Why a roommate agreement?

As a member of the residential communities at EGSC, you are expected to act responsibly and with consideration for your roommate(s) as well as your neighbors. Don’t wait until you are ready to break before addressing a roommate disagreement. Setting clear expectations from the get-go will prevent potential troubles down the road.

The roommate agreement is an important first step in building a positive living experience in your space. If you want to change rooms because of a roommate disagreement, the roommate agreement will help you settle the dispute and function better within your current living environment. Room changes are not always possible, nor do they guarantee a better living situation. It’s important to make every effort to live together successfully.

The Communication Key

1. Communication is the most important aspect of a roommate relationship. Speak openly and honestly about what you need from your roommate and your living environment.

2. Be open-minded and respect each other’s opinions and differences. Understand that we are all different and have different experiences and value systems. Just because someone is different from you doesn’t mean they aren’t worthy of respect.

3. There is no perfect roommate situation. Living together successfully will require sacrifice and compromise. Set reasonable expectations for each other.

4. Address issues with your roommate in a timely manner. Your roommate can’t change something they don’t know is a problem in the first place.

5. If you ever feel that your rights are not being respected, utilize your resident assistant! They are here to help!

keep your roommate agreement in a safe place for future reference in the event that an issue arises.
Apartment/Suite Cleanliness
Our apartment/suite common areas (kitchen, living room, bathrooms) will be kept…

☐ Very neat
☐ Moderately neat
☐ A little clutter is okay, but should be relatively clean
☐ Neatness does not concern us
☐ Every man/woman for themselves

Please use the area below to describe your expectations for cleaning (who is responsible for what, how often you will clean, etc)

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Sharing/Borrowing
With regard to our personal items (check all that apply)...

☐ It is okay for any roommate to utilize items located in the common area of the apartment.
☐ We will respect each other’s boundaries by maintaining a policy of asking each other to borrow/use items that do not belong to us regardless of their location.
☐ We will be sure to keep any items we want to keep exclusively for our personal use inside our bedroom area.
☐ We have chosen to maintain a strict policy of not using each other’s stuff.

We have stipulated that the following items are shared items (common room television, cooking utensils, etc. BE SPECIFIC):

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Visitation/Guests
Note: No more than 2 guests per assigned resident are allowed in the apartment/suite (2 bedroom unit max occupancy is 6, 4 bedroom unit max occupancy is 12, etc.) Overnight guests may not stay longer than 2 consecutive nights and no more than 3 nights per month total. Overnight guests must have the permission of all roommates to stay.

On weekdays/nights, guests are permitted in the apartment/suite between the hours of:

On the weekends, guests are permitted in the apartment/suite between the hours of:

Roommates must obtain the permission of the other roommates to have overnight guests at least this far in advance of the stay:

__________________________________________________________________________

Temperature
We agree to keep the apartment/suite thermostat set between _____ and _____.
Additional temperature control may be established by opening/closing certain vents in the apartment and/or opening windows.

Whenever we have a disagreement, we agree as roommates to address our grievances in the following way. (Include your process for how you will approach each other, limits for how long someone has to raise an issue, what you will do if you cannot come to your own resolution, etc.)

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The items agreed to in this roommate agreement are general guidelines that we have agreed to uphold in our residence. I understand that this roommate agreement may be amended at any time as long as all roommates agree to the stipulated changes.

Roommate Signatures:

Date: ________________________________