

DICKINSON COLLEGE

ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

This agreement is provided to assist you in developing a positive environment in your room. Communal living is an important aspect of the residential college experience. You will learn many things about yourself and develop important skills of communication, compromise, cooperation, and citizenship by sharing space with others.

Experience has shown that conflicts between roommates and suitemates generally fall in to certain predictable categories. Below you will see a variety of topic areas that we believe are important for roommates to discuss before living together. These topics may seem trivial, but many conflicts between roommates begin when "little things" begin to annoy one person or another. By completing this form, roommates are taking a proactive approach to fostering positive roommate relations.

This agreement is not set in stone. As with any relationship, the roommate relationship needs to be flexible. Preferences, lifestyles, and schedules can change throughout the year. This agreement will serve as a foundation for the relationship and a catalyst for communication about sharing a living space. We strongly encourage you and your roommate(s) to revisit this agreement during the semester and make modifications as appropriate.

Before completing this agreement, please look through the 2011-2012 Dickinson Student Handbook and the Office of Student Conduct's 2011-2012 Community Standards to make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities as a resident in Dickinson College housing.

Roommate Name: _____

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Sleep

1. What time do you like to go to bed on weekdays? What about weekends? How many hours of sleep do you like to get?
2. Are you a night owl or a morning person?
3. Are you a sound sleeper or are you easily awakened? How will you adjust to your roommates sleep habits?
4. What are your expectations of your roommate(s) when he/she returns to the room at night after you are already asleep? How do you feel about lights, TV, radio, video games, computer, phone usage, etc.?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Personal Property (including clothes, CDs, cameras, i-Pods, computers, video games, food, etc.)

1. What property is available for use by all roommates? Does this include guests/visitors to the room?
2. What property may be used with permission? Does this include guests/visitors to the room?
3. What property may not be used except by the owner?
4. How will you let your roommate(s) know if these topics need to be revisited?

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Studying

1. What are your ideal conditions for studying (location, study lounge, noise, music/TV, time of day, etc.)?
2. If a conflict between studying and roommate's TV time, friends visiting, sleep/nap time, etc. arises, how will it be resolved?

- 1.
- 2.

Room Order

1. How often would you like the room to be cleaned?
2. How will common tasks like cleaning the bathroom and kitchen (if applicable), taking out the garbage, vacuuming, etc. be shared?

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Phone Usage

1. How would prefer cell phone conversations to be handled within the room?
2. If people receive phone calls at varying hours (early in the morning, late at night, during the afternoon), how would you prefer that this to occur? (i.e., go out in the hallway to talk, stay in the room but keep the volume down, refrain from using the room phone at a late hour)

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Guests (Please be mindful of the guest policy in the student handbook)

1. What are your expectations regarding friends and classmates visiting you or your roommate in the room?
2. How do you feel about overnight guests? If guests are not staying overnight, when should they leave the room?
3. If there is a problem with a guest, who should be confronted, the guest or his/her host?
4. Are there any items in the rooms that guests are not allowed to use?

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Communication

1. When an issue of concern arises, how do you want people to approach you?
2. How will your roommate(s) know that you have something to discuss?
3. Consider your previous experiences with living in shared space. What things have people done in the past that you have found irritating?
4. If conflicts develop, how will they be handled? If initial efforts are unsuccessful, what will the next step be? (Be as detailed as possible, and remember to keep in mind how you like to be approached and how you approach others)

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Please be aware that if a roommate and/or guest is violating Dickinson College policies and you do not take to report the violation you may be found responsible.

We agree to abide by the roommate agreement. We also understand that this is a working document and we reserve the right to change the agreement throughout the year in cooperation with all roommates and the RA or RCD as necessary.

Signature

Date

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