Your Student Living Plan

One of the most often neglected relationships is the relationship you have with your roommate(s). This is often due to a lack of communication and/or consideration for each roommate's rights and personal preferences. A first step in building and maintaining a good roommate relationship is setting up boundaries and open communication lines.

This plan is geared to help you and your roommate(s) come to an agreement on different aspects of living together so your overall living experience can be more comfortable. Please discuss these prompts and come to a mutual agreement with complete and specific answers to the questions.

Be sure to be specific when setting expectations and living arrangements. It will be very helpful for you and your roommate(s) to discuss how the space may be used, and what communal responsibilities each person will take. While being upfront about certain desires and needs you have may be difficult, honesty in setting up living expectations will set a good foundation for living well together in the residence halls. It is important to keep conversations going throughout the rest of the year; this Plan is only a starting point for the rest of the year.

If needed, your Resident Advisor (RA) can schedule a meeting with you to discuss the terms that you and your roommates(s) have agreed upon. When complete, please return to your RA.

Building and Room: ________________________________

Your Name: ________________________________

Roommate Name: ________________________________

(Roommate Name): ________________________________

To start things off, it will be helpful if you discuss whether or not you have lived in the same room as another person, any dietary preferences/restrictions, and what area you are interested in studying.

In the next areas, consider this question:

How can we work together for the greatest comfort for all in the room?
Cleaning and Maintaining the Room
(Who will clean which part of the room, how often, general standards of cleanliness are some considerations to consider)

1. The **common area** will be cleaned in the following manner and by the following schedule:

2. The **bathroom** will be cleaned in the following manner and by the following schedule:

3. The **kitchen** will be cleaned in the following manner and by the following schedule:

4. Dishes, silverware and cooking utensils in the **sink** will be cleaned in the following manner and by the following schedule:

Sharing Space and Items

For these items determine if these will be shared between roommates, and any additional specifics.

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Guests and Visitors

1. The agreement we have reached for non-overnight visitors in our room is:
   (the maximum number of visitors I feel comfortable having in our space is)

2. The agreement we have reached for overnight guests in our room is:
   (overnight guests should be discussed and approved by all roommate(s))

3. While visiting, all guests and visitors should not:

Quiet Times and Sleeping Considerations

1. Sunday through Thursday, we agree that the room should be quiet from: _____ until ______.
2. Friday and Saturday, we agree that the room should be quiet from: _____ until ______.
3. We agree that quiet means:
   (Be sure to define expectations about noise, light and television. How will you communicate with each other about times when flexibility or different expectations may be in place for specific events?)

4. If one roommate is awake while another is sleeping, we agree to be courteous by:
   (suggestions: using headphones, desk lights, silenced cell phones)

5. Our expectations for overhead lighting use when someone is sleeping:
   (be sure to talk about how you know if someone is asleep in a room)

6. Our expectations for phone use in the room are:

7. Our expectations for TV & music noise in the room are:

8. Our expectations for opening/closing windows and/or temperature level in the room are:
Communication

1. When there is a problem, we agree to communicate with one another by:

2. As roommates, we expect each other to:

Additional Notes and Expectations:
(You should use this space to include anything else that you would like to address that was not included in the Student Living Plan. Some people have included a time when they would like to go over the expectations set in this Plan with their RA at a certain point in the year (in one month, at the start of second semester, etc.) and what to do about making any changes.

Do any of our roommates sleep walk?
Do any of our roommates have any allergies?
Do any of our roommates have any special medical concerns?

By signing below, we indicate that we have come to an agreement about the guidelines in this Plan.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Please provide a copy of this to your RA. They can help remind you about these agreements and any plans you have established to revisit your Student Living Plan.