



# ROOMMATE BILL OF RIGHTS

This document is intended to serve as a format for an agreement between roommates. Your enjoyment of residence hall life will depend to a large extent on the thoughtful consideration you demonstrate for each other. Roommates should work together in deciding the stipulations of this agreement to ensure that each individual's rights are respected. Please sign it and return it to your Resident Assistant (RA) within seven days of your first floor meeting. Your RA is available to help in the negotiation of this agreement, should you need assistance. *Please initial your answers rather than using a checkmark, as roommates may have different preferences.*

**Every student has the right to study free from undue interference, such as noise, guests, etc., in one's room.** Creating an environment where all roommates can feel comfortable to study in is crucial to academic success. We agree to the following:

The following times will be reserved for quiet study: \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Housekeeping:** \_\_\_\_\_ We will each take care of our own share of the room.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We will share taking care of the entire room.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We will alternate taking care of the entire room.

Does it bother you if your roommate's side of the room is messy? \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ We will pick up our own mail.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ We will pick up each other's mail. (not an option in East)  
 We will put it in the following place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Property:**

| You may use my                           | Yes   | No    | Ask First |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|
| Bed.....                                 | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Clothes/Shoes.....                       | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Computer.....                            | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Food .....                               | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Furniture.....                           | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Game system .....                        | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| iPod dock/speakers.....                  | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Personal Items .....                     | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Printer.....                             | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Refrigerator .....                       | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Small Appliances (hair dryer, fan, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Sports equipment.....                    | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| TV .....                                 | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Other: _____                             | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| _____                                    | _____ | _____ | _____     |

| When I'm not home, guests of the room may use my | Yes   | No    | Ask First |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|
| Bed.....   | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Clothes/Shoes.....                               | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Computer.....                                    | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Food .....                                       | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Furniture.....                                   | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Game system .....                                | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| iPod dock/speakers.....                          | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Personal Items .....                             | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Printer.....                                     | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Refrigerator .....                               | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Small Appliances (hair dryer, fan, etc.)         | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Sports equipment.....                            | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| TV .....   | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| Other: _____                                     | _____ | _____ | _____     |
| _____  | _____ | _____ | _____     |

**Room Security:** *The last person out of the room will be responsible for locking the door.* \_\_\_\_\_ **all initial**

**Sleeping Behaviors:**

I like to sleep with the music \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ off \_\_\_\_\_ either  
 I like to sleep with the TV \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ off \_\_\_\_\_ either  
 I like to sleep with the window \_\_\_\_\_ open \_\_\_\_\_ closed \_\_\_\_\_ either

Most nights, I expect to go to sleep by: \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to get up most mornings at: \_\_\_\_\_

If you return to the room and I am sleeping... \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests:** Weekdays (Sunday night through Friday morning)  
 How many at a time? \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night  
 Times for visitors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will overnight guests be permitted?    Yes                      No                      Ask First  
 Same sex ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Opposite sex ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Significant other ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend (Friday night through Sunday morning)  
 How many at a time? \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night  
 Times for visitors: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will overnight guests be permitted?    Yes                      No                      Ask First  
 Same sex ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Opposite sex ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Significant other ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Times for exclusive privacy are (alone in the room with guest without interruptions): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Noise:** When we are all in the room, music/TV will be: \_\_\_\_\_ listened to on headphones  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a mutually agreed upon selection  
 \_\_\_\_\_ we will take turns making a selection

Phone Calls/Video Chatting:  
 Phone calls will be limited to the following times: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anytime beyond the agreed cell phone usage time, the person will be expected to use their phone outside  
 of the room in an appropriate common space.  
 Video chatting will be limited to the following times: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Peeves:** It really bothers me when...  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Communication:** Consistent communication is essential between roommates. It is advised that roommates exchange phone numbers.

We will leave messages for each other in the following way(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 We will resolve conflicts with one another by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conflict Resolution:** Should we at any time disagree on any room issues or other roommate concerns, we will resolve our differences in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect. If necessary, we further agree to involve hall staff if we cannot successfully work through our issues.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ all initial

**Other Special Issues for Consideration:**

**Closing Commitment/Agreement:**

*We, the below named roommates, agree to the terms of this contract. We understand that we have mutually agreed upon these terms and that abiding by these terms will encourage more cooperation between and among us. If we find that the original terms of this contract are not working for us, we will renegotiate the terms and if we are unable to come to a mutual agreement, we will seek assistance from our Resident Assistant and begin the Roommate Mediation/Conflict Resolution Process.*

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Building/Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_