

# Roommate Agreement



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Communication is the single-most important factor in building good relationships with your roommate(s). By working with each other, this roommate agreement will help you and your roommate(s), with the assistance of your Resident Advisor (RA) or Community Director (CD), begin the process of discussing issues that have often been found to be sources of conflict. Many roommates will assume they know how someone feels, which could potentially be different from the truth. Once a potential conflict is identified, it can be resolved through open communication before a major problem develops. Your RA is here to help

guide the conversations in the beginning and if a problem does arise.

Be honest with yourself and your roommate(s) now, so issues can be addressed **before** they arise.

This is a helpful process to go through whether living on-campus now, or off-campus later in life. Each member of a particular room, suite, or apartment will complete a copy of this form. Be aware that if a roommate change occurs, you and your new roommate(s) will develop a new agreement. Remember to keep a copy to refer back as needed.

**Remember: Communication is the key!**

**For most questions, you may check all boxes that best fit your response.**

1st Meeting Date

2nd Meeting Date

## General Information

Building

Room #/  
Letters

RA

This section is for all to input any important information you feel your other roommates may want to know about you, or feel they should know. This is to help make sure you feel comfortable in your space. Topics to consider are dietary restrictions, religious practices, how you may identify, if you have a significant other, etc. Your RA will also be taking time throughout the semester to get to know you, but this will help spark conversations!

Name	Preferred Name	Gender Pronouns	Information

# Cleanliness

## Our shared space will be:

- Neat
- Messy
- In between

Define:

## We will clean:

- Daily
- Bi-Weekly
- Weekly
- As Needed

Comments/schedule:

## General cleaning supplies will be purchased:

- On a rotation basis
- With the cost split each time
- Other/additional:

## When we clean, we will:

- Do our laundry
- Wash dishes after using them
- Take out the trash
- Put away any personal items in shared spaces
- Vacuum/dust
- Other/additional:

# Use of Space

## Study time(s) in the space will be:

- 9 a.m.- Noon
- Noon-5 p.m.
- 5-10 p.m.
- 10 p.m.- Midnight
- Midnight-9 a.m.
- Other/additional:

## Study atmosphere in the space will be:

- Silent
- Low music
- Low TV volume
- No distractions
- Anything goes
- Other/additional:

## Room temperature will be set at:

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Suite/apt. style               | Traditional halls               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <65   | <input type="checkbox"/> High   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65-68 | <input type="checkbox"/> Medium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 69-72 | <input type="checkbox"/> Low    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 73-75 |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> >75   |                                 |

Same at night

Different at night/sleeping

## Guests are allowed to visit during the following times:

- 10 a.m.- Noon
- Noon-5 p.m.
- 5-10 p.m.
- 10 p.m.- Midnight
- Midnight- 2 a.m.
- Other/additional:

## Time of Day Routine (write names in and any additional information):

I like to stay up late:

I like to wake up early:

I am an afternoon/early evening person:

**Roommates can use each other's:**

- Appliances (Coffee maker, etc.)
- Food/drink
- Personal care items
- TV/Stereo
- Computer

- Clothes
  - Other items:
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- ...without asking
- ...only after asking first
- ...only if immediately returned as is

Clarify differences

**Guests in our space are allowed to:**

- Sit on/ use each other's beds
- Sit on/use other's desk chair/ furniture
- Eat other's food
- Use other's personal belongings
- Use other's computer

Additional comments:

**Sleeping time(s) in the space will be:**

- 9 a.m.- Noon
- Noon-5 p.m.
- 5-10 p.m.
- 10 p.m.- Midnight
- Midnight-9 a.m.
- Other/additional:

**While other(s) are sleeping in the space, it is okay to:**

- Make noise
- Listen to music
- Keep overhead light on (if applicable)
- Have guests over
- Use microwave/appliances
- Keep desk light on (if applicable)
- Watch TV

- Use hair dryer
- Other/additional

# Definitions

**"Quiet":**

**"Privacy":**

**"Offensive language":**

*(whether in person, movies, or music)*

# Personal Habits

**If leaving for a weekend/period of time, we will:**

- Notify each other
- Not notify each other
- Other/additional

**For traditional halls: How will we request private time in the room?**

**How far ahead of time?**

# Alcohol

The legal drinking age in the State of Alabama is 21 years of age. For further information regarding policies referring to alcohol possession and consumption, please visit [housing.ua.edu/community-living-standards](http://housing.ua.edu/community-living-standards).

## Plans of Action

While it is important to have face-to-face interactions with your roommates regarding conflicts that may arise, if it isn't feasible to meet in person, consider these options.

### Preferred means of communication with roommate(s) during conflict:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking face-to-face                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating via social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating over email                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/additional:              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating via text message                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation with a staff member (RA/CD) if conflict persists |   |

### If one of us is bothered by the action of the other, we should:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately voice our concerns by talking                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not post the conflict on social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step away from the situation until we've had time to calm down before talking | <input type="checkbox"/> Not gossip with others about it.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other/additional:   |  |

### As conflicts may arise, we agree to:

### Food or drink consumed that is not ours, will be:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replaced within three days          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/additional: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replaced within a week              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not replaced (what's mine is yours) |  |

## We would like to

- Only revisit/revise this agreement form if one of the roommates wants to at a later date
- Set a date now to revisit (and revise if needed) this agreement form (*Put date in "2nd Meeting Date" box on page 1 of this form*)

\*Note: The RA/CD may revisit this agreement with roommates as needed during the year.

- We are entering into a good-faith agreement with each other to make the most of our living arrangements this year. As issues arise, we promise to first communicate openly with each other. This form is only a starting point for open communication. As needed, we will refer back to this form and seek counsel of the RA/CD.

**This form should be printed and signed by each roommate. A copy should be kept in the room/suite and a copy with the RA/CD.**

Roommate Printed Name	Roommate Signature

RA/CD Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**At some point, your RA/CD may want to revisit this agreement with you and your roommate(s) to see if any updates need to be made**