

ROOMMATE TIPS

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO ENSURE YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE(S) HAVE A QUALITY LIVING SITUATION TOGETHER!

- Discuss visiting hours/procedures, if there will be any
- Make a cleaning agreement, including sweeping, vacuuming, dishes, cleaning the bathroom create a schedule about when these cleanings should take place (daily, weekly)
- Agree on a food policy. Are you going to share the cost of food? Will you shop individually?
- Respect your roommate's space and belongings.
- Establish rules for drinking (if over 21) and smoking.
- Discuss study habits and expected study environment. Will you have "quiet hours" after a certain time?
- Establish what relationship you would like in a roommate – do you want to be best friends, someone to do things with on a weekend, or someone to solely pay rent for their living space?
- Do not pay for your rent in cash. Depending on your property owner's regulations, you may either be able to send a check/money order for your individual share of the rent directly to their office or send one check/money order for all the roommates' share of the rent.
- Be careful about lending money. If possible, download apps such as Venmo or other digital wallets that let you make and share payments with friends/roommates so that you can track your money more efficiently.
- Get to know your roommate! Take interest in his/her day, how their studies are going, and what exciting events may be coming up in their life. The more you speak to your roommate and stake interest in your life, the more you will be able to understand their perspective that may seem foreign.



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