

**YOU JUST GOT A ROOMMATE!**

**.....NOW WHAT?**

## **SHARED LIVING EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT: HOW WILL WE SUCCESSFULLY SHARE SPACE THIS YEAR?**

Go to the Application Status page in your Housing Application through the Housing Portal when you have a room assignment to learn who your roommate(s) will be! They will be visible if everyone in the unit (room/suite/apartment) has given FERPA permission to share their information.

This agreement provides residents sharing a room the opportunity to examine each other's personal living style and preferences. This agreement will also help to ensure that the rights of each individual resident are respected. Learning to accept each other's differences without infringing upon one another is an important skill to learn and makes residence hall living easier.

See below to learn more about preparing to live with a roommate and to access the agreement directly.

### **REFLECT ON YOUR DAILY ROUTINES AND LIFESTYLE PREFERENCES**

*Everyone has different thoughts about how their room should feel throughout the year. What type of space do I want my room to be (e.g. social, lively, quiet, studious)*

- What are some of my pet peeves? How might they show up when living with someone new?
- How do I like to receive feedback? How do I typically give it?
- What do I need from a roommate when I am stressed or upset?
- How much alone time do I typically need in a week?
- Do I have any allergies or special accommodations needed to live in the room?

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER?**

- What are my hopes for my relationship with my roommate
- What do I need from them in order to live successfully together?
- How will we communicate with one another? How will we communicate when things get tense?
- What will we do when we can't reach an agreement?

*Think about a time you had a disagreement with someone or a conflict? How did you resolve it? What went well? What would you have done differently?*

### **OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

- Cleanliness of room - Trash take out, tidiness of space
- Shared items- What items can be shared without asking, when asked, or never?
- Guests- How far in advance should we ask to have a guest over? How often can a guest come over? How about overnight guests?
- Studying and sleeping- When should study hours be? When will we turn the lights out? What activities can take place during these times?

### **DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!**

We all have assumptions based on our own experiences and histories, but if you go into this year having already made up your mind about your roommate or community, you may miss out on great connections and friendship. Be open to what you can learn from each other and support one another along the way!

**You may choose to complete a shared living agreement with the assistance of a Resident Assistant, or on your own with your roommate.**

**A PDF version can be found [HERE](#)**