

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

Communication is essential when creating a positive living environment with your roommate(s). This can begin by addressing potential problem areas. Completing this document with your roommate(s) will lessen the possibility of conflict and improve communication for an enjoyable living environment

Examine each box below and discuss any possible differences with your roommate(s). You may have to compromise, so please be flexible and open, but be assertive regarding your own needs. Once signed, this document constitutes an agreement between roommates. Residence Hall Staff is available for mediation and guidance regarding this agreement, which is kept in the staff office.

SECURITY

An important area that must be agreed upon is to uphold all safety and security measures within the Residence Hall.

I agree to close and lock the room and/or apartment door whenever I leave.

(Sign below)

Roommate 1: _____

Roommate 2: _____

Roommate 3: _____

Roommate 4: _____

LIFESTYLES

We will set aside the following hours for study time:

Roommate 1 Roommate 2 Roommate 3 Roommate 4

Low background noise will be allowed at these times:

Roommate 1 Roommate 2 Roommate 3 Roommate 4

Most nights I expect to be asleep by:

Roommate 1 Roommate 2 Roommate 3 Roommate 4

I get up most mornings at:

Roommate 1 Roommate 2 Roommate 3 Roommate 4

If we have conflicting hours or lifestyle differences, we will resolve them as follows: (e.g. one roommate may agree to study elsewhere for certain hours or friends may meet in common areas or outside)...

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

An area of concern is often what, if any personal belongings may be used between roommates.

You may use these possessions of mine:

	<u>Roommate 1</u>	<u>Roommate 2</u>	<u>Roommate 3</u>	<u>Roommate 4</u>
Appliances	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Computer/ Video games	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Clothes	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Food	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Furniture	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Stereo	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
TV/DVD	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>
Other	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> <u>Ask First</u>

HOUSEKEEPING

We agree to share these responsibilities in the following manner:

[mopping, sweeping, vacuuming, making beds, emptying trash, dusting, cleaning the refrigerator, laundering regularly, and any other hygiene issues that may arise]

 We will each take care of our section of the space.

 We will alternate cleaning the entire space.

 We will each take care of our own space but will alternate cleaning the communal living space.

Should we disagree on the amount of cleanliness/tidiness each can tolerate, we will resolve our differences in the following manner:

GUESTS

One of the most common problems between roommates lies in the area of visitation. It is important to discuss who visits and for how long. Think about the times that you would prefer Not to have your roommate's guest present: (i.e. the night before an exam, in the early morning, etc...)

Restricted days and times:

When I am not present (or away) I would prefer my roommate's guests not to use my (Refer to items listed in community & Personal Property)

Roommate 1:

Roommate 2:

Roommate 3:

Roommate 4:

PET PEEVES

Sometimes there will be things that one roommate will do that can really drive the other up the wall. List some and work them out.

It really bothers me when...so please don't:

Roommate 1:

Roommate 2:

Roommate 3:

Roommate 4:

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Hopefully this exercise has helped you establish some guidelines that will allow for open communication with your roommate(s). If you encounter problems, you should modify this agreement to better suite your needs by contacting a Residence Hall staff member.

We as roommates, enter into this agreement in good faith. We fully intend to abide by all the guidelines set forth above. We also agree to be flexible and revise the agreement if it becomes necessary.

Signature –Roommate 1

Date

Signature –Roommate 2

Date

Signature– Roommate 3:

Date

Signature– Roommate 4:

Date

AT A LATER TIME...

Should further examination of this Roommate Agreement be necessary, it is suggested that modifications be made with the direction of a Residence Hall Staff member. The following space is provided for revisions to the original *Roommate Agreement*.

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