

Gender and Sexuality Terms

This document functions under the pretense of the split attraction model (see below).

Agender: having no gender, without gender

Asexual (ace): experiencing no sexual attraction, also an umbrella term for identities that experience little to no sexual attraction

Aromantic (aro): experiencing no romantic attraction, also an umbrella term for identities that experience little to no romantic attraction

Bisexual/Biromantic (bi): being attracted (bisexual - sexually attracted; biromantic - romantically attracted) to two or more genders.

Cisgender (cis): identifying with the gender someone was assigned at birth

Demiboy: a person who feels their gender identity partially identifies with a masculine identity but is not wholly binary

Demigirl: a person who feels their gender identity partially identifies with a feminine identity, but is not wholly binary

Demisexual: experiencing little to no sexual attraction without an emotional connection, falling under the ace umbrella

Gay: often used as an umbrella term for the LGBTQA+ community, historically used to describe men who are exclusively attracted to other men

Genderfluid: regarding a person whose gender identity is not fixed or can fluidly vary between multiple gender identities

Genderqueer: regarding a person who does not subscribe to conventional gender distinctions but identifies with no gender, multiple genders, or any combination of genders.

Heterosexual: regarding people who are attracted to people of a different gender from themselves

Intersex: regarding a person who was unable to be categorized as male or female at birth, due to genital, chromosomal, hormonal, and/or other natural bodily variations that deviate from a binary view of sex

Lesbian: regarding non-men attracted to non-men, historically used to describe women who are exclusively attracted to other women

Monogamy: the practice of having only one partner at a time

Nonbinary: regarding a person who does not identify as a man or woman, or otherwise identifies outside of the gender binary.

Pansexual: attraction to all genders without preference, or regardless of gender

Polyamory: the practice of engaging in multiple relationships, with the consent of all the people involved

Queer: originally used as a slur against LGBTQA+ people, now reclaimed and used as an umbrella term for the LGBTQA+ community

Split Attraction Model: the idea that romantic and sexual attraction are different from each other

Transgender: regarding someone who identifies with a gender other than the gender they were assigned at birth

Two Spirit: regarding a Native American identity in which one person contains female and male spirits within them