



ITHACA COLLEGE

Office of Residential Life

Residential Life Roommate Agreement

Purpose: This document provides you and your roommate(s) with an opportunity to talk about your personal preferences with regard to your living space. **This document highlights the topics that are the most frequent causes of roommate conflicts. Talking about these things up front may prevent an uncomfortable situation later.**

Directions: Complete this document with your roommate(s) during a group meeting with your RA. Please print legibly. Be aware that if a roommate change occurs, you and your new roommate(s) should develop a new agreement. In order for this agreement to be effective and timely, you should complete this document no later than Sept 15 (Fall semester) or Feb 15 (Spring semester).

Roommates:

Residence Hall: _____ Room: _____ Date: _____

1. **Our space will be kept:**
 - Neat
 - In between
 - Messy
2. **We will clean:**
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - As needed: _____
3. **In maintaining a clean and neat space, we agree to the following:**
 - Do laundry before basket overflows
 - Wash our dishes after using them
 - Take out trash/recycling once a week
 - Who: _____
 - Vacuum/Dust once a week
 - Who: _____
 - Make beds daily
4. **We prefer the windows to be:**
 - Open
 - Closed
 - Depends on the weather
 - Depends on time of day
 - No preference
 - If depends, please elaborate: _____
5. **When one of us is studying in the space, we are okay with:**
 - Completely quiet
 - Low music/headphones
 - Television
 - Other noise: _____
6. **When studying with others in our space, the other roommate(s) agrees to:**
 - Not be in the room
 - Remain in the room, but be quiet
 - Other: _____
7. **Our room door should be:**
 - Locked at all times
 - Unlocked when one of us is inside the room
8. **Using the following personal belongings is:**

Okay	Not Okay
<input type="checkbox"/> → Television	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Stereo	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Microwave/Fridge	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Cleaning Supplies	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Food/drink	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Computer	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Game System	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Clothes	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Personal Items	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Fans/ Humidifier	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → _____	← <input type="checkbox"/>

*After using the above items, return them to their original condition, unless it is food/drink.
9. **We agree to relay messages to one another:**
 - Within: _____ hours
10. **What time is considered to be "too late" or "too early" to be disruptive:**
 - _____ on weekdays
 - _____ on weekends
11. **When my roommate(s) is sleeping it is:**

Okay	Not Okay
<input type="checkbox"/> → Watch television	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Listen to music	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Use computer	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → (With headphones)	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Use hair dryer	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Have guests over	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Have lights on	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Have desk lamp on	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Talk on the phone	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → Use fan	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → _____	← <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> → _____	← <input type="checkbox"/>
12. **We will share the expense of:**
 - Cable
 - Micro-fridge
 - Food/Snacks
 - Other: _____
13. **Are overnight guests allowed in room?**
 - Yes
 - No

If yes, arrangements for overnight guests should be made this amount of time in advance _____

 - includes romantic/intimate partners
 - does not include romantic partners
 - other _____
14. **Guests in our space are allowed to:**
 - Sit on beds
 - Eat other's food
 - Use other's personal belongings
 - Use other's computer
 - _____
 - _____
15. **If leaving for the weekend, we will:**
 - Notify each other
 - Unnecessary to notify each other
16. **We agree to have an alcohol-free space:**
 - Both roommates are under 21
 - Yes
 - No
17. **If we hear gossip/negative talk about the other, we agree to:**
 - Confront that person
 - Inform roommate
 - Consult RA
18. **Preferred means of communication with roommate(s) during conflict:**
 - Face-to-face conversation
 - Notes, email, voicemail
 - Mediation with staff member

Avoiding Facebook/Twitter/social media messages as well as conversations with people outside of the conflict will reflect respect and maturity.

Please use this space to elaborate on any additional agreements:

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All Roommates Initial here: _____

Roommate plan of action if a conflict arises: (Who should be involved? Who should not be involved? Will you involve the RA/AA? When or how quickly should the conflict be addressed? How should the conflict be addressed? What is the best method of communication?)

We would like a copy of this roommate contract.

Roommate Signatures:	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
	4. _____	5. _____	6. _____
RA Signature:	_____		Date: _____