

Roommate Living Agreement

Roommate relationships are a critical part of the college experience. Developing a positive relationship with your roommate is a process; it does not happen overnight. This worksheet will act as a starting point to achieving a positive roommate relationship. As you fill this out, try to be as specific as possible in order to avoid complications or miscommunication later. After you have completed this agreement, you will sign it and a Residence Life staff member will make a copy for each of you. The original will be kept on file in the building office as a reference.

THE ROOM:

Arrange the room together so that it feels like “home” to both of you. When you want to change things around, consult each other and work together.

Cleaning the room:

_____ We will have a place for everything.

_____ We plan to keep it neat but not perfect.

_____ We will leave things where we drop them.

_____ We will be responsible for our own side.

Use of stuff:

Sharing EVERYTHING may not be the healthiest approach:

Refrigerator:

_____ We will share the cost of a school rented micro-fridge.

_____ We will each have our own.

_____ We will share one refrigerator in the room.

_____ We will share food and the cost of purchasing.

_____ We will each have our own food.

_____ We will share our food ONLY if roommate asks.

Possessions:

_____ We prefer to use our own belongings and not to share.

_____ It's okay to borrow each other's things as long as we ask first.

Do you have to ask each time? Yes or No...

These are the things we agree to share:

Alarm clock:

_____ It is okay to allow alarm clock to play until it is decided to shut it off.

_____ It is okay to hit the snooze button _____ number of times.

_____ You are not allowed to let alarm clock continue playing or hit snooze.

Building: _____ Room Number: _____

SLEEPING:

_____ It is okay to be in the room while one roommate is napping.

_____ It's not okay to be in the room if one roommate is napping.

The following will **NOT** happen in the room when one of us is sleeping:

STUDY TIME:

We will study: _____ in the morning _____ during the day _____ at night

We will: _____ play music _____ have the TV on _____ have complete silence

VISITORS AND GUESTS: (Res Life policies also apply: one guest per resident per night can stay for a maximum of 72 hours, must be 18 years of age and signed in with a residence life staff member. This includes CURRENT SUNY Potsdam students who reside on another floor or in another building.)

Over- night guests are allowed: Yes or No Allowed on: Weekends only Weekdays Both

Gender of overnight guests: Female Male Either

Is it okay for guest to sleep in each other's beds if roommate is away? Yes or No

Guests are welcome: Weekends only Weekdays only Both During: Daytime Evenings Both

Is it okay for guests to sit on each other's beds, at each other's desks, etc... Yes or No

What is it okay to do with a guest while roommate is present? How will you indicate if you need private time with guest?

COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Should a problem occur between us we will:

OTHER AREAS for DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT:

By signing this agreement, we are stating that we have spoken about the living arrangements mentioned above and agree to follow them. Should we need to make a change, we will speak with our RA and make the necessary revisions to our agreement. Violations may be subject to a meeting with our RA or AC/RD/GA if we can't resolve the issue on our own.

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STAFF Signature and Date