

Valdosta State University Roommate Courtesy Agreement

Building: _____ Room Number: _____

Resident Assistant: _____ Date: _____

Communication is the single most important factor in building a good roommate relationship. Many roommates assume that they know how each other feel and, therefore, do not discuss issues like the use of personal belongings and how the room will be used. These assumptions are not always correct and can lead to conflict.

The Roommate Courtesy Agreement will help you and your roommate begin the process of discussing issues that have been found to be sources of conflict. Once a potential conflict is identified, it can be resolved through compromise before a major problem develops.

INSTRUCTIONS: After reading an item, each roommate marks his/her individual response. If responses are different, discuss the difference and reach an understanding on that issue with which both roommates can live.

I. BREAKING THE ICE

- a. Have you shared a room before? YES / NO
- b. My favorite hobby is: _____
- c. The things I value are: _____
- d. My lifestyle choices include _____

II. USE OF EACH OTHERS' BELONGINGS

You may use the following possessions of mine:

- a. Stereo/CDs/DVDs YES / NO
- b. TV YES / NO
- c. Clothes YES / NO
- d. Personal Care Items YES / NO
- e. Computer YES / NO
- f. Appliances (microwave, refrigerator, etc.) YES / NO
- g. Furniture YES / NO
- h. Food YES / NO
- i. Other _____ YES / NO

If items may be used, under what circumstance:

- a. Without asking YES / NO
- b. Only with asking first YES / NO
- c. By guests and visitors YES / NO

If consumables are used (ie food, soap paper, etc)

- a. They must be replaced YES / NO
- b. They do not have to be replaced YES / NO

List any other items or issues and how will you handle them:

III. HOW WE WILL USE OUR ROOM

Prioritize the way in which you would like to use your room:

Sleep _____
Study _____
Socializing _____

I expect to go to bed by: _____
I expect to get up most mornings by: _____
I usually take naps at: _____
I plan to study in the room at: _____
Will alcohol be allowed in the room? _____
Will drug use be allowed in the room? _____

When we would like to use the room for different purposes at the same time, we will compromise as follows:

IV. VISITORS

Visitors will allowed in the room when:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| a. I am home, but not studying | YES | / | NO |
| b. I am not home | YES | / | NO |
| c. Anytime I am not trying to sleep | YES | / | NO |
| d. _____ | YES | / | NO |

The number of visitors at any one time will be limited to: _____

Visitors may use my belongings: YES / NO

Boyfriends/Girlfriends are:

- | | | | |
|---|-------|---|----|
| a. Okay when I am around | YES | / | NO |
| b. Okay whenever I am not sleeping | YES | / | NO |
| c. Okay only at certain times (specify) | _____ | | |
| d. Other | _____ | | |

I agree to allow overnight same-sex visitors YES / NO

List additional reasons and times whereby other people may be in the room:

V. CARE OF YOUR ROOM

Indicate how frequently, who will be responsible, and specifically when each of the following will happen:

Empty trash: _____
Vacuum/Sweep: _____
Dust: _____

I will always keep the door locked when I'm not in the room YES / NO

If the condition of the room becomes a concern for either roommate, we agree to resolve the concern by:

VI. PET PEEVES

These are the things that really bother me:

These are things that I would most like respected:

At this point you should have had a chance to establish some working ground rules for your room. It is important to continue discussing issues as they arise. The Roommate Courtesy Agreement is only a starting place.

We as roommates, enter into this agreement fully intending to work cooperatively with each other and to discuss any concerns or issues that may arise. Should we be unable to resolve by open discussion with each other, we will seek out our RA and/or Hall Director to ask for assistance in renegotiating our roommate agreement.

Print Resident Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature Resident Name: _____ Date: _____

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