Ohio University.
* Queer Student Collective / Queers United In Protest (QUIP) ~ a group for queer activists, malcontents, and revolutionaries
* Athens Poly ~ safe and welcoming social community and resource for non-monogamous people
* LGBT Bible Study ~ an effort of CRU that engages Christian Scripture through a LGBT lens (all faith traditions welcome)
* LGBTQIA Affairs Commissions ~ The Commissions of Undergraduate and Graduate Student
* OpenDoors ~ The LGBTQQA Student Union is a conversational and social support resource that meets weekly for discussions and activities.
* Feminist Equality Movement (FEM) ~ committed to furthering the intersectional feminist vision on and off campus
* OUTGrads ~ This social group is open to all grad students and non-traditional undergrads.
* Out & Proud Athens ~ a new community outreach effort to advocate for and support LGBTQ identified individuals and their families within and beyond Athens
* Ohio University PRIDE Society ~ alumni group that promotes and facilitates the active involvement of LGBT students, alumni, and friends.
* Regional Campus Groups: Southern ~ Gay Straight Alliance; Zanesville ~ LGBTQA Alliance; Chillicothe ~ OU-C United; Lancaster/Pickerington ~ Gender Equality Solidarity Society (GESS); Eastern ~ The Wallflower Alliance

OUR MISSION: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center advances the diversity mission of Ohio University by creating a university environment and community inclusive and supportive of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and queerness. We focus on the unique academic, cultural and social needs of LGBT students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community. We provide resources, educational opportunities, social gatherings, and LGBTQ justice initiatives to ALL students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members at Ohio University and beyond.

The LGBT Center’s social media shenanigans!

We publish a weekly electronic news digest to keep people up-to-date on campus, local, state, national and world LGBTQ events and issues. Sign up on our website or e-mail lgbt@ohio.edu

Like us / join us / follow us / converse with us: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, and Vine! (Handle ~ OULGBTCenter)
### People and Places to Know

- **Office for Diversity & Inclusion** ~ This office oversees the LGBT Center, the Multicultural Center, the Women’s Center, and the Office for Multicultural Student Access & Retention (OMSAR). Each office individually as well as collectively deliver a full spectrum of diversity-related services, experiences, and opportunities.

- **Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS)** ~ Located in Hudson Hall, this office has LGBT-friendly counselors available to help you work through different challenges you may be experiencing. They offer an after-hours support line. Contact them at 740-593-1616.

- **Survivor Advocacy Program** (OUSAP) ~ Provides confidential support and advocacy services to victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking. The advocacy, education, and resources provided by OUSAP is for ALL members of the Ohio University community (students, faculty, and staff). Please call 740-597-7233 (SAFE) if you or a friend need support.

- **Police** ~ The Ohio University Police Department (OUPD) is available to help if you are the victim of any crime on campus. OUPD is located in Scott Quad and can be reached at 740-593-1911. The Athens Police Department can assist you with any off-campus concerns. APD is located on College Street and can be reached at 740-593-6606. Call 911 if there is an emergency on/off campus.

### Other Campus Allies

- Dean of Students Office
- Center for Leadership & Career Development
- Department of Housing and Residence Life
- Campus Care (student health center)
- Ohio University Alumni Association
- University College
- Learning Community Programs
- Center for Student Legal Services
- Office of Global Opportunities
- International Student and Faculty Services
- Honors Tutorial College
- Student Accessibility Services
- Office for Equal Opportunity & Accessibility
- Office of Equity & Civil Rights Compliance
- Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibility
- Diversity Studies Certificate Program
- Center for Law, Justice, & Culture
- Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- Patton College of Education
- Heritage College of Medicine
- Office for Global Opportunities

### Spiritual/Religious Resources

- United Campus Ministry
- Hillel at Ohio University
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens
- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- First Presbyterian Church of Athens
- First United Methodist Church
- Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

### Housing

- Office of Off-Campus Living
- Capstone Properties
- Carriage Hill

### Eateries, libations, and shopping

- Jackie O’s
- Casa Nueva
- Sol
- Fluff
- Insomnia Cookies
- Habibis
- Athens Uncorked
- Donkey Coffee
- O’Betty’s
- Passion Works
- Athens Underground
- Beads and Things
- Honey
- The Other Place
- Phoenix Nest
- Salaam

### Community Allies

- Appalachian Peace and Justice Network
- Sojourners Care Network
- Integrated Services
- University Medical Associates
- My Sister’s Place
- Survivor Advocacy and Outreach Program
- Athens County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- People’s Justice League
- SuBAMUH: Susan B. Anthony Memorial Unrest Home
- Athens Public Library
- Old Lesbians Organizing for Change
- Athens Ohio Roller Derby
- Appalachian Hell Betties (roller derby)

### OHIO’s Transgender and Queer Resources

- Gender Neutral Housing
- Preferred Name and Pronoun Policy
- Trans Inclusive Healthcare through the university’s student health plan
- Single Occupancy Restrooms (www.ohio.edu/lgbt/universityresources.cfm)
- Spectrum (trans support group for the university AND Athens / Southeast Ohio communities)
- Inclusive Non-Discrimination Statement that protects sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression

### Additional LGBTQ Resources

- Trevor Lifeline ~ 866-488-7386 (additional resources on www.trevorproject.org)
- Trans Lifeline ~ 877-565-8860
- Equality Ohio (statewide equality group)
- TransOhio (statewide trans empowerment group)
- Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO ~ focuses on LGBT victims and survivors of violence)

Contact the LGBT Center or visit www.ohio.edu/lgbt to learn more about these resources and many more.

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**OMG! There’s more...**

- **CAT-Vision** ~ LOGO (LGBT themed) is available in the Residence Halls.
- **Press** ~ The Athens News, The Athens Messenger and The Post offer queer-friendly reporting. We encourage folks to submit letters to the editor to share perspectives to ensure that diverse voices are included and heard.
- **Queer Courses** ~ There are several courses offered throughout the university that focus on LGBT issues from politics to literature.
- **LGBTQ Studies Certificate** is offered through Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies.
- **Learning Community** on LGBTQ Identities and Social Justice
- **Diversity Studies Certificate** offered through the Patton College of Education.

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At the LGBT Center, ALL are welcome truly means ALL are welcome!