

# Frequently Asked Questions

## by incoming Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students

### 1. If I think I might be gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender, how can I find out?

Many students will be plagued with questions about who they are and will be trying to find their identity throughout their college career. Know that you are not alone. Also know that there is only one person who can answer that question, and that is you. If you would like to talk about the issue, The Pride Center has a peer counseling program called PRISM, that has trained LGBT peer counselors that are ready and willing to help. More information on the program: <http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/pride/PRISM.asp>

### 2. Where can I meet other LGBT students and get involved on campus?

There are plenty of ways to get involved on campus, and many different venues for meeting other LGBT students! You can find our listing of LGBT campus and area resources on the same SOAR resource page where you found this document. Some of the on-campus resources include:

Pride Center: A resource center for the LGBT, questioning, and ally community. For more information: [pride.calpoly.edu](http://pride.calpoly.edu)

Spectrum: A club on campus that is similar to a high school Gay-Straight Alliance. [www.cpspectrum.org](http://www.cpspectrum.org)

Delta Lambda Phi: A gay, bisexual, and progressive fraternity for men. [www.dlp.org](http://www.dlp.org)

### 3. Where can I meet other LGBT people and get involved in the San Luis Obispo community?

There are plenty of ways to get involved in the community and meet other LGBT people outside of campus. You can find our listing of LGBT campus and area resources on the same SOAR resource page where you found this document.

### 4. Are there many "out" people on campus?

Yes. In the last few years we have really started to see an increase in the visible queer population on campus. Last year we had an openly-lesbian student body president. The Pride Center also recently relocated to the University Union, a more visible and accessible location, where it's easy to meet new people.

### 5. Do I need to tell my roommate I am LGBT?

No. If you don't feel the need to tell someone you are gay then you do not need to. There may come a point where you'll want to come out to them, but only do it when you feel comfortable doing so.

### 6. How do I deal with LGBT-related roommate problems?

Anytime you have a problem that cannot be resolved by talking to your roommate, you should go to your RA or CA. All of your RA's and CA's have been through a training session about LGBT issues. If the problem absolutely can't be fixed, then you can request to be assigned to a different room.

### 7. Besides my RA, who can I go to for help?

The Pride Center has a peer counseling program called PRISM that has trained peer counselors ready to talk to you. Many of them lived on campus their first year and might have gone through a similar situation as you.

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### 8. Are there any resources for LGBT students who are religious?

Yes, we have compiled a list of welcoming congregations and organizations in the area. You can find it on the same SOAR resource page where you found this document.

### 9. What if a teacher makes me feel uncomfortable because of my sexual orientation or gender expression?

The majority of teachers on campus are allies and supportive of the LGBT community. If you come across problems you can contact the Dean of Students [deanofstudents@calpoly.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@calpoly.edu) or Erin Echols, Coordinator, Pride Center [eechols@calpoly.edu](mailto:eechols@calpoly.edu).