

# Roommate Contract

The following agreement is intended to allow you and your roommate(s) to openly discuss the rights and responsibilities you have when living together. It is important that you are open about your expectations and desires, as well as that you openly listen to your roommate. Even if you disagree, try to come to an agreeable compromise that satisfies the needs and wants of both parties. Please take this Roommate Contract seriously now as it will help to avoid, or resolve, potential conflicts in the next few months. Be as precise as you can be in stating the expectations of this contract. If at any time you have a problem, or a question, your RA is available to help you complete this form. When you have completed this form return it to your RA, who will keep a copy to assist in the case of a conflict. At any time you may ask to see this form, or you may ask your RA to make you a copy of your own.

Take the time to discuss all of the questions listed, as well as any other issues you feel are pertinent and detail your decisions in the spaces provided. Please answer all questions thoroughly as you may need to refer to this contract later in the year if a conflict arises. Be sure to detail exactly how you wish to deal with a conflict should it arise, as the resolution of disagreements lies with you first. If you are unsuccessful in the resolution of such matters ask your RA for assistance. She will be willing to help you at any time.

Every individual living in the Residence Halls has certain unalienable rights. Keep these rights in mind at all times and refer to them when filling out this form.

## Roommates Bill of Rights

1. The right to read and study without interference, unreasonable noise, or other distractions.
2. The right to sleep without undue disturbances.
3. The right to have personal privacy in one's room.
4. The right to live in a clean environment.
5. The right to host guests with the understanding that guests will honor the other resident's rights.
6. The right to have free access to one's room and hall facilities.
7. The right to be free from intimidation and physical and/or emotional harm.
8. The right to assume there will be mutual cooperation in telephone use.
9. The right expect respect for one's belongings and personal property.
10. The right to redress grievances.

**Studying** Will you be studying in the room? What times do you prefer to study? Do you need it quiet to study? Do you need background noise to study? Does studying take preference in use of the room?

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**Cleanliness** How clean do you expect the room to stay? How often does the room need to be cleaned? Who is responsible for cleaning which parts of the room?

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**Sleep Time** What times do you plan to go to bed? What times do you tend to get up in the morning? When someone is sleeping what lights are acceptable? What noise is acceptable when someone is sleeping? Are guests allowed while someone is asleep?

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**Food** Is food shared? Do you have to ask permission? Who is responsible for replacing the food?

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**Behavior** Are there any pet peeves that need to be discussed? Are there behaviors that are not desired in the room?

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**Conflict** How should conflicts be handled?

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**Access to Room** When does the door need to be locked? When do you need or want privacy in the room?

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**Room condition:** Discuss room temperature preference, will you use fans etc. What about keeping windows open?

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**Miscellaneous** List anything else that you have discussed that you wish to have included in the contract?

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We have fully discussed the contents of this agreement and hereby agree to abide by the rules and requirements set forth by it. We understand that we are responsible for the resolution of any conflicts that may arise. We understand that we may contact our RA at any time for assistance with the mediation.

Roommate 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

