



University Housing Roommate Agreement

Building: _____ Room: _____ Date: _____

Resident #1 (print): _____ Resident #2 (print): _____

Resident #3 (print): _____ Resident #4 (print): _____

Communication is the most important factor in building a good roommate relationship. Many roommates assume they know how the other feels and does not discuss issues such as the use of personal belongings. These assumptions are not always correct and can lead to conflict. The roommate agreement will help you begin the process of discussing issues that have been found to be sources of conflict. Once a potential conflict is identified, it can be resolved through compromise before a major problem can arise. Your RA is always a resource for you too, but it is always helpful to refer back to the roommate agreement.

Breaking the Ice:

Have you ever shared a room before?

What are your hobbies and interests?

What do you value most?

What are your lifestyle choices (ex. Vegetarian, Kosher, etc.)?

What type of roommate relationship are you looking for?

Noise:

What is an acceptable level of noise when not sleeping/studying (library vs. busy street)?

What level of noise can be made during sleep/study time?

When do you plan to wake up in the morning?

Visitors:

Are daytime guests in common areas acceptable?

What are the appropriate reasons to have a guest in the room (ex. Studying or socializing)?

Are overnight guests acceptable? If so, when?

Does the gender of the overnight guest matter?

How much notice should I give to you before an overnight guest visits?

Can visitors use shared items (ex. Microwave, fridge, blow dryer, etc.)?

Conflict:

How will we tell each other if something is bothering us (ex. Confront it right away, write a note, etc.)?

What causes you stress, and how do you express stress?

How will we keep each other accountable for not meeting the agreed upon terms of the roommate agreement?

Cleaning/Care of the Room:

How frequently will we clean the common space and who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will we empty the trash and who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will the dishes be cleaned and who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will the kitchen be cleaned and who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will the shared bathrooms be cleaned and who will be responsible for this?

Are there any other cleaning issues that need to be discussed?

Use of Personal Belongings:

Do you feel comfortable with your roommates using your personal belongings? If so, what can they use with/without permission?

Will you be sharing food? How will it be replaced? Who buys common items (ex. Cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc.)?

Other Issues:

Are there any other issues that need to be discussed at this time?

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RA Signature and Date: _____