

SIMPSON COLLEGE ROOMMATE CONTRACT

You should discuss the following issues face to face with your roommate and together workout the ROOMMATE CONTRACT WORKSHEET. Be open and honest about what you like and dislike and where you are willing to give and take. Be sure to be thorough and please sign the spaces on the bottom of the worksheet stating that you understand and agree to the information negotiated on the contract. Then turn it into your CA who will keep it on file to help resolve any conflicts if they arise, but feel free to make a copy and post it in the room. This document can be amended any time, with the agreement of all roommates, just talk to your CA.

A) Start off talking about what time the room will need to be quiet. When will you study, go to sleep. or wake up. These questions will be important late at night and early in the morning. Next, set some guidelines for *your* room. Use the ROOMMATE Contract Worksheet provided to write your answers on.

- 1) Our room will be quiet at these times during the week (also discuss what quiet means to each of you)...
- 2) Our room will be quiet at these times on the weekend...
- 3) We will study by doing the following...
- 4) Does someone like the television or music on when they are studying, if so, we will handle that by...?
- 5) The room will be able to slept-in quietly from these times (week and weekend)...
- 6) The condition of the room at bed time will be (i.e. light out, TV on or off, etc)...
- 7) If one roommate is getting ready for class and the other is sleeping, acceptable noise and appliances are...

B) Cleanliness is a major avenue for disagreement. You should talk about how clean you want to keep your room. Who will take out the trash, wash dishes, etc.

- 1) I like my space to be (cluttered, very orderly, piled, etc.)...my roommate likes theirs to be...
- 2) In terms of cleanliness, we will keep our room (cluttered, very neat, in piles)...
- 3) To keep our room the way we want it, we will divide tasks up like this...

C) You most likely brought some things from home that you really like, but how comfortable are you with your stuff. You should discuss how you will use each others' belongings (Ex. food, the computer, clothes, T.V).

- 1) In our room, these things are okay to share...
- 2) If you borrow something, this is how it needs to be returned...
- 3) These things are not okay to share without asking first ...

D) Everyone likes to have people visit, however sometimes having guests over can be a major source of conflict.

- 1) In our room, it is okay to have guest over at these times...
- 2) It is not okay to have guests over at these times...
- 3) If there is a guest in the room, and one of us needs privacy or quiet, we will let each other know by...

E) When someone calls and you are not there, you will want a message to be taken.

- 1) When we take a message for our roommate, what information should we write down...
- 2) We will put the messages in this place...

F) Being safe and secure is important to everyone. You have a responsibility as roommates to make decisions together based on your safety. If your roommate is engaged in behavior that is against policy, and you are with them, you may be held responsible. A major security issue at Simpson could develop by who has access to your room through room combinations.

- 1) These are the things that I am not comfortable with taking place in my room...
- 2) These are the guidelines we will place on giving out the room combination...