

Roommate Agreement

(Please hand the agreement in to your CE upon completion.)

It's time to discuss compromising and mutual considerations. Set down your ground rules. Determine guest rules, cleaning schedules, possessions that can be shared, food and shopping considerations, and study hours. Write down these and other things you have discussed and agree to follow them. Post in your room, refer to it often and revise it if necessary.

Good Luck and have a wonderful roommate and college experience!!

Hall: _____ Room #: _____ Date: _____

Room Condition

Who is responsible for:

CLEANING THE ROOM: _____ HOW OFTEN: _____

TAKING OUT THE TRASH: _____ HOW OFTEN: _____

Living Environment

ROOM TEMPERATURE (SUMMER): _____ WINTER: _____

SLEEPING TIME DURING WEEKDAY: _____ WEEKENDS/HOLIDAY: _____

ROOM LIGHT: DAY: _____ NIGHTTIME: _____

WHEN STUDYING: _____ DURING SLEEP: _____

STUDY TIME: WEEKDAY: _____ WEEKEND/HOLIDAY: _____

NOISE LEVEL: WEEKDAY: _____ WEEKENDS/HOLIDAY: _____

WHEN STUDYING: _____ DURING SLEEP: _____

SMOKING (not allowed in room): _____

Personal Belongings

What items do you feel comfortable sharing? _____

What items do you want your room/suitemate to ask permission for? _____

What items are off limits? _____

Guest Visitations

How do you communicate about visiting guest? _____

When can a guest visit? Weekday: _____ Weekend/Holiday: _____

When someone is studying? _____ Sleeping? _____

Sex in the room? _____

Anytime when guests are not permitted? _____

Other Considerations

We agree to abide by the above guidelines, which we have discussed and put in writing. We also agree to talk about problems and attempt to work together to find a solution. We both understand that these guidelines can be discussed and revised if we both are in agreement.

Roommate #1 Print Name Date

Roommate #2 Print Name Date

Roommate #1 Signature Date

Roommate #2 Signature Date

Roommate Rights and Responsibilities

Whether living with a roommate is a new experience or something done before, you will find that sharing a room with another person(s) requires open and honest communication, cooperation, compromise, flexibility, and respect. Relationships of any kind involve a bit of work, some give and take, and an understanding of each other. Your room is a place to study, sleep, socialize, and live. Your room may be a place to relax, a haven for intellectual thought, a fun place to hang out with friends, or a combination of all of these. To a large extent, the quality of life in your room will depend on the relationship developed between you and your roommate.

Keep in mind that roommates do not have to be the best of friends. The most successful roommates are those able to respect each other's needs. There will be times when you or your roommate will disagree on issues related to your living environment. It is important that you enter a new roommate situation with realistic expectations. While it would be ideal for all roommates to be best friends this does not always happen. Before the semester starts, start talking to each other.

This document is intended to serve as a format for an agreement between roommates to ensure that each individual's rights are respected. Your level of enjoyment and satisfaction from residence hall living will depend to a large extent on the thoughtful consideration you demonstrate for one another. As roommates, all of you should mutually determine the decisions and the stipulations of a behavioral agreement and endorse it.

The basic rights of a roommate include:

1. The right to study free from undue interference (noise, music, guests, etc.) in one's room.
2. The right to sleep without undue disturbance from guests, roommates, etc.
3. The right to expect that roommate(s) will respect one another's personal belongings.
4. The right to a clean, safe, healthy environment in which to live.
5. The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from roommates.
6. The right to personal privacy.
7. The right to host guest(s) at agreed upon times, and with the expectation that the guests are to respect the rights of the host's roommate(s) and other hall residents.
8. The right to be free from fear of intimidation, physical, and/or emotional harm
9. The right to expect that any and all disagreements will be discussed in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect; and that it is acceptable, when any roommate feels it necessary, to involve a residence hall staff member in such discussion.
10. The right to expect reasonable cooperation in the use of "room shared" appliances (e.g. refrigerator, tv, etc.)

It is important to note that a room is a private space that should be shared equally by both roommates. As a responsible roommate, it is not appropriate to engage in any activity which would deny your roommate access to the room, or make them feel uncomfortable while in the room. When one roommate has a friend or friends visiting, it should always be with the consent of the other roommate. To a large extent, your relationship with a roommate is dependent on mutual consideration of the feelings and needs of the other person.

REMEMBER!

With every right goes the responsibility to respect that same right when it is exercised by another person(s).

When this isn't happening and roommates cannot figure out how to confront the problem, we suggest involving one of the Residence Life staff (CEs, ARDs, and RDs). Please be aware that, should roommates not be able to come to a resolution, or should one roommate continue to exhibit behavior that is inconsiderate or inappropriate, the Residence Life staff may take further action to resolve the conflict. This may include disciplinary action or a room change (depending on the situation).