



ROOMMATE INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT

ROOM: _____

Welcome to the WMU residence halls. We hope you are looking forward to a great year and that living on campus will be one of the best aspects of your college experience. We all have different lifestyles, and to successfully live together requires both roommates to make some accommodations. Communication is the key in any relationship – with family, friends, or a roommate. The goal of this exercise is to provide you with some information about getting along with your roommate. This is the starting point in what we hope will be a successful year for the both of you.

I. Roommate Bill of Rights.

The basic rights of a roommate include:

- The right to read and study in one’s room.
The right to sleep with as little disturbance as possible.
The right to expect a roommate to respect one’s personal belongings.
The right to live in a clean environment.
The right to free access to one’s room and facilities without interference.
The right to personal privacy.
The right to have guests, providing they respect the rights of the roommate and other hall residents.
The right to be free of intimidation, physical, and/or emotional harm.
The right to seek reasonable cooperation from a roommate.
The right to speak out openly on ideas, opinions, and grievances.

II. Lifestyles.

Complete the following section by circling the term or filling in the blank that best describes your lifestyle. Share your answers with each other and discuss your specific lifestyle characteristics.

Table with 2 columns for student responses and 10 rows of lifestyle questions such as 'I am a morning / afternoon / night person' and 'My ideal bed time is around ___ on weeknights and ___ on weekends'.

III. Our Room.

Complete the following section by checking the box(es) or filling in the blanks to identify agreed upon guidelines for the room.

Table for room guidelines with columns for 'Name', 'When I am... Sleeping', and 'When I am... Studying'. Rows include 'Sleep', 'Watch TV/ Be on the computer', 'Listen to stereo/radio quietly', 'Have guests', and 'Be on the phone'.

We will lock the door:
[] whenever we are not in our room.
[] whenever we leave the floor.

Guests are welcome to use the following items...

Guests may not use the following items...

	Name:	Name:
Guests will be:	Sunday – Thursday	Friday – Saturday
Not allowed		
Allowed until ____ am/pm		
Allowed at any time		
Same gender		
Any gender		

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IV. Personal Belongings.

This activity is designed to help roommates define which belongings they are comfortable sharing. For each item listed, choose YES, NO, or ASK. Share your answers and discuss your reasoning. Add your own items at the end.

ITEM:	Name:			Name:			ITEM:	Name:			Name:		
	YES	NO	ASK	YES	NO	ASK		YES	NO	ASK	YES	NO	ASK
Stereo/radio							Books						
TV							School Supplies						
VCR/DVD							Money						
Computer							Bed (self or guests)						
Microwave							Personal Furniture						
Refrigerator							Mail						
Hair Dryer, etc.							Athletic Equipment						
Clothes							Cosmetics						
Food							Toiletries						
Cleaning Supplies													
Cooking utensils													
Video games/Movies/CDs													

Other things we should set guidelines about are...

FALL SEMESTER:

Our signatures indicate that we have discussed the information on this sheet. It further indicates that we agree to follow these guidelines set forth to the best of our abilities. We understand that our RA is available to help mediate conflicts and will utilize this agreement as a tool to aid in that process. We are encouraged to keep a copy of this agreement for our records.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

SPRING SEMESTER:

Our signatures indicate that we have reviewed and discussed the information on this sheet. We have made any necessary changes. It further indicates that we agree that these guidelines are still applicable. We understand that our RA is available to help mediate conflicts and will utilize this agreement as a tool to aid in that process.

Signature

Date

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Date