Roommate/Housemate Agreement

This agreement is designed to help roommates get to know each other and to start opening the lines of communication on topics that we know are important for successful roommate relationships. Complete this agreement together. Keep one copy in your room. Give a copy to your RA. **Agreements cannot supersede University and Student Housing Policies.**

Date: ____________________

**Hall:** Residence Village  Themed House  Pomponio Village  **Unit/House Number:** ____________

**Roommate Names:** __________________________________________  __________________________________________

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**BREAKING THE ICE**

Before you start to talk about the specific details involved with living together, it will be helpful for you to get to know each other better. In your conversation be sure to talk about the following topics: past experiences with roommates, feelings about living with someone, hobbies and interests, academic major, academic and career aspirations, personal and familial values, faith and spirituality, lifestyle choices – such as those around food, alcohol, exercise, sleep, etc.

**ROOM ENVIRONMENT**

1. Who will clean what, how often?
   Talk about vacuuming, microfridge, picking up, etc.

2. How often will each roommate clean up after themselves (weekly, monthly)?

3. How often will we take out the trash? How will we determine who takes it?

4. How often will laundry be done?

5. Do we prefer the room warm or cold?

6. Do we like the furniture arrangement? How will we change it?

7. Decorations: What is appropriate, what types of decorations do we like?

**SLEEPING**

1. When will you typically go to bed? Wake up?
   What time do we want to have lights out during the week? On the weekend? How will we work out different sleeping habits?

2. If one roommate is sleeping what activities are acceptable in the room (lights, TV, phone, texting, etc.)?

3. What if one of us is trying to take a nap?
# PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND SHARING

1. When will we keep the room door closed/open/locked?  
2. Which of each other’s items do we need permission to use (nothing, everything, TV, clothes, printer, etc)?

The following items are okay to use either “With Permission”, “Always”, or “Never”. Mark appropriately with a W, A, or N. Add other items if necessary. **Be sure to include each housemate.**

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# STUDYING AND NOISE

1. Is there a designated study time for your room? When is it?  
2. What are our expectations when one or both of us are studying? Think about TV, guests, music, having the door open, etc.  
3. When is loud noise (from a TV, music, and computer) acceptable?  
4. Should we use headphones? When are they required?  
5. If noise becomes disruptive, how will we handle it? Think about turning it down, headphones, or earplugs?
### GUESTS

1. Overnight guests (of the same sex) are or are not allowed to stay in our room?

2. Whenever possible, we will give how much notice for overnight guests?

3. Are guests allowed to use the other’s bed? Should guests be allowed to be left alone in the room?

4. How many guests are allowed in the room at a time?

### COMMUNICATION

1. How will you communicate when something is bothering one of you? Think about how you take criticism and how you might bring up a problem to someone else.

2. How often and in what way will you meet as roommates (weekly lunches, workouts, etc.)?

3. How regularly do you greet, say goodbye, or update each other?

4. If either of you are gone for an extended period, how or when will you communicate this to each other?

### PERSONAL HABITS

1. What are your pet peeves, or things that frustrate you (i.e. lights left on)?

2. Is either of you sensitive to smoke?

3. What else should your roommate know about you (i.e. sleep walking, allergies, snoring)?

### KITCHEN USAGE / CLEANLINESS

1. How will we differentiate whose food and dishes are whose? (By cabinet? Labels?)

2. How much storage/refrigerator space will we each be allowed to use? (Designated, first come first serve?)

3. How will we share cookware? Dishes?

4. Will we share food? If so, how will we split the costs?

5. Will we recycle?

6. When should dishes be cleaned?

7. When should the dishwasher be unloaded? By whom?

8. When should the kitchen be cleaned? By whom?

9. When will the trash be taken out?
## BATHROOM USAGE / CLEANLINESS

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As housemates, we have discussed and agreed upon the details to the above listed topics. We understand that if conflicts do arise, we are encouraged to try to work them out ourselves by the conflict resolution tactics we have listed above. If we are not able to effectively communicate on our own, we understand that we may involve the Residence Life staff if needed.

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### Housemate 1 Signature

**Date**

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### Housemate 2 Signature

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### Housemate 3 Signature

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### Housemate 4 Signature

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### Housemate 5 Signature

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### Housemate 6 Signature

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I, the Residence Life Staff for the above residents, have reviewed this roommate agreement with said residents.

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**Staff Name**

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**Staff Signature**

**Date**