

Below is the layout for information we gather from all residents in an effort to reduce or eliminate major issues resulting from living with a roommate. We found these to be very helpful in addressing issues and reaching compromises early in the year. These will be completed each August and January (as needed).

RA Facilitating the Meeting- ***This will be the resident's RA for the year.***

RA:

Roommate Success Plan

All Residents will complete a Roommate Success Plan with a member of the Dorm Staff facilitating the following discussions:

Room Organization & Cleanliness

- **Who is responsible for cleaning what and how often?**
- **At what temperature will we keep the room?**
- **Are there particular things that either of us is allergic to (e.g., dust, latex)?**
- **Trash disposal:** Who is responsible for taking out the trash, and how frequently?
- **Common areas:** How will we share responsibility for keeping shared areas like the desk or mini-fridge clean?
- **Cleaning supplies:** Will we share cleaning supplies, and how will we restock them?
- **Decorations and modifications:** Are we comfortable with room decorations or rearranging furniture?

Guests & Visitors

- **When are guests/visitors allowed in the room?**
- **How will residents get permission from roommates?**
- **Where and how will messages be left if someone stops by?** (e.g., notes, text messages, social media)
- **How late is it okay for someone to call?**
- **How will we communicate when something is bothering one of us?**
- **On what day each week will you regularly check in with each roommate to discuss the relationship?**
- **Overnight guests:** Are overnight guests (same gender) allowed? If so, under what conditions and for how long?
 - **Overnight Visitors (opposite gender) are never allowed.**
- **Privacy concerns:** How will we handle situations where one of us needs privacy or alone time?

- **Guests of the opposite gender:** Are there specific boundaries for guests of the opposite gender, or any other cultural or personal preferences to discuss?

Studying

- **When do you plan to study?**
- **What activities are we comfortable with while studying?** (e.g., music, talking)
- **How will we communicate if something interferes with studying?**
- **Noise levels:** What noise level is acceptable during study time (e.g., music, talking)?
- **Phone etiquette:** How will we handle phone or FaceTime conversations in the shared space?
- **Study groups:** Is it okay to invite study groups or classmates to the room for study sessions?
- **Distraction-free zone:** Will we designate a particular part of the room as a distraction-free zone during study time?

Sleeping

- **Schedule for school nights?**
- **Schedule for weekends?**
- **What activities are we comfortable with while sleeping?** (e.g., watching TV, listening to music)
- **How will we communicate if something interferes with sleeping?**
- **Noise and light:** What is our comfort level with noise (e.g., music, white noise) or light (e.g., desk lamps) during sleeping hours?
- **Phone etiquette:** How will we handle phone or FaceTime conversations in the shared space?
- **Naps:** Are naps during the day acceptable, and are there any specific rules we want to establish about them?

Use of Belongings

- **What belongings (e.g., food, clothes) are okay to share?**
- **What is not okay to borrow without asking?**
- **What shared belongings do we have (e.g., refrigerator, microwave)? How will we share them?**
- **If you are not in the room, can a guest sit on your bed?**
- **Shared expenses:** How will we split the cost for shared items like cleaning supplies, snacks, or utilities?
- **Electronic devices:** Is it okay to use each other's electronics (e.g., TV, computer) with or without permission?

- **Personal space boundaries:** How will we respect personal space (e.g., desks, closets), especially if one person is not present?

Handling Conflict

- **How will we as adults handle conflict?**
 - **Amongst ourselves:** We should first openly and honestly speak with each other and attempt to work out concerns using this agreement as a guide.
 - **With a member of the Dorm Staff:** If we need more guidance, we will reach out to our RA as soon as we can.
 - **With the RHS:** If our RA needs additional support, they will consult the professional staff.
 - **With the Housing Coordinator/Dean of Students:** If necessary, our concerns will be escalated.

Additional considerations:

- **Response to conflict:** What is our preferred method for addressing a problem? (e.g., face-to-face conversation, written note)
- **Roommate meetings:** How often will we check in with each other to discuss how things are going beyond just when there's a conflict?
- **Conflict prevention:** Are there any personal "pet peeves" or sensitivities that we should be mindful of to prevent conflicts?
- **Action plans:** What steps will we take to avoid recurring conflicts (e.g., revising the agreement)?

Communication

Before you start talking about the specific details of living together, it will be helpful for you to get to know each other better. In your conversations, be sure to talk about the following topics:

- **Past experiences with roommates:** What worked and what didn't in previous living situations?
- **Feelings about living with someone:** How do you feel about sharing personal space?
- **Hobbies and interests:** What activities do you enjoy, and how might they affect your living environment?
- **Academic major and career aspirations:** Are there specific schedules or priorities that come with your academic load?
- **Personal and familial values:** What values are important to you, and how can we respect each other's values?
- **Faith and spirituality:** How do you practice your faith, if applicable, and are there times you might need privacy or quiet for religious practices?

- **Lifestyle choices (e.g., food, exercise, sleep):** How do your lifestyle habits impact your daily routines? Are there any dietary restrictions or fitness habits to consider?
- **Communication preferences:** Do you prefer text messages, phone calls, or face-to-face conversations for urgent matters or quick updates?
- **Boundaries for personal time:** How do you feel about being interrupted during study, exercise, or relaxation time? How can we respect each other's boundaries?

Suggested additions:

- **Handling missed messages:** If one of us forgets to pass along a message, how will we address it?
- **Phone etiquette:** How will we handle phone or FaceTime conversations in the shared space?

Signatures- Each member of the room and/or suite signs here digitally to confirm responses.

I agree to uphold the terms and conditions listed herein. Failure to abide by this agreement or any portion of the Student Handbook or Guide to Campus Housing may result in disciplinary action. Please type your name in the spaces provided below. All roommates will need to electronically sign by typing their name.

These forms are completed in our eRezLife housing program. They will be kept on file for reference by Dorm Staff, the Housing Coordinator, and/or the Dean of Students.

Welcome to Wayland!!

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