

Roommate Agreement



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AGREEMENT FORM

Most roommates can work out mutually agreeable relationships with their roommates. When roommates have conflicts, the chapter's house manager can help resolve the conflict through mediation. When students are unable to amicably resolve conflicts on their own, the chapter's standards board may assert more control over finding a resolution. The standards board may require the roommates to participate in a conflict resolution meeting or may make a determination without the input of the residents as to how to resolve the conflict. The standards board may suggest a relocation of a student to another room to resolve a conflict with the approval of the housing corporation.

FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR ROOMMATE SUCCESS

1. The *Uncomfortable Rule*: if there is anything that happens in your room that makes you uncomfortable, mention it to your roommate within 24 - 48 hours.
2. Best friend, just friend, acquaintance or simply just a roommate; know that your roommate can be any of these things, and it's ok.
3. If things aren't going so well, you'll benefit from talking it out with your house manager, house director or member-at-large in mediation.
4. If you want to get along with your roommate, it's more likely you will.

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Room:

Expectations Regarding Communication:

How will we communicate with each other generally?

In person Text Post-It Notes Message board Other, explain:

How will we communicate with each other when there is an issue or concern in the room?

In person Text Post-It Notes Message board Other, explain:

Expectations Regarding Sleeping and Studying (must comply with hall's quiet and courtesy hours):

(consider options of headphones, closing doors etc.)

When someone is studying, what type of activity is allowed in room (guests, electronic devices used noise etc.)?

When someone is sleeping, what type of activity is allowed in the room (guests, electronic, electronic devices, noise etc.)?

Is there a difference between activities for common area versus individual bedroom when someone is sleeping or studying?

How will we communicate if someone is being too loud?

Expectations Regarding Guests/Visitors:

Due to concerns related to COVID-19, non-resident sisters and guests/visitors are not permitted to visit the property at this time.

Expectations Regarding Cleaning:

Students are always expected to keep their living area in a clean and habitable state. The Center for Disease Control recommends regular cleaning to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Consider using the template below to create a cleaning schedule.

Trash (bedroom) taken out:

Daily Twice a week Weekly Other, Explain :

How are bathroom items stored?

How will cleaning duties be divided to maintain a satisfactory level of cleanliness for each person in the space?

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Expectations Regarding Sharing:

Food: Yes No Specifics:

TV: Yes No Specifics:

Laptop/Tablet: Yes No Specifics:

Other Technology (i.e. speakers, chargers etc.):
 Yes No Specifics:

Clothes: Yes No Specifics:

Toiletries: (soap, shampoo, shaving items, feminine products etc.)
 Yes No Specifics:

Common supplies (hand soap, paper towels, tissues etc.)
 Yes No Specifics:

What items can be shared?

What's not okay to borrow without asking?

What shared belongs do we have?

What cleaning expectations must be adhered to for items to be shared successfully?

How will we communicate if our sharing decisions have changes?

Other COVID-19 Considerations

The Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend regular hand washing, avoiding close contact with other people, wearing face coverings when it's necessary to be around others, frequent cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and health monitoring.

How will we practice social distancing in shared areas of the room?

How will we communicate if one of us becomes symptomatic or has known exposure to someone who is tested positive for COVID-19?

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Conflict Management Plan:

Even the best roommates disagree on certain issues, and you may not have been able to plan for such conflict. Don't wait until the problem grows out of proportion to discuss it. Work together to craft a plan.

If conflict arises in our room, we agree to:

Signatures:

We have discussed the listed issues and have come to an agreement which will be altered only if we choose to fill out and sign a new form. We understand hall staff will keep a copy of this form and will refer to it if issues occur.

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| Signature: | Date: |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Signature: | Date: |
| House Director Signature: | Date: |
| House Manager Signature: | Date: |

Your house manager will send a copy to each resident and copy your chapter key advisor and MAL. Should you need assistance navigating a conflict or updating your roommate contract, please contact your house manager to schedule an appointment.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER