Roommate Agreement

An early conversation about living together and personal preferences is always very beneficial to roommates living together throughout the entire academic year. Especially for roommates who have been friends previously, agreeing on details like cleaning and guests can go a long way to allowing that friendship to work well in a living situation.

This agreement between roommates is to facilitate each individual expressing his/her desires, listening to a roommate’s preferences, and coming to an understanding about mutual respect. Please take time to discuss each topic and write down the agreed upon approach or procedure. Feel free to add any items that you find necessary. Keep in mind that the primary purpose of the room is for sleeping and studying. Keep one copy of this in the room and give the other copy to your RA. All agreements need to be in compliance with University regulations.

It is normal for roommates to face conflicts over some personal preferences—this is a part of the experience of living on campus. Out of respect for your relationship, communicate openly and frequently and solve common issues together. If you would like the help of a third party, consult with your RA.

GUESTS/VISITORS
Consider hours and frequency of overnight guests

USE OF POSSESSIONS
Borrowing/lending agreement Consider: stereo, clothes, money, computer, TV, food, and any damages to borrowed property

SUSTAINABILITY
1. RECYCLING/WASTE: What will we recycle, how, and who takes out trash and recycling? Re-usable grocery bags?
2. ENERGY: How will we determine thermostat settings? Turning off, unplugging lights/electronics/etc.? When can windows be open?
3. FOOD: Shared? Local?

NOISE/ SLEEP TIMES
Consider sleeping conditions, lights on/off, noise time, alarm settings, etc.

USE OF LIVING AREA
For what purposes? When? Who? How will you communicate the need to entertain guests? How will you keep it clean?

FINANCES
Consider who pays for food, cleaning supplies, bills, etc.

CLEANING
What is each person responsible for cleaning? How often? Consider garbage, sides of room, private bathroom. Please respect the work our housekeeping staff will do in common areas of the building.

ALCOHOL
What is agreed upon about alcohol consumption in the room? If you perceive a problem, how will you approach that with each other? (NOTE: Only those who are over 21 are permitted to consume alcohol on campus and alcohol is not permitted in any first-year building.)

FUTURE CONFLICTS
How can this agreement be changed as you get to know each other throughout the year? How will conflicts be addressed? Consider addressing all such concerns in person. How will you involve the RA in these discussions?

ADDITIONAL TOPICS?

Our copy will be kept in _____________________________________________________________________

We have discussed and agreed upon the above. We recognize that any change in the agreements we set must be approved by both of us. If we would like support, the Residence Life staff can oversee mediation based on this agreement.

Print Name: __________________________  Signed:_____________________________    Date:_________
Print Name: __________________________  Signed:_____________________________    Date:_________

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