

## Shared Living Expectations

Living in close quarters can be stressful. Making your expectations clear, talking about concerns before they develop into huge problems, and being willing to compromise helps pave the way to successful roommate relationships. This document between roommates is designed to ensure that each individual's wants and needs are addressed in the shared space. This form is a tool to help you navigate establishing expectations and your relationship. If you need guidance with this process, please seek assistance from your RA or a Residence Life staff member.

**Health & Safety during COVID-19** (room/bathroom cleanliness, building guests, remote study/class time, mask wearing in room, etc.)

**Cleanliness** (bed making, trash removal, eating in the room, vacuuming/sweeping, sink, dusting laundry frequency, personal hygiene, etc.)

**Visitation/Guests** (frequency, timing, type of activity, what is ok on a regular basis vs. needing to ask, and adhering to the guidelines outlined in the Housing Contract, etc.)

**Nudity/Sex/Intimacy/Privacy** (baseline standards around clothing, dress, intimate/sexual activity, being alone in the room, etc.)

**Sharing Personal Property** (any, nothing, what do you need to ask, clothing, food, electronics, personal property or hygiene products, others sitting on bed, etc.)

**Noise/Volume** (time of day certain levels acceptable, when should headphones be used, etc.)

**Lights; including illumination of electronic devices** (when on, when off, when is it disruptive to other activities, etc.)

**Temperature** (AC/heat usage, windows open/closed)

**Study Habits** (in the room vs not in the room, acceptable noise during study, time of day, amount of study time, etc.)

**Sleeping Habits** (early riser, late sleeper, night owl, acceptable levels of noise, use of specific electronics, etc.)

**Primary use of the room** (sleeping, eating, studying, socializing, relaxing, etc.)

**Safety/Security** (locking doors/windows, personal property use, etc.)

**Type of relationship expected of each other** (friends, live separate lives, do some things together and not others, etc.)

**How do you want to give and receive information about concerns** (face to face, email, note, text, etc.)

**Other:**

### **Apartment**

Kitchen usage/cleanliness (cooking, food with strong/lingering odor, food prep and usage, dishes, refrigerator/freezer use, appliances, dishwasher, garbage disposals, etc.)

Bathroom (scheduling, use, frequency of cleaning, use of personal items and toiletries, visitor usage, locking door, etc.)

Common spaces – living room, dining room (cleanliness and cleaning expectations, visitors, personal property, temperature, lights, etc.)

Safety/security (locking windows and doors)

### **Suites/Private Baths**

Bathroom scheduling, frequency of cleaning, use of personal items and toiletries, visitor usage, locking door, etc.

**Other items we want to discuss:**