

Be honest about your thoughts and ideas

Good roommates don't have to be best friends

Understand your housing policies and guidelines

Roommate Topics

STEP ONE Fill out the first two pages on your own.

STUDY HOURS (check each you agree with)

When I study... I like it to be quiet. Activity/noise doesn't bother me.

I'll probably do most of my studying in our room. somewhere else.

I like the idea of having regular study/quiet hours in our room.

More specific ideas that might go into our roommate plan: _____

SLEEP (check each you agree with)

I like to go to sleep around ____ p.m. ____ a.m., and I usually wake up around ____ a.m.

I have a hard time sleeping if the lights are on if there's talking or noise.

Wake me up if you know I need to be somewhere important.

Let me sleep in, even if you know I need to be somewhere.

More specific ideas about sleep and quiet that might go into our roommate plan: _____

FOOD (check each you agree with)

You're welcome to eat or drink whatever's mine.

I prefer to keep our food/snacks/beverages separate.

We might be able to share some things. Let's talk about how to handle this.

More thoughts about organizing our food, using the refrigerator, & purchasing: _____

OUR STUFF (Like computers, TV, phones, music devices, sound system, microwave, games/gaming systems, etc.)

Here's a list of some of my stuff you can use without asking:

Here's a list of stuff I want you to ask about before using:

Personal stuff I don't want you to use:

CLEANING (check each you agree with)

I don't mind a messy room. I like a clean room. I don't mind cleaning.

I don't like to clean. I think we need to share the cleaning chores equally.

It might be a good idea to have a regular cleaning schedule and plan.

A list of specific cleaning chores we'll need to do regularly include: _____

Chores I'm willing to do: _____

More specific ideas that might go into our plan: _____

PRIVACY AND GUESTS (check each you agree with)

If you plan to have guests...

Ask me ahead of time to make sure it's OK. There's no need to ask.

If I need to study or sleep, please find another place for your guests.

If I need for your guests to leave, I'll let you know.

For overnight guests, give me at least a day's notice.

For overnight guests, I do not need notice.

More specific ideas about privacy that might be a part of our plan: _____

COMMUNICATION (check each you agree with)

I'm usually direct. You'll know when we need to talk.

I'm sometimes indirect. Let me know if you think we need to talk.

When issues come up and we need to talk, you can:

tell me directly write a note suggest we meet with the residence staff to talk

other _____

More specific ideas about discussing & resolving issues or conflicts: _____

OTHER TOPICS

Discuss your thoughts/ideas/experiences for each of the following:

alcohol use/abuse

family concerns

medical issues/allergies

laundry

pet peeves

taking messages

religious background

dating relationships

tobacco

questions I have about housing policies and guidelines

Fill in the boxes with more that would be good for your roommates to know about you:

STEP TWO Arrange to meet with your roommate(s) for your discussion. You may also want to have a residence life staff member help with the conversation.

OUR AGREEMENT

STEP THREE After discussing the topics, agree to a plan for each one. If you need more space, grab extra sticky notes or a sheet of paper to expand your ideas.

It's a good idea periodically to evaluate how the plan is working. The first review of our plan will be on _____ (date.) as issues come up or things change, we will negotiate changes to our plan. If we need help from the residence life staff, we will ask for it.

Signatures (everyone signs):

STEP FOUR Read over the form and turn into your RA.

Lets Talk

For Roommates!

Why?

Having a roommate is a great way to make a new friend. This booklet is used to make sure that you and your new roommate are going to grow closer and avoid conflict.

Directions:

1. Fill out pages 1 & 2 on your own.
2. Meet to discuss the topics.
3. Create "Our Agreement" on page 3.
4. Turn form in to your RA.