Roommate Agreement
Student Housing & Residence Life 2018-19

All roommates of Apartment/suite in my apartment have:

- The right to read and study without interference in our apartment/suite.
- The right to sleep without excessive disturbance from noise, guests, etc.
- The right to expect that roommates will respect each other’s personal belongings.
- The right to a clean and safe environment.
- The right to have access to one’s room and apartment without pressure.
- The right to personal privacy.
- The right to host guests, with the expectation that the guest will respect the rights of roommates and other residents.
- The right for address concerns regarding one’s overall living situation.
- The right to be free from fear, intimidation, physical and/or emotional harm.
- The right to communicate and reconcile differences.

Possession Use
May my roommates use my possessions in my room?

Food
May my roommates eat my food?

Common Area Possessions
May my roommates use my possessions in common areas (i.e. living room, kitchen, etc...)?

Common Areas - Kitchen
Housecleaning: These are examples of cleaning areas in your apartment/suite. It is recommended that you create a cleaning rotation on a regular basis in order to maintain the cleanliness of your apartment/suite and to prevent pests, rodents and failing health and safety checks. Please note that it is the responsibility of (not the housing staff) the apartment/suite mates to manage the tasks on this list. During the academic year, SHRL conducts three Health & Safety Checks where the RA Staff will come in to check for maintenance and cleanliness issues. Additionally, regular up-keep and cleaning of your apartment/suite will prevent your apartment/suite from having to do a lot of cleaning when it is time for closing, and may ultimately reduce charges to your account for cleaning. We recommend that your
apartment/suite comes up with a plan/chart to assign someone to the cleaning of areas each week so that items are regularly taken care of.

Here are example Chore Charts:

Pintrest Examples: https://www.pinterest.com/explore/chore-wheel/  
Chorebuster: http://www.chorebuster.net/

What is your personal expectation for Cleanliness and Frequency:

**Common Areas - Kitchen/Kitchenette**
Washing dishes, cleaning microwave/stove/oven/sink/counters/tables/chairs and refrigerators, removing old/smelly food

**Common Areas - Floors**
Floors – sweeping and mopping kitchen, dining room and bathroom floors

**Common Areas - Trash**
Trash – Empty trash/recycling from kitchen, bathroom, balcony, bedrooms (if allowed)

**Common Areas - Bathroom**
Bathroom(s) – cleaning counter/mirror/sink/toilet/shower/ tub

**Common Areas - Living Rooms**
Living Room/Hallway - Picking-up, Dusting & Vacuuming

**Common areas - Bedrooms**
Bedrooms - Picking-up, Dusting & Vacuuming

**Common Areas - Patio**
Patio – Picking up, dusting & sweeping
Common Areas - Other
Are there any other areas of cleaning responsibility that needs to be addressed? (Purchasing items? etc.)

Lifestyle - Hours of Study
Everyone has a different way of living their lives and each person makes different choices. There are several housing and university policies that dictate what is expected of residents in these areas. We strongly urge you to familiarize yourself with them. SHRL understands that even though there are policies, these items do occur. We find that it is important that residents have these conversations about what to expect and do should something like this happens. Link to location of policies in License Agreement

Hours preferred to study:

Lifestyle - Common Quiet Hours
Hours I prefer to be quiet [Quiet Hours Policy]

Lifestyle - Smoking
If smoking occurs in my apartment, the following should occur: *Note – for fire hazards, smoking is strictly prohibited. [Housing Smoking Policy]

Lifestyle - Smoking 2
I am bothered by the smell of smoke. If yes, what are your expectations of apartment/suitemates returning to apartment/suite smelling like smoke. [Housing Cleaning Policy]

Lifestyle - Parties
If partying occurs in my apartment, the following should occur:

Lifestyle - Bedroom Sex
Is sex allowed in my bedroom? If “yes,” when I am present?

Guests - Bedrooms
In your License Agreement, SHRL has specifically stated the guest policies. It is the responsibility of each resident to understand and abide by the policies and processes listed. Prior to completing this, we encourage each resident to read through these policies. Housing Guest Policies

Are visitors allowed in the bedrooms?

**Guest - Belongings**
When I’m not present, may my apartment/suite mate’s visitor/guest use my bed/area of the room and/or my belongings?

**Guests - Overnight**
Are visitors allowed to spend the night in the bedroom?

**Guests - Other**
Are there any other areas of guest responsibility that needs to be addressed?

**Security - Door Locked Bedroom**
Should residents ensure the bedroom door is locked when they leave?

**Security - Door Locked Apartment**
Should residents ensure the apartment door is locked when they leave?

**Security - Door Locked Patio**
Should residents ensure the patio door is locked when they leave? Housing Patio Policy

**Security - Window Locked**
Should residents ensure all windows are locked when they leave?

**Security - Other**
Are there any other areas of security responsibility that needs to be addressed?

**Communication - Conflict**
Communication is often the key to resolving conflict. However, we understand that it is a challenge for many. We encourage residents to communicate face to face and deal with the person that they are having a conflict with. We encourage residents to not escalate the situation by involving friends, other apartment/suite mates, parents and/or social media.

If there is ever conflict or inconsistencies with the roommate agreement/if I’m not upholding my portion of the agreements, I prefer that it be brought to my attention in person.

YES or NO?

Communication
If “YES” to above, this is how I would like to resolve conflicts with my apartment mates:

Addressing my roommate or apartment mates in a timely manner means:

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By signing below, I certify that I have completed these questions and agree to the contract with my apartment mates:

Date: ____________________________