

# Warren Wilson College Roommate Agreement

Sharing a room with someone is an excellent opportunity to get to know someone who is going through similar experiences and to learn more about yourself and the community you live in. While some roommates become very close friends, others may find friendships in other places and may not connect quite as easily. Being roommates does not have to mean being best friends. Being a *good* roommate, though, means respecting the person you are sharing space with, recognizing that they are adjusting to you as much as you are to them. When there are differences, address them; don't suffer silently. If your roommate doesn't know you are having trouble with something, they won't do anything to change it. Remember, it's not all about what you want, or your roommate wants. It's about what will make conditions in the room good enough for the two of you to continue to share this space.

**Residence Hall & Room #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

*After discussion, we have decided on the following guidelines for our room:*

**The Door:**

When will we lock the door? (Whenever the room will be empty? If one leaves and the other is still asleep?) If I'm leaving and my roommate is in the shower, will I make sure they have a key to get back in?

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**Sleep:**

When will the lights and music/TV/computer be turned off? When is it too late to come back in and turn any of these back on? Will any of these be left on at night? When is it too late for someone to call the room or to make calls from the room?

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**Studying:**

When and where will studying be done? When can I/you study in the room? When can friends study over?

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**Personal space:**

Will we share: music, music equipment, computer, clothes, food, etc? Can guests sit on your bed? Can I or my guest use your desk, bed or other furniture? What if you're away for the night/weekend?

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**Cleaning:**

When will we clean the room? How often? Who is responsible for doing what?

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**Guests:**

When can we have overnight guests? How much notice do you want? Are there hours when guests should not be in the room? Is there a difference between guests and boyfriends/girlfriends? How often may they stay over?

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**Music:**

How loud can music be? Is there time when music should not be played?

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**Food:**

May roommates borrow food from each other? If so, how soon should it be replaced or paid for?

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**Privacy:**

How will we let each other know we need some private time in the room?

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**Problems:**

If you have a problem, will you let your roommate know that? How? When? Remember to be direct but diplomatic. Use "I" statements instead of "you".

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*We agree to what is written here and to respect each other's wishes. If something changes, or if a problem arises. We will talk about it again.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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