This document includes the discussion questions that you and your closest 1-4 male friends will be answering. You may skip questions that you do not feel comfortable discussing. The whole set of questions should take about 15-30 minutes, but that depends on how much you say, how many of you there are, and whether or not you answer all questions.

To get started, set up a camera (webcam, phone camera, flip camera, etc.) so that we can see you and your friends. Only the research team will see the video, but if you’d like to hide your identities, you may keep your heads out of the frame, disguise yourselves in some way (wear sunglasses, hats, etc.). If you are comfortable knowing that your video will not be made public and would show your faces, that would be helpful in our research project.

Once you start the video, and before you and your group start answering the questions, one of your group members must read aloud the ­Informed Consent Form while another group member holds up an 8”X11” piece of paper with a name for your group. Also, let us know what type of device you recorded your session on (e.g. webcam, phone camera, flip camera, etc.). After the member reads aloud the consent form and all members that wish to continue with the study one by one say the words “I Consent.” After everyone has consented, you may begin discussing the questions below.

1. How old are each of you?
2. Do you have any military background? Fraternity participation? Sports?
3. Are you or were you ever in another kind of all-male club or organization?
   1. If so, what?
4. What is each of your sexual orientation and what types of people are you attracted to?
5. How would each of you identify your racial identity?
6. How much school/education have you each completed? (highest degree earned/completed)
7. What do/did you each do in your time outside of classes or work?
8. How do you all know each other?
9. How long have you been friends?
10. What do you do when you hang out together? (activities)
11. How do you typically greet each other (what do you say and/or do)?
12. How do you typically say goodbye to each other (what do you say and/or do)?
13. When you are sitting next to each other is it okay if you are touching in any way? Explain.
14. Do you tell each other everything about yourselves? What sorts of things do you talk about with each other? Are there any topics that are off limits? Which are? Which aren’t?
15. Do you feel comfortable talking about your feelings with each other?
16. Do you prefer hanging out with each other over female friends? Why?
    1. How does this differ from friends of a different gender? Why?
17. How do you act when you see each other for the first time in a long time?
18. Do you ever hug each other? Explain. What types of physical contact like that are ok and which are off limits?
19. How loyal do you think you are to each other?
20. Are other men a topic you talk about with each other? Explain. What do you talk about?
21. Are women a topic you talk about often? Explain. What do you talk about?
22. Do you fear being labeled as homosexual? Why? Why not?
23. Do you fear being labeled as heterosexual? Why? Why not?
24. In what ways do you physically interact with each other? Please give/show examples.
25. Do you ever feel like you want to hug/embrace each other but don’t? Explain.
26. Do you ever feel like you shouldn’t hug each other but do anyway? Explain.
27. Do you and your guy friends have any words or phrases that only mean something to you and your guy friends? i.e. inside jokes
28. Do you have any nicknames for each other that you or one of your guy friends made up? (only your group knows/understands)
29. Do you and your guy friends have any hand gestures or handshakes that is special to your group or that mean something special to your group?
30. Do you ever find yourself using language with each other that you wouldn’t use with others? Explain (give examples)
31. Do you find yourself cursing more when you are with/around your guy friends? Why or why not?
32. How is alcohol a part of hanging out/spending time with each other?
33. How are drugs a part of hanging out/spending time with each other?
34. Would you ever tell each other you love each other? Why or why not?
35. How do you express to each other how much you mean to each other?
36. Do you ever hit each other? Why or why not? (punch, kick, wrestle, etc.?)
37. Do you ever hold hands with each other? Why or why not? (how about cuddle, snuggle, hold, etc?)
38. Do you act differently toward each other when you are alone opposed to when you are in public together (or when others can see you)? Why and how?
39. Do you have a lot in common with each other? What do you have in common?
40. How important is it to you to have things in common with your guy friends (each other)?
41. Do you think it is more important to like the same things as your guy friends
42. Do you think it is important to have the same ideas and beliefs as your guy friends? Why?
43. Which do you think is more important (sharing ideas and beliefs, or liking to do the same things), or is neither more important?
44. Is there anything you want to tell us about your friendship that we haven’t discussed?

Once you have completed the questions, email us at [ISRC@mail.widener.edu](mailto:ISRC@mail.widener.edu) with the subject “Men’s Friendship.” Inform us that you have taken part in the study, and need to submit a video. In the email, let us know the name of your group and we will create and share a secure [dropbox](http://www.dropbox.com) account for you. Simply put your video in the folder and the files will be transferred to us. Please leave the video there, and we will remove the video when we have secured it on our computer.

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer these questions.