



Roommate Agreement 2013~2014

This is NOT a legal document; it is a learning instrument.

Residence Hall: _____

Room Number: _____

Sharing a space with another individual is an exciting experience, however, sometimes it can be challenging. In an effort to:

- *open lines of communication*
- *encourage honesty and candidness*
- *help roommates get acquainted (or renew old friendships)*
- *prevent future problems*

Please explore and establish the ways in which you as individuals will live together as roommates. If parts of this agreement need to be addressed or changed at any point this year, you are strongly encouraged and welcome to speak with your Resident Assistant.

Every residential student has the right to:

Sleep during reasonable hours with as little disruption as possible.

Study and read without unreasonable interference.

Equal and free access to the room and personal belongings.

Host guests in accordance with the University guest and visitation policy.

Live in a clean environment.

Address problems and concerns in an appropriate manner.

1. VISITATION

Who is allowed to visit? Is there anyone who should not be allowed to visit? Do you want to have specified times for visitors? What about overnight guests?

2. CLEANING OF THE ROOM

What does a clean room mean to each of you? How often should your room be cleaned? Who cleans what?

3. STUDY TIME

Will there be designated time to study? How late is too late to have the lights on or to type? Can you study while the TV or stereo is on? If someone chooses to go to bed, what lights can be left on for studying?

4. USE OF TV AND STEREO

Is there a type of music or TV show that you can't listen to or watch all the time? If the equipment belongs to one roommate, can the other roommate(s) use it? How will you regulate the noise level? What will you do if one wants to listen to music and one wants to watch TV?

5. SOCIAL TIME

How will you determine when it is time to socialize in the room? What if one person needs to study during that time?

6. FOOD

Who will buy food? If each roommate purchases their own food, will you both share? Will you allow your roommate(s) to share your food with other friends? Who will make sure that spoiled food is tossed in the garbage? Is there a particular food that the smell turns you off that your roommate should be aware of?

7. USE OF EACH OTHERS' PERSONAL PROPERTY (INCLUDING CLOTHES, COMPUTER, ETC.)

Will you let your roommate(s) borrow or use any of your personal belongings? If so, are there any parameters to borrowing or using your stuff? Please note if there are any items that you do NOT (for whatever reasons) want your roommate to use.

8. ROOM TEMPERATURE

Do you like to sleep with the windows open or closed? What temperature would you like the room kept at in the fall? What about in the winter?

9. OTHER ITEMS

You are responsible for knowing and following all policies set forth in the JCU Community Standards Manual. All policies will be enforced if violations occur. We, however, believe it is important for roommates to discuss issues like alcohol, drugs and opposite sex visitors in order to understand each other's perspective and how it may impact the roommate relationship. While you will not be discussing this section with your RA, we strongly encourage you to discuss it with your roommate.

We, the roommates mutually consent to this agreement on: _____ (Date).

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____