

# Roommate Agreement

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



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**RESIDENCELIFE**  
*Live where you learn. Learn where you live.*

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.**

## 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.

**Roommate Bill of Rights**

1. Freedom from undue interference. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit this right.
2. You have the right to expect that your roommate(s) will inform you of behavior he or she finds distracting. Open communication is essential to getting along as roommates.
3. The right to sleep and study without undue disturbance from noise or guests.
4. The expectation that your personal belongings will be respected. Commitment to honor the agreed upon use of shared appliances (such as, refrigerator, and computer).
5. The right to a pleasant environment. Standards for cleanliness should be agreed on and fulfilled by you and your roommate(s).
6. The right to have reasonable amounts of privacy as agreed upon by you and your roommate(s).
7. The right to have guests. Guests are to respect the rights of your roommate(s) and other hall residents as well as abide by Residence Life policies. Remember that you and your roommate(s) are equally responsible for seeing that policies and guidelines are upheld in your room. The right to your roommate's privacy supersedes your right to have guests.
8. The right to ask residence hall staff for assistance in settling conflicts when you and your roommate(s) cannot resolve them yourselves.
9. The right to be free from fear of physical and/or emotional harm.

We, the roommates, mutually consent to this agreement and the Roommate Bill of Rights on: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement, and any subsequent changes to it, was revisited on \_\_\_\_\_ and agreed upon by : \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RESIDENTS' INITIALS