

Housing & Residence Life Roommate Agreement



Building:

We are glad that you chose to live on campus! Throughout the year there will be several opportunities for you to meet people on your floor, building or from the community. Your resident assistant will plan several programs throughout the year so you can make connections with your community. This agreement provides information about the Housing and Residence Life as well as recommendations to assist you with your on-campus experience.

Suite/Apartment/Room:

Mission Statement

Housing and Residence Life is committed to providing exemplary service to students by creating a safe and secure environment that promotes academic success.

Diversity Statement

The *Department of Housing and Residence Life* strives to create a community where each person feels welcomed and valued for his or her own individual contribution. **We will achieve this through:**

1. Encouraging students and staff to better understand themselves as well as others in the community
2. The provision of programs and opportunities for all to share experiences, values, cultures and beliefs
3. Identifying biases, assumptions, ridicule and prejudices as they occur and readily challenging these statements that may be obstacles to true community

Why is this document important?

This agreement is designed to help roommate/suitemates get to know one another, open the lines of communication and tips to build successful relationships. Before discussing ground rules consider;

- You and your roommate/suitemate are completely different, have different viewpoints, and came from different backgrounds, lifestyles etc. With varying life experiences it is important to appreciate differences and learn from one another.
- Or either of you have never shared a room with someone else.
- Even if your roommate/suitemate are childhood best friends it still a good idea to think about what will work to support your existing friendship throughout the year.
- For first year residents or continuing residents there is an adjustment period to be comfortable with a roommate/suitemate so be patient with each other.

In order to help start the conversation on appropriate boundaries/expectations for your room/suite/apartment please take time to review and complete the sections below. It is suggested you review this agreement to consider your expectations prior to the meeting, take notes and come prepared to discuss with roommate/suitemate/apartment-mate and Residence Life Staff member. Please feel free to add to this document if needed.

Communication:

How will you communicate with one another when a concern arises? Where will messages be left? How late is it okay for phone calls to be made? If there is a concern how should it be addressed? How do you expect the other person to respond when any issues are addressed? Other ideas/thoughts?

Temperature:

How do you prefer to keep the temperature of the room? What temperature is agreeable to everyone in the summer and in the winter? Who will control the temperature and when will it be changed? (Please keep in mind that the temperature of rooms should be set at 72 degrees for optimal air quality conditions). Other ideas/thoughts?

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Cleaning:

What does “clean” mean to each of you? Depending on your community spaces are clean periodically by Building Services (bathrooms and hallway/kitchen floors and vacuuming). How often will you clean the common spaces? Who will do this and when? How long can dishes remain in the sink or out? Can clothes be left on the floor, on desk, bed or somewhere other than the closet/drawer? Other ideas/thoughts?

Trash:

How often will the trash be taken out in the kitchen and bathrooms? Who will take the trash out and when? Who will purchase trash bags? Other ideas/thoughts?

Sharing personal items and food:

Will you be sharing items in the living room, kitchen, and bathroom? How will you designate what items belong to each person? Will you share any food? What items and spaces can guests share while visiting? Will everyone have equal access to the TV, stereo system, computer, video gaming equipment, etc.? What are the expectations for borrowing clothing, personal items, food, etc.? Other ideas/thoughts?

Bathrooms:

Who will share which bathroom and vanity area? How will you arrange your shower schedule and times?

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Study/Sleep Time:

Are you a morning/night person? When do you typically go to bed? Wake up? What type of environment helps you concentrate on your studies? What times of the day are reserved for studying? If one person is sleeping, what activities are acceptable in the room? Other ideas/thoughts?

Noise Level & Quiet Hours:

What level of sound is appropriate from TVs, stereos, etc.? When will you be going to bed and when does everyone need to be quiet? What time in the morning do you generally get up and how long into the day should everyone be quiet? What level of noise from talking, laughing, etc. is acceptable? Other ideas/thoughts?

Guests & Visitation:

See Community Living Guide for Visitation/Guests policy. Room/Suite/Apartment-mate approval is required for all guests visiting. Guest must always be accompanied by resident and should never have access to resident keys.

Guest (in space for a few hours):

When is it okay to have guests in the room/suite (weekdays and weekends)? What times on weekends and weekdays is it OK to have guests? Is this different for guests of the opposite gender? How many guests of one resident may be over at one time? Do you have different expectations of guests of the opposite sex? How many guests of one resident may be over at one time?

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Overnight Guest:

Are you comfortable with overnight guests of the opposite gender? How much notice is needed for overnight visitors? (Maximum overnight guests are two per resident. No overnight guest will stay more than seven nights total during each semester). **If someone violates this policy it will be reported to the resident assistant.**

Other:

Are there other issues or agreements you want to make about you want to consider for your room/suite/apartment?

Reminders:

- We agree to lock our door at all times as to protect our privacy, belongings and ourselves.
- We agree to discuss how to reach each other during an emergency.
- We agree to all times that we will treat one another as we expect to be treated. We will not use derogatory language, intimidate, threaten through words (verbally or written) or in action.

Date Completed: _____

Residence Life staff: _____

Resident 1: _____
Print Name

Sign Name

Resident 2: _____
Print Name

Sign Name

Resident 3: _____
Print Name

Sign Name

Resident 4: _____
Print Name

Sign Name