

Roommate Agreement

How to *Effectively* Communicate

The key to every relationship, including one with your roommate, is communication!

You need to be open – ask, listen and discuss.

The Do's

- Be genuine and say what works and what doesn't work.
- Listen carefully, realizing that good listening is hard work that takes practice and good intentions
- Be sensitive to each other's moods – everybody has bad days, so try to understand when your roommate has one too.
- Share belongings you feel comfortable sharing and clearly state what you do not want to share.
- Seek assistance from your RA when things cannot be worked out between the two of you.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.

The Do Not's

- Avoid using inhibiting remarks like “Why don't you listen to reason?” or “We've already tried that.”
- Do not interrupt. Listen carefully to the other person and do not jump to conclusions.
- Avoid discussing your roommate problems/conflicts with your friends and neighbors. Discuss the situation with your roommate.

General Suggestions

Your enjoyment of life at TAMUCC and Camden Miramar housing will depend, to a large extent, on the thoughtful consideration you demonstrate for your roommate and neighbors.

In addition to abiding by the Student Code of Conduct, the University expects you to establish and maintain a healthy relationship with your roommate.

- It is a privilege to have guests in your room. Both you and your guests need to respect the rights of your roommate(s) and other hall members.
- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the building clean; even yours!
- Respect your roommate's belongings, they are not yours.
- Settle conflicts peacefully. Your RA is available to assist you in resolving conflicts.
- Respect the rights of others to read, study, and sleep free from undue interference. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of these rights.
- Respect your roommate's right to free access of the room.
- Respect the personal privacy of others.
- No one has the right to intimidate or cause physical or emotional harm to others.
- Facilities and fixtures need to be shared.
- While the Camden staff will assist you in solving problems, it is your responsibility to actively participate in the solution.

The purpose of the Roommate Agreement is to facilitate a conversation between roommates. The Roommate Agreement will assist you and your roommate in having a successful year together. This agreement will serve as a useful guide if questions or concerns arise at a later time. Please approach sharing a room and building a roommate relationship with an open mind. Have fun getting to know your roommate!

Guests

Questions

What times are friends of the same gender allowed to visit? From _____ to _____

What times are friends of the opposite gender allowed to visit? From _____ to _____

Are visitors allowed in the room when studying is taking place? YES NO

Are members of any gender allowed to stay overnight in the room? YES NO

Are you comfortable with activities of a sexual nature happening in shared living space? YES NO

Comments

Study time

Questions

What time are your classes? Please write your class schedule below.

Roommate 1	Roommate 2	Roommate 3	Roommate 4

When do you prefer to study? Afternoon Morning Evening

Can you study with a television or music on in the room? YES NO

Comments

Sleeping Habits/Quiet time

Questions

When do you usually go to bed? Roommate 1 _____ Roommate 2 _____
Roommate 3 _____ Roommate 4 _____

What time do you usually wake up? Roommate 1 _____ Roommate 2 _____
Roommate 3 _____ Roommate 4 _____

Can you go to sleep with lights on in the room? YES NO

What do you consider to be excessive in terms of noise? Please describe

How do your study behavior and sleep habits change when school is not in session and on the weekends? Please describe.

Personal Property

Questions

What items in the room can be shared?

	Roommate #1	Roommate #2	Roommate #3	Roommate #4
Stereo?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
TV?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Furniture?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Computer?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Clothes?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Food?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Phone?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Refrigerator?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___
Other?	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___	Yes___No___ Yes, but ask___

Comments

Housekeeping

Questions

How would you describe your level of cleanliness on a scale of 1-10: (1 being Messy - 10 being neat)?

Roommate 1_____ Roommate 2_____ Roommate 3_____ Roommate 4_____

Please create a cleaning Schedule for the following areas:

Living Area

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Bathroom

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Trash Removal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Apt Only

Kitchen (floor and dishes)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Hallway, patio and stairwell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Comments

Addressing Issues/Concerns with your Roommate

Questions

What is the best way to approach you if a disagreement happens?

What are some habits that you should advise your roommate about?

What are your pet peeves (quirky behavior)?

If you have violated parts of this agreement what is the best way for your roommate to confront you about the issue?

Miscellaneous

Please feel free to add anything that you and your roommate have not already addressed.

As roommates, we have discussed all of the above aspects of living together. We have agreed upon the details written above.

Residence Hall: _____

Room Number(s) _____

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

Date _____

Resident Assistant _____

Date _____