

University Housing and Food Service (CSU Chico) Roommate Agreement Form

During Opening Week and at any point during the academic year you receive a new roommate, you and your roommates should discuss your shared expectations for living together and complete a Roommate Agreement Form. By establishing ground rules early, roommates increase their chances of having a positive experience!

Set aside some time—at least a half hour—to devote to completing the agreement. By honestly expressing your feelings and reactions to these topics, you will find it easier to understand and empathize with each other during the trials and tribulations of college life. When conflicts arise, revisiting these topics and communicating openly can help resolve disputes before they become unsolvable. If you find yourselves faced with a particularly difficult situation, talk with your roommate first, then your Resident Advisor: it all comes down to respectful communication. Policies described in Living In and your Student Housing License Agreement should be considered during your discussion when appropriate. **This agreement will be reviewed in six weeks' time.**

Topics for Discussion

| Cleaning Schedule | Kitchen (stove, oven, refrigerator, counters, mopping) | Living Room (picking up, dusting, vacuuming, emptying trash/recycling) | Dishes | Bedroom (picking up, vacuuming, dusting) | Bathroom (tub, toilet, sinks, mirrors, trash removal) | Other areas of concern |
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| Sunday | | | | | | |
| Monday | | | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | | | |
| Thursday | | | | | | |
| Friday | | | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | | | |

| Food | Discussion Areas |
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| Shopping: What, if any, items will be purchased together? How will community items be purchased—with a collected allowance or splitting cost after purchase? | |
| Cooking: Who and how will cooking be arranged—together or on a rotating schedule? How will cleaning be handled after cooking? | |
| Cupboard/Fridge space: How will space be allocated and organized? | |
| Sharing food: Will food be shared? If so, how? (e.g. agree beforehand, ask first, etc.) | |
| Other areas of concern? | |
| Phone | Discussion Areas |
| How will messages be taken and relayed? | |
| How often should voicemail be checked? | |
| Other areas of concern? (e.g. cut off time for receiving phone calls) | |

| Community/Personal Property | Roommate A | Roommate B | Roommate C |
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| May you use my possessions? | Yes ___ No ___ Yes, but ask ___ | Yes ___ No ___ Yes, but ask ___ | Yes ___ No ___ Yes, but ask ___ |
| Please specify which items are okay to borrow: | | | |
| Please specify which items are NOT okay to borrow: | | | |
| If items are lost or damaged, how will we resolve repair and/or replacement? | | | |
| Other areas of concern: | | | |

| Lifestyle/Hours | Days | | Times |
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| Hours reserved for studying: | | | |
| Minimal quiet hours (refer to <u>Living In</u> guide) | Sun-Thurs 9PM-9AM; Fri-Sat 12AM-9AM | | |
| | Roommate A | Roommate B | Roommate C |
| Where will studying be conducted? | | | |
| What time do you go to bed during the weeknight? Weekends? | | | |
| What time do you wake up during the week? Weekends? | | | |
| When a roommate wants to go to bed, I will NOT do the following: | | | |
| The thermostat will be set at the following: | <u>Warm days</u> (Higher than 75 degrees) During the day: During the night: | <u>Cool days</u> (Lower than 75 degrees) During the day: During the night: | |

| Visitation | Roommate A | Roommate B | Roommate C |
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| Should advance notice be given before a planned guest arrives? If yes, how much is appropriate? | | | |
| Will overnight guests be permitted when roommates are present? Platonic? Romantic? | | | |
| Will overnight guests be permitted when roommates are NOT present? Platonic? Romantic? | | | |
| When I'm gone, may my roommate's guests use my belongings? Please specify any concerns. (e.g. bed) | | | |
| How late are guests allowed to visit on weekdays? Weekends? | | | |
| Other areas of concern? | | | |

| Conflict Resolution | Roommate A | Roommate B | Roommate C |
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| How would I like to approach my roommate when conflict arises? | | | |
| How would I like to be approached when conflict arises with my roommate? | | | |
| How will I use our Roommate Agreement to mediate conflict? | | | |
| What role will our Resident Advisor play in conflict mediation? | | | |

Security (Please refer to the Living In guidelines and initial below)

I agree to lock all doors, windows, and balcony/patio door of our room and/or apartment whenever I leave.
I agree to take my key/ID card with me whenever I leave, and not to loan my key to guests/friends.
I will not rely on my roommate if I lose my key and will take responsibility for the loss.

Initialed: _____

It is important for each roommate to consider all of the above issues and discuss them with their other roommates for increased understanding before problems may arise. Most roommate conflicts can be prevented by communicating with each other and reaching mutually agreed upon living arrangements. Discuss issues first, and then utilize your Resident Advisor as a resource in reviewing and mediating roommate agreements. Your signing this document indicates that you understand the agreements that were reached.

Signature (R1) _____ Date _____

Signature (R2) _____ Date _____

Signature (R3) _____ Date _____