

Building: _____
Suite: _____

University of Northern British Columbia ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

This document is provided as an opportunity for you to discuss with your roommate(s) specific areas regarding living in residence that roommates frequently come into conflict over. It is our belief that future problems can be diverted if agreements on these potentially high conflict areas are reached early on in the semester.

Communication is essential for a positive, working relationship with your roommate(s). To facilitate this process, it is important to address potential “problem” areas. Please use the following document in this matter:

1. Respond to each question with your own preference, each roommate individually.
2. Examine and discuss the differences with your roommate(s).
3. Try to agree on a way to resolve those differences now, **before** conflicts arise, in a manner that will be satisfactory to **all** of you. This may involve compromise, so please be open and flexible, yet assertive about your own needs.

We hope that by discussing the questions in this document, you and your roommate(s) will begin to develop the kind of relationship that is conducive to positive academic, community and personal growth. We also hope that this process will eliminate or lessen the possibility of conflict and increase the amount of communication between you and your roommate(s).

Thank you for taking the steps toward that positive, working relationship.

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1. Community/Personal Property

One area of concern is what to do about property, including “community” property (property that can be used by all roommates), and “personal” property (those “off-limits” items).

You may use these possessions of mine: (circle one answer per item)

Item	Roommate #1	Roommate #2	Roommate #3	Roommate #4
Stereo	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
TV	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Furniture	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Appliances (hair dryer, curling iron, microwave)	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Clothes	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Food	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Other 1	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Other 2	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask
Other 3	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask	Yes No Yes, but ask

2. Responsibilities

A second area of potential difficulty is “responsibilities”. It is important to share the responsibilities that are part of the residence experience. Things such as cleaning the room, keeping the room secure, phone calls, and shared responsibilities for the suite area are all important matters that cannot be neglected.

1. Security

I agree to lock the door of our room whenever I leave.

I also understand that failure to do so could be found to constitute negligence. If a theft or vandalism to property in the room results from my negligence, I understand that I might be liable for the loss. (Insuring and protecting your belongings is your responsibility.)

Security (Continued)

Roommate #1 signature: _____

Roommate #2 signature: _____

Roommate #3 signature: _____

Roommate #4 signature: _____

2. House Cleaning

We agree to share the following responsibilities:

Sweeping/vacuuming, emptying the trash, dusting, picking up/tidying room, defrosting/cleaning the refrigerator/freezer, etc.

	Roommate #1	Roommate #2	Roommate #3	Roommate #4
Will we each take care of our own space?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Or alternate on entire room(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Roommate #1: I will do the following things at approximately the following times:

Roommate #2: I will do the following things at approximately the following times:

Roommate #3: I will do the following things at approximately the following times:

Roommate #4: I will do the following things at approximately the following times:

Should we disagree on the amount of cleanliness/tidiness each can tolerate, we will resolve our problems in this manner:

3. Suite Areas

A. What items will be kept in the suite area?

B. How will general cleaning in the suite area be done?

III. Study Hours

It is also important to discuss some lifestyle choices that could cause problems.

	Roommate #1	Roommate #2	Roommate #3	Roommate #4
What hours will be set aside for study/quiet time?	Days_____	Days_____	Days_____	Days_____
	Time(s)_____	Time(s)_____	Time(s)_____	Time(s)_____
Will low background music be allowed at these times?	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO

Most nights, I expect to get to sleep by:	Time _____	Time _____	Time _____	Time _____
I expect to get up most mornings by:	Time _____	Time _____	Time _____	Time _____
I take naps:	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO

This is the way we will resolve potential conflicts (eg. One roommate may agree to study elsewhere after certain hours)

IV. Visitation

One of the most common problems between roommates lies in the area of visitation. Who visits, for how long, and when are common questions. If you discuss with each other who will visit, etc, you should be able to avoid conflict.

	Roommate #1	Roommate #2	Roommate #3	Roommate #4
Are visitors allowed in the room?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
If yes, how many at one time?	_____	_____	_____	_____
Male?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Female?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
When? Anytime? Restricted?	Yes No Days _____ Times _____	Yes No Days _____ Times _____	Yes No Days _____ Times _____	Yes No Days _____ Times _____
For what purpose? Study? Social?	Yes No Yes No	Yes No Yes No	Yes No Yes No	Yes No Yes No
When I'm gone may my roommate's guest(s) use my:				

VI. There are some other areas that we couldn't get settled, so we have decided to work them out this way:

Subject(s):

Compromise(s):



By now you and your roommate(s) have had a chance to establish some policies and guidelines that should help you build that "positive working relationship". You have identified the problem areas and methods for dealing with them. If, however you should encounter any problems that you have not talked about in this agreement, you should modify this agreement to suit the situation. All roommates must take part in the process for it to succeed. If you require any assistance or have questions when establishing this agreement please visit your RA.

We sincerely hope you will refer to this agreement often and abide by its terms.

Have a great year!!!!

We, as roommates, enter into this agreement in good faith. We fully intend to abide by all policies that we have made. We agree to be flexible and to revise this agreement as it becomes necessary. Failure to adhere to this agreement may result in appropriate sanctions.

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

Date _____ Building _____ Suite _____

Name of RA _____