

Residential Living Agreement

The Office of Residential Life recognizes that living with others can be both a rewarding and challenging experience. This agreement is designed to open the lines of communication between roommates, encourage the development of clear living expectations, and serve as a resource during conflict resolution. In addition to this agreement, you have access to Community Advisors (CA) and Assistant Directors (AD) who are available to support you in navigating conflict should you need assistance.

Once completed, please keep the original agreement for reference and send a copy to your CA to keep on file. Please note: if your attempts to resolve conflict have been unsuccessful and a roommate mediation is needed, revisiting this document (or completing one if you haven't already) will be our first step!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Residence Name: _____ Room/Apartment: _____

Occupants:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

BREAKING THE ICE

Before you determine the details involved with living together, it will be helpful for you to learn more about one another if you haven't done so already. Consider the following topics to get the conversation started:

- Where you call "home"
- Academic major/intended major
- Hobbies and/or extracurricular activities you're involved in/hope to be involved in
- Prior experience living with others
- Your ideal roommate dynamic

COMMUNICATION

Questions to consider: how will we relay messages to each other? How will we communicate when one of us has a concern? How quickly will we relay messages and concerns? What other expectations do we have related to communication?

GUESTS AND VISITATION

Questions to consider: when and how often are guests welcome? How far in advance of a guest arriving will we notify one another? What personal belongings, if any, are we comfortable sharing with guests? For items identified as shareable, which do guests need to ask permission to use and which can be used freely? What other expectations do we have related to guests and visitation?

LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Questions to consider: how will we prioritize the use of our living environment as it relates to sleeping? Studying? Socializing? How often will we clean our shared spaces? How are cleaning responsibilities divided? What other expectations do we have related to our living environment?

USE OF BELONGINGS

Questions to consider: what personal belongings, if any, are we comfortable sharing with one another? For items identified as shareable, which do we need to ask permission to use and which can we use freely? What other expectations do we have related to the use of our belongings?

OTHER

AGREEMENT

By signing below, I:

- acknowledge that I understand and agree to the expectations outlined in this agreement;
- agree to communicate openly and respectfully with my roommate(s) first if an issue arises;
- agree to seek the counsel of a CA or AD if my attempts to resolve conflict are unsuccessful.

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