

THE ROOMMATE CONNECTION

This document is an agreement between roommates and suitemates. Take some time to go through it together and discuss the issues that are important to each of you. Find out more about your roommate and about yourself. You are already on your way to a successful year! Good Luck!

THE ROOMMATE BILL OF RIGHTS

- The right to read and study free from undue interference in one's room.
- The right to sleep without undue disturbance from noise, guests, roommates, etc.
- The right to expect that roommates will respect one's personal belongings.
- The right to a clean environment in which to live.
- The right to be free from fear of intimidation, physical, and/or emotional harm.
- The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from roommates.
- The right to personal privacy.
- The right to host guests at agreed upon times and with the expectations that guests are to respect the rights of the host's roommates and other hall residents.
- The right to expect reasonable cooperation in the use of the phone and internet lines.
- The right to expect that any and all disagreements will be discussed in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect.

Roommate Agreement

This section is for you to complete on your own. Take some time to think about your expectations for the year. Remember, it is important to be totally honest with yourself and your roommate! Let's get started!

You may use these possessions of mine:

Stereo	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
T. V.	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Appliances (hair dryer, iron etc.)	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Clothes	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Food	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Computer	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Refrigerator	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Other:			
_____	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
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Lifestyles:

Does it bother you if your roommate's side of the room is not cleaned up? Yes ___ No ___

Most nights I expect to go to sleep by: _____ am / pm

When we are both in the room, music will be listened to by:

Headphones: _____

Mutually agreeable selection: _____

Take turns selecting: _____

I expect to get up most mornings at: _____ am / pm

Are you hard to talk with in the morning? Yes _____ No _____

I like to sleep with the radio On _____ Off _____ Either _____

I like to sleep with the window Open _____ Closed _____ Either _____

Visitation

Will visitors be allowed in the room?

Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

Male Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

Female Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

-Anytime? (i.e. nights, weekends, etc.)

Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

-Restricted? _____

Will overnight guests be permitted?

Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

When I'm not home my roommate's guest(s) may use my...

Bed Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

T.V. Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

Stereo Yes _____ No _____ Yes, but ask first _____

Food	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
Computer	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____
_____	Yes _____	No _____	Yes, but ask first _____

For areas in which we differ on visitation preferences, we will compromise in the following manner:

Housekeeping

- a) We will each take care of our own share of the room.
- b) We will share taking care of the entire room.
- c) We will alternate taking care of the entire room.

Should we disagree on the amount of the tidiness, we will resolve our differences in the following manner:

Pet Peeves

It really bothers me when: _____

Roommate & Suitemate Relationships

Now that you have had the chance to learn more about yourself, it is time to examine roommate and suitemate relationships in more specific terms. Again, it is essential that you begin this process by taking some time to determine what is important to you in a living situation.

The following questions are offered as a guide to help you learn about living with your roommate and suitemates. Be honest and truthful with your responses. Please take turns responding to these questions and use the Roommate Questionnaire to help you along. Differences of opinion are to be expected and need to be worked out between you and your roommate and suitemates.

CLEANING UP

- How important is a clean room?
- Who should do which jobs?
- How often should we clean the room?
- Who will buy the cleaning supplies?

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND TOBACCO

- Do you use these items?
- How would you feel if I use (or do not use) them?
- How would you feel if these items were in the room?

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

- Do we plan on doing things together (meals, going to movies, exploring Thibodaux, etc.?)
- What will you be involved in at the university (hall government, clubs, organizations, sports, intramurals, etc.?)
- What do you do for fun?

SHARING THINGS

- Do you mind lending personal articles such as:
 - clothes?
 - money?
 - notes?
 - books?
 - food?
 - toothpaste?
 - car?
 - other items?
- What items are for both of our use?
- What items are “off limits?”
- How will we handle phone use (when, voice mail, etc.)?

SLEEPING

- When do you like to go to sleep?
- When do you get up in the morning?
- Can you sleep with the lights/TV/music on?
- What about weekends?

STUDY HABITS

- Do you study in the room?
- How often and how long do you study?
- Do you study with/without music/TV?
- Do you study with the door open?
- Do you study with other people or by yourself?

VISITORS

- When do you have friends come over and visit?
- How do you feel about overnight guests of the same sex?
- How will we deal with guest problems?

DECORATING

- Who should bring or rent the refrigerator? Water cooler?
- Who should bring a TV, stereo, VCR, etc.?

SAFETY

- Discuss the following items:
 - Locking the room
 - Sharing passwords and phone codes
 - Carrying keys and ID cards

- Allowing others into your room when neither is present
- Following the University and Residence Hall policies

We have discussed and completed this Roommate Agreement and have reached the following agreements:

Roommate

Date

Roommate

Date

Please return this agreement to your RA as soon as you complete it. If you like, you can request a copy too! The Roommate Agreement will be used to help solve any roommate/suitemate issues that arise during the year. Thank you!