

Roommate Tips

- Discuss visiting hours/procedures for guests, 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?
- 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 their life, the more you will be able to understand their perspective that may seem foreign.

