

University of Minnesota, Crookston Talking Points for Roommates

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ROOMMATE TOPICS

STEP ONE: Fill out the first two pages on your own.

SLEEP (check statements you agree with)

I like to go to sleep around ___ p.m. /a.m. and I usually wake up around ___ a.m.

I have a hard time sleeping _ if the lights are on or _ if there's talking or noise.

_ Wake me if you know I need to be somewhere important.

_ Let me sleep in, even if you know I need to be somewhere.

More specific ideas about sleep and quiet that might go into our roommate plan:

STUDY HOURS (check statements you agree with)

When I study...

_ I need quiet. _ Activity/noise don't bother me.

I'll probably do most of my studying.... _ in our room _ somewhere else.

_ I like the idea of having regular study/quiet hours in our room.

More specific ideas that might go into our roommate plan:

FOOD (check statements you agree with)

_ You're welcome to eat or drink whatever's mine.

_ I prefer to keep our food/snacks/beverages separate.

_ We might be able to share some things. Let's talk about how to handle this.

More thoughts about organizing our food, using the refrigerator, & purchasing:

OUR STUFF (like computers, TV, phones, music devices, sound system, microwave, games/gaming systems, etc.)

Here's a list of some of my stuff you can use without asking:

Here's a list of stuff I want you to ask about before using:

Personal stuff I don't want you to use:

PRIVACY & GUESTS (check statements you agree with)

If you plan to have guests...

_ Ask me ahead of time to make sure it's OK. _ There's no need to ask.

_ If I need to study or sleep, please find another place for your guests.

_ If I need for your guests to leave, I'll let you know.

_ For overnight guests, give me at least a day's notice.

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More specific ideas about privacy that might be a part of our plan:

CLEANING (*check statements you agree with*)

I don't mind a messy room. I like a clean room. I don't mind cleaning.

I don't like to clean. I think we need to share the cleaning chores equally.

It might be a good idea to have a regular cleaning schedule and plan.

A list of specific cleaning chores we'll need to do regularly include:

Chores I'm willing to do:

More specific ideas that might go into our plan:

COMMUNICATION (*check statements you agree with*)

I'm usually direct. You'll know when we need to talk.

Questions I have about housing policies and guidelines

Other things I feel important to discuss

I'm sometimes indirect. Let me know if you think we need to talk.

When issues come up and we need to talk, you can:

tell me directly write a note suggest we meet with the residence life staff to talk

other

More specific ideas about discussing & resolving issues or conflicts:

OTHER TOPICS

Discuss your thoughts/ideas/experiences for each of the following:

Alcohol use/abuse

Family concerns

Medical issues/allergies

Laundry

Pet peeves

Religious background

dating relationships

Tobacco

STEP TWO: *Arrange to meet with your roommate(s) for your discussion. You can always request to have a residence life staff member help with the conversation.*

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Our Roommate Agreement

STEP THREE: After discussing the topics, agree to a plan for each topic. If you need more space get a sheet of paper to expand your ideas. Sign the agreement, post in the room and give a copy to your CA.

Sleep:

Study Hours:

Food:

Our Stuff:

Privacy & Guests:

Cleaning:

Communicating:

Other:

Other:

It's a good idea to periodically to evaluate how the plan is working. The first review of our plan will be on _____ (date). As issues come up or things change, we will negotiate changes to our plan. If we need help from the residence life staff, we'll ask for it.

Signatures (everyone signs):

Name: _____ **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **Name:** _____