

Hetero-

1. Different, other, the other of two

In these contexts, it means opposite-sex (i.e. heteronormative: adjective noting or relating to behavior or attitudes consistent with traditional male or female gender roles and the assumption of heterosexuality as the norm)

Bi-

1. Twice, or two

In this context: relating to two, and no more than two, genders, specifically male and female. Definitions of this combining form are expanding and evolving to become more fluid and allow for a less binary construct of gender.

Homo-

1. Same, one and the same.

In this context: relating to the same gender identity.

- Poly-

1. Much, many, more than one

In this context: multiple (usually partners) concurrently.

Pan-

1. All

In this context: All people; all gender orientations. Can substitute: Omni-

A-/An-

1. Not, without, opposite to

In this context: Without or not aligned to (i.e. Agamous, a state or condition of not engaging with marriage)

-romantic

1. Relating to romance or romantic attraction.

In this context: Though often conflated, one's romantic orientation and one's sexual orientation can be different.

-sexual

1. Of or relating to sex.

In this context: Used to describe a person's sexual orientation, identification, or preferences.

-gamous/-gamy

1. Marriage, union, fertilization/pollination

In this context: Marriage or uniting sexually

-amorous/-amy

1. Of or relating to love and sexual desire.

In this context: Relating to sexual and/or love/romantic relationships, not necessarily pertaining to marriage.

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