

## ROOMMATE DISCUSSION & AGREEMENT

It is important that you and your roommate(s) come to an agreement on many issues so you can have a successful roommate relationship. The following questions are listed as a guide to start your discussion about your needs and preferences regarding a variety of issues. Please discuss them and record your agreed upon guidelines in the spaces provided. Be open and honest.

### **Sleeping:**

Are you a morning or night person? When do you typically go to sleep on weeknights? Weekends? Can you sleep with the lights on? What about TV or music, do you need total quiet to get to sleep? How will we work out different sleeping schedules?

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Will you have specific quiet hours for sleeping? Y / N What will those hours be? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Study Habits:**

Will you study in your individual rooms? Common areas? What time of day do you like to study? What level of background noise do you tolerate while studying?

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Will you have specific quiet hours for studying? Y / N What will those hours be? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cleaning: (Kitchen, bathroom, common areas)**

What is your definition of a neat apartment? How often will the apartment, dishes, etc. be cleaned and by whom? How will you communicate about the cleanliness of the apartment? Who will take the garbage out?

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### **Sharing Things:**

What items are OK to share and which ones are not to be shared (i.e.: TV, computer, food, clothes, etc.)? What items do we need to ask about before using? What if a borrowed item is damaged?

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**Guests:**

When are guests allowed in our apartment? How often will we have visitors? Do you need advance notice? How many is too many? How will we communicate about overnight guests? What can guests touch, sit on, and sleep on when visiting? How long are guests allowed to stay?

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**Personal Time:**

How will we know when one of us needs some alone time? What makes you feel better when you are upset?

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**What annoys you? Be specific...**

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**How will we communicate/resolve conflicts when we're upset with one another?**

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**Utilities:** Whose name will the utilities (gas, electric, cable, etc) be in? How will you go about dividing up the cost and making payments?

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**Addition Terms of Agreement:**

Is smoking allowed in the apartment?

Is alcohol consumption allowed in the apartment?

Who will collect the rent from everyone?

What expectations do you have for guest behaviors (for example they can't eat shared food, etc)?

*By signing and dating this form, I acknowledge my responsibilities as a roommate. If it becomes necessary to amend this contract throughout the year, my roommates and I will meet to change it. Please remember that it is normal to make changes to the agreement as you get use to living together. Just keep talking to one another!*

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Student Signature

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