Shared Spaces…

Get *real* about your roommate (s)…

- **Don’t** expect your roommate to be your best friend- or even a close friend – right away. Relationships take time. They _could become a close friend_ but some are just roommates. Take time to work at your roommate relationship.

- **Conflict** is a natural, necessary, even healthy part of every relationship, including roommates.

- **Lingering** or explosive conflicts between roommates are not fun. They *CAN be prevented* by working early to anticipate problems and negotiate mutually acceptable arrangements.

- **Hassle Reduction Mode** - Preventing hassles and reducing their severity requires talking with your roommate as issues *arise*. But, don’t just make small talk. Talk about yourselves and *listen to what your roommate has to say*.

### You and Your Roommate Have the Right to Have:

Quiet for study or sleep – Respect for possessions – Cleanliness – Access to the room – Privacy – Respectful guests – Room free from intimidation and threat of physical harm – Reasonable sharing of provided features (e.g. phone, back of door, cable connection) – Roommate who works collaboratively and hard to help resolve issues

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### Sleep & study...

I prefer to study in the room:
- Mornings.
- Afternoons.
- Early evenings.
- Late evenings.

When studying in the room, I prefer…
- Total silence.
- Some noise is ok.
- Having the television/radio on but no others talking
- Anything. Nothing bothers me when I’m studying.
- Other (please specify).

I prefer to wake up between the hours of (fill in times):

I prefer to go to bed between the hours of (fill in times):

My sleep habits are:
- Early to bed, early to rise.
- Up late, sleep late.
- Combo: sleep when I need.

I prefer to sleep when the room is…
- Dark.
- Quiet.
- Dark and quiet.
- Doesn’t matter. Nothing bothers me.
- Other (please specify):
Friends and guests…

If I am not present to receive a call, I prefer that you:
- Take a message and leave it (Please specify a location.)
- Ask the caller to call back and leave a voicemail message.
- Instruct the caller to call back another time.
- Give the caller my cell phone number.
- Other (please specify)

I prefer that guests not be in the room between the hours of _________ and _________ on weeknights, or _________ and _________ on weekends. (Please note that members of the opposite sex must be out of the room by 2AM)

I prefer that guests of our same sex…
- Stay the night only on weekends.
- Stay the night only on weeknights.
- Stay the night any night of the week.
- Not stay the night.
- Other (please specify).

If I am away for the weekend, I…
- Prefer that my bed not be used.
- Do not mind if you sleep in my bed, but prefer that your guests not do so.
- Do not mind if you or your guests sleep in my bed.
- Other (please specify).

* I understand that I am responsible for the behavior of my guests…

Neatness and Disorder…

In regard to cleaning, I prefer that…
- We, you and I, cooperatively clean the entire room.
- We, you and I, each clean our own messes.
- Other (please specify).

In regard to our room’s appearance, I prefer:
- Always be kept neat and orderly.
- Sometimes be kept neat and orderly.
- Doesn’t matter. No mess bothers me.
- Other (please specify).

I prefer that our room be cleaned at least as often as:
- Once a week
- Every other week
- Once a month
- Other (please specify).
### Possessions...
Regarding my possessions, I prefer
- That you never use my possessions without my permission.
- Be allowed to use some items without my permission. (Please specify which items may be used. Use additional space if needed.)
- Be allowed to use any of my possessions without my permission.
- Other (please specify).

Regarding loaning my possessions to others:
- Please, never loan out my possessions.
- You may loan my possessions to others with my permission.
- You are allowed to loan my possessions to others at your discretion. (Please remember to leave me a note)
- Other (please specify).

### Communication...
If you are leaving for the weekend, please:
- Let me know where you are going and when you will be back.
- Let me know when he/she will be back.
- Don't bother telling me where you are going or when you will be back.
- Other (please specify).

If I am upset with you, I prefer to...
- Confront the issue immediately.
- Give myself some time to cool down before we confront the issue.
- Consult our CF for help confronting the issue.
- Other (please specify).

If I feel that you have violated this agreement, I would prefer to:
- Settle the issue between you and me.
- Try to settle the issue on our own, involving the CF only if necessary.
- Ask our CF or another CF to help settle the issue between us.
- Other (please specify).