

Living successfully with a roommate requires flexibility and the willingness to communicate in an open, honest, and respectful manner. The purpose of the Roommate Living Agreement is to help you develop a healthy living arrangement with your roommate(s). This form is intended for individual reflection only and therefore will not be collected.

Once you have had the opportunity to consider the questions in this document on your own, meet with your roommate(s) to discuss and complete the Roommate Living Agreement together. The completed Roommate Living Agreement will then be kept on file with your Resident Director or Area Coordinator.

In the event you and your roommate(s) experience any conflict or disagreement as the year progresses, you are encouraged to refer first to your responses on this agreement as a place to begin further discussion. If you need additional support or someone to mediate this discussion, your student staff member can serve in this role.

**Personal values, interests, and passions**

Describe the values you hold personally and how you envision realizing these values while living in community with others. How do you spend your time? What interests or excites you, and what are you passionate about? As you begin to feel comfortable with your roommate(s), how will you share these interests with each other?

What are my most prominent and/or salient values? What is most important to me?
How do I like to spend free time?
What interests me the most? What are my hobbies?
What am I passionate about? How will I invite others to explore my passion areas?

**Cleaning**

Describe your level of ideal cleanliness in your shared living space, as well as your personal feelings and needs surrounding cleaning and cleanliness.

I consider myself a _____ person.	clean	somewhat clean	messy
If I scatter my personal belongings along the floor, how often do I plan to pick these up?			
If unhappy with my level of cleanliness, how do I want my roommate(s) to inform or approach me?			

**Guests**

Inviting guests into your shared space is a privilege. You must obtain explicit and affirmative approval from your roommate *prior* to inviting and hosting guests in your shared space. Because one agrees to guests once does not mean they agree to guests at all times. *SCU Student Handbook* states that guests may not exceed 3 consecutive nights or a total of 7 nights in each academic year.

How many guests am I comfortable with at a time visiting my shared living space?		
How much time in advance would I like my roommates(s) to ask permission for guests?		
When I am asleep, are my roommate(s) guests permitted?	yes	no
Will I permit my roommate(s) to have overnight guests on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday)?	yes	no
Will I permit my roommate(s) to have overnight guests on weekends (Friday through Saturday)?	yes	no
If I am away from our shared living space, may my roommate(s)' guests use my furniture (bed, desk, etc.)?	yes	no

**Personal possessions**

All items brought into the shared space by an individual are the direct purview and responsibility of that individual. What belongings am I comfortable sharing with others? What belongings am I uncomfortable sharing?

Item	May others use it?		
	yes	ask	no
	yes	ask	no
	yes	ask	no
	yes	ask	no
	yes	ask	no
	yes	ask	no

**Communication**

As we experience different emotions such as stress, anxiety, depression, or homesickness, consider how your roommate(s) will know how to engage with you in discussion. Select the statement that best describes you.

When I am upset, I need...	<i>To talk about things with others immediately</i>	<i>Time to individually process, then talk about things with others</i>	<i>Space, time to deal with it on my own</i>
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It is generally a good practice to notify your roommate when you will be away from your shared space for a prolonged period of time, such as being away overnight or over a weekend so your roommate knows you are safe and your absence is intentional. Similarly, if you notice your roommate is gone without explanation, it is generally a good practice to check in with your roommate in an agreed upon manner (i.e., social media message, text message, etc.).

How will I let my roommate(s) know when I plan to be away from our shared space for a prolonged period of time?

**Study, quiet, and sleep time**

Describe your ideal conditions for sleep, quiet, and study time in your shared living space.

On weeknights (Sunday through Thursday), I hope to be asleep by... and wake up by...	Asleep: _____ Awake: _____	
On weekends (Friday through Saturday), I hope to be asleep by... and wake up by...	Asleep: _____ Awake: _____	
When asleep, I prefer lights...	on	off
When asleep, I prefer sound (music, tv)...	on	off
Do I use an alarm to wake from sleep?	yes	no

If unhappy with my level of noise in our shared living space, how do I want my roommate(s) to inform or approach me?