



ROOMMATE AGREEMENT CONTRACT

The purpose of this document is to facilitate a conversation between you and your room/suitemates as to what your expectations are for living together for the academic year. Communication is the most important factor when building positive relationships with your roommates. By working with each other, this roommate agreement will help you and your room/suitemates discuss issues that have been common sources of conflict. Once a potential conflict or disagreement is identified, it can be resolved through open communication before a major problem develops. Your RA is here to help guide these conversations and navigate problems should they arise.

Many people will assume that they know how someone feels, thinks, or how they view the world based upon their own experience. Honest communication is the most important factor in building good relationships, and being honest in the discussion of this agreement is critical. Hiding your thoughts, and not sharing will result in your disappointment and dissatisfaction later on.

Each member of your room/suite is required to complete this agreement together and must be submitted to your specific RA. This contract may be reviewed with your RA later in the semester should it be necessary.

Meeting Date _____

Building/Room Number _____

Resident Assistant (RA) _____

Roommate Name	Pronouns	Z Number	Assigned Room Letter

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Coming to an agreement may require compromise, so please be open and flexible, but don't forget to advocate for your own needs!

Respond: Be sure to provide your own personal preference for each question to ensure your perspective/needs are heard.

Discuss: Examine the differences between yourself and your roommates to try to find common ground to ensure everyone is comfortable.

Be Flexible: Everyone has different preferences and lived experiences, try to address your differences now to prevent conflicts from arising as the semester progresses.

FAU RESIDENT RIGHTS

Sharing a room or suite can be a new experience to many moving onto campus. With that brings amazing new experiences but also the need to work together to create a healthy living experience for everyone. Scan the QR Code below to review the Resident Rights.



COMMUNITY GUIDE

The Community Guide contains all the most important information about living in our residence halls and apartments. Residents are expected to be aware of Housing Policies and the Student Code of Conduct. Scan the QR code to review the Community Guide.



CONFLICT RESOLUTION STRATEGIES

1. Discuss the issue with your room/ suitemate(s). They may not be aware that you have an issue. Make sure that you have discussed it. Don't hold things in and assume that others are aware that you are having an issue. Things are less likely to change if you do not express that there is an issue.
2. See if you can compromise. Try to discuss the specific issue.
3. If compromise isn't successful, then speak to your RA or Hall Coordinator. If you are unable to reach an agreement, schedule a mediation with your RA. The mediation will provide a time to openly discuss the problem and potential solutions.

Living with other people can be challenging. Here is an opportunity to discuss some of your pet peeves and your ideal methods of managing conflict should it arise.

PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION DURING CONFLICT:

- Speaking face to face
- Communicating over text message
- Mediation with RA
- Other: _____

IF ONE OF US IS BOTHERED BY THE ACTION OF THE OTHER, WE SHOULD:

- Immediately voice concerns by sharing what the issue is (talking/texting)
- Keeping it to ourselves
- Consulting with the RA
- Other: _____

PERSONAL HABITS

I agree to lock the door of our shared space whenever I leave. I agree to not prop the door to our shared space. I understand that it is a violation of FAU policy to give my key or owl card to anyone to use, and that doing so will result in student conduct action. Should someone leave the door propped, that individual will be liable for any missing items or damage. Please initial below.

Roommate #1 _____
 Roommate #2 _____
 Roommate #3 _____
 Roommate #4 _____

ROUTINE (write in names and any additional information):

I like to stay up late: _____
 I like to wake up early: _____
 I am an afternoon/early evening person: _____

ROOM TEMPERATURE PREFERENCES (Circle Your Preference & Initial):

Roommate #1: Cooler Warmer _____
 Roommate #2: Cooler Warmer _____
 Roommate #3: Cooler Warmer _____
 Roommate #4: Cooler Warmer _____

Agreed Upon Temperature:

Daytime: _____
 Evening: _____

CLEANLINESS

Begin this section by defining and discussing what clean means to you in your past experiences living at home. Once you learn how each other determine what clean looks like, you can start to develop rules and practices for your shared living spaces. Please initial at the bottom.

Our shared definition of clean is:

For each item below, describe how you will regularly keep this area clean. Briefly discuss your daily, weekly and regularly practices. Who will clean it (whose job is it) and how (method/product) you will clean it. Please initial below.

Common room floor: _____

Shared bathroom floor: _____

Shared bathroom toilets: _____

Shared bathroom sinks: _____

Shared bathroom shower: _____

Kitchen Appliances: _____

Common room counter/Table tops: _____

Shared Cabinets: _____

Garbage/ Recycling: _____

Other? _____

Roommate #1 _____ Roommate #2 _____ Roommate #3 _____ Roommate #4 _____

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS & SHARING

Living with others means sharing with others, but the extent to which you share and where your boundaries are should be discussed before it happens. Please initial at the bottom.

The following items can be used by others at any time:

The following items may be used with permission (include how to gain permission):

The proper care/use of these items needs to be:

The following items may NOT be touched at all:

The following food/bathroom items will be available for common use: (Ex: toilet paper, soap, cleaning products)

How will we fund resupplying these common items:

Roommate #1 _____ Roommate #2 _____ Roommate #3 _____ Roommate #4 _____

DEFINITIONS: WHAT DO YOU REALLY MEAN?

“Quiet”:

“Privacy”:

“Clean”:

Topics to avoid:

USE OF SPACE

Personal choices such as sleep and study habits are important to discuss to avoid potential conflicts. Please check off what is most ideal for your shared space. FAU Residential Buildings have set quiet hours and all hours outside of those are considered courtesy hours. Excessive noise is discouraged at all times. Please initial the bottom.

Quiet Hours

Sun. - Thur. 10pm to 9am, Fri. & Sat. 12am to 10am

Study time(s) in the space will be:

- 9am-Noon 10pm-Midnight Midnight-9am
- Noon-5pm 5pm-10pm Other/Additional:

Study atmosphere will be:

- Silent/ As little noise or distractions as possible No guests
- Low music/ TV volume is OK Anything goes
- Other/Additional:

During weeknights (Sun-Thurs), our space will be used for sleeping from _____ to _____

During weekends (Fri & Sat), our space will be used for sleeping from _____ to _____

Per FAU's policies, residents may have no more than 2 guests visit at a time. Guests are not allowed to stay for more than 3 consecutive nights, 15 days total per semester. Guests are required to be checked in at the front desk. For more information, see the Community Guide.

How should we ask our room/suitemates for permission before having guests over? (Briefly describe your process for doing this)

Permitted overnight guests (circle one):

Same Gender Only Any Gender

The following advance notice will be given for overnight guests: _____ Days

#1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____

FINAL STEP

By now you and your roommate(s) have had a chance to establish some ground rules and expectations that should help you build a positive relationship — and a living and learning environment in which you all can succeed. You should have identified some areas of potential conflict and methods for dealing with them. Please remember—each of you must take part in the process for compromise and cooperation so that it benefits all of you. If problems do occur, you and your roommate(s) are encouraged to make every effort to address the issues together. Although it is best to try to resolve disputes between yourselves, feel free to contact your Resident Assistant if you feel their assistance as a mediator or facilitator would be beneficial.

We as roommates/suitemates fully intend to abide by all policies established and we further agree to address concerns as they occur, all in an effort to create a supportive and enjoyable living and learning environment. We agree to be flexible and revise the agreement as it becomes necessary. We understand that failure to adhere to this agreement may result in inappropriate responses from FAU's Housing and Residential Education Department, including but not limited to Student Conduct follow up. It is assumed that all agreements made between roommates take into account all polices and regulations cited in the FAU Community Guide.

Print Name:

Signature:

