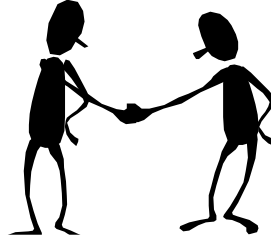


ROOMMATES!



Who is bringing the TV? Stereo? Refrigerator? Carpet? When will you arrive?
What is your class schedule? What are your interests? Are you getting a loft?
Top bunk or bottom? Are you a morning person or a night person?
What kind of music do you like? What's your major?

Chances are college will be the first time you will live with a roommate. There is nothing to be worried about – IF you prepare. The questions above will get you started when you call your new roommate(s)! And below are some more tips to be thinking about...

Talk with each other.

A small bothersome habit often becomes intolerable over time. Residence Life staff can assure you that 95 percent of problems can be worked out when roommates discuss the problems as they occur. Usually, the problem was unintentional and roommates willingly rectify them; however, conversation is the key. Remember, your roommate is not a mind-reader.

Don't feel compelled to be best buddies.

You were not placed together on a friendship potential scale. There is nothing wrong with just being good roommates. Plus, you will meet MANY new friends in your hall, in class, and around campus.

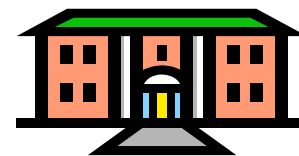
Keep a good attitude.

Since you probably haven't met your roommate, chances are you're not sure what to expect. Remember, your roommate may have different values, beliefs, and customs than you.

Just as your roommate is learning about you, you can learn from your roommate. Differences can be very exciting!

We are here to help!

Be on the lookout for the *Roommate Agreement* and a *Student Bill of Rights* when you arrive. If you happen to experience problems or differences of opinions with your roommate(s), we do offer mediation services through our staff. Prior to any decision being made to relocate, students will be asked to participate in a mediation session to discuss issues/concerns and reach areas of agreement. Often times problems occur due to the lack of communication between two individuals. Ask your Resident Assistant for more information on how to be a great roommate and/or the mediation process!



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