



ROOMMATE AGREEMENT INSTRUCTIONS & FORM

Moving off-campus with roommates can be an amazing experience! Yet, because conflict is a natural part of the human experience, even the best roommates can encounter trouble getting along. Several issues should be considered when deciding who would make a good roommate. Even if you know someone well and you feel that you get along, it doesn't guarantee that you will live together problem free. The issue isn't whether or not you will have differences of opinion, but how you handle and resolve the disagreements that will determine your satisfaction in living together.

The key to making your roommate experience work is based on communication and the respect you show one another. If you're not talking or not respecting each other, then you are bound to have problems which will make your off-campus experience difficult. A roommate agreement is a great tool to use when and/or after deciding who you would like to live with in your apartment or house. The roommate agreement will assist you and your new roommates with determining house rules, who will pay for what, and several other items that will be helpful in creating a successful living environment. The Office of Off-Campus Student Services strongly urges using this tool. It may be helpful in resolving informal or legal issues if they arise.

This document provides a basic agreement standardized for most living situations while possessing room for special provisions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

- Roommates should sit down preferably prior to move-in to read, discuss, and complete the agreement. The roommates should meet to discuss their opinions and work out any differences so that a single agreement is completed and signed.
- Portions of this agreement may be modified/filled in as desired. Additional changes may affect your legal rights as a tenant and would be best served through consultation with an attorney. Such portions should be agreed upon by all roommates and worded in consensual language.
- Each roommate should get a copy of the signed agreement. *Attach a copy of the lease to the agreement.*
- Every person living in the rental unit should be included in the agreement.
- Roommates may consult with the Off-Campus Student Services Office for assistance in achieving consensus for this agreement. Any modifications may similarly be conducted. Contact OCSS at (860) 486-8006 or offcampus@uconn.edu.

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