F.I.T. Roommate Contract

Guidelines: This roommate contract is put in place to establish guidelines within your room/suite between roommates/suitemates. Taking this contract seriously will help with communication and planning. This contract is not all inclusive, and we encourage you to add items if they are not listed in this contract.

1. The contract should be discussed and completed with all roommates present. It is suggested that your RA be consulted on any items that are unfamiliar or where no agreement can be reached.
2. Be honest about personal differences, and be respectful of each other. Many roommate problems arise because the other person doesn't do things the way you are used to. To understand another person, you must first respect each other's differences. Also, be honest with what your wants and needs. If you find that you need to change parts of the contract later, just ask your RA.
3. Try to agree on a way to resolve those differences now, *before* conflicts arise. Communicate your needs and listen to the other person as they communicate theirs.

Please indicate a corresponding roommate number for each roommate:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Roommate 1	Roommate 2	Roommate 3	Roommate 4

Section I – Community/Personal Property: In this section, think carefully about which items you feel comfortable sharing with your new roommate.

You may use these possessions of mine:

Items	Roommate 1	Roommate 2	Roommate 3	Roommate 4
Stereo	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Clothes	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
TV	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Equipment (drawing board, school supplies, etc	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Appliances (curling iron, microwave, etc)	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Sheets/towels	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Food	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Computer	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Toiletries (shampoo, tampons, etc.)	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first

Section II – Responsibilities: In this section, outline any shared/personal tasks

Cleaning/Cleanliness: Establish guidelines for cleaning your room/suite as well as personal hygiene

Suggestions (choose what works best):
Each member of the room will clean up after him/herself and agree to maintain healthy personal hygiene. Any mess left or made by anyone will be cleaned up by that person. If things get too bad on one side of the room, the RA will produce this contract at the request of the roommate(s). The mess must then be cleaned within 24 hours.

(OR)

We will develop a cleaning schedule where each roommate will be responsible for a different task (i.e. taking out the trash, cleaning floors, bathroom, sweeping, etc) on a rotating schedule.

Sample Schedule:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All-General Maintenance	Roommate 2-Vacuum	Roommate 3-Sweep/Dust	Roommate 1-Take out trash	None	None	Roommate 4-

This is what we agree upon in regards to cleaning and/or our cleaning schedule:

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Security: Establish guidelines for maintaining a safe, comfortable environment

Some suggestions:

I agree to lock the door every time I leave, whether I am going to class or going to the bathroom down the hall.

I agree to accompany all of my guests when they are in the room. I understand that I am responsible for their actions when they are in my room.
I agree that I may be held responsible for any losses/damages due to negligence on my part

List the agreed upon guidelines for maintaining a safe, comfortable environment here:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Lifestyles/hours/Visitation: Establish guidelines for visitors along with expectations for time management

	Roommate 1	Roommate 2	Roommate 3	Roommate 4
Are visitors allowed in the room?	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Are male guests allowed in the room?	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Are female guests allowed in the room?	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Are guests allowed at any time?	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first	yes | no | ask first
Explain any restrictions regarding guests				
I expect to be asleep by….				
I expect to wake up by…				
I take naps	yes | no	yes | no	yes | no	yes | no
I prefer the room temperature to be:				

This is how we plan to resolve any potential Conflicts of lifestyle and hours:

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Hopefully now you and your roommate(s) have had an opportunity to establish some policies and guidelines that will help you build a positive living relationship. You have identified problem areas and set up methods for dealing with them.

In addition, ***you and your roommates must read and understand the terms outlined in the Resident Handbook and Resident Contract***. There are certain community expectations that have been established so everyone can enjoy themselves in a safe, healthy environment. Residents should be able to pursue their social and private lives in our community without being threatened by discrimination, disruption, and harassment of any form, **as long as their behavior does not infringe on the rights of others**.

If there are any problems that cannot be worked out between roommates, we will consult with our RA. If the RA is unable to help us resolve our dispute, we agree to meet with a Resident Counselor to attempt to solve the problem. We, as roommates enter into this agreement in good faith. We fully intend to abide by the policies we have made, as well as the policies outlined in the Resident Handbook and Residence Contract.

Roommate 1 _____ Date: _____

Roommate 2 _____ Date: _____

Roommate 3 _____ Date: _____

Roommate 4 _____ Date: _____

Name of RA: _____ Date: _____

Please return this contract to your RA when finished. S/he will keep it on file for you and your roommate if there is ever a need to review or modify it.