

# Bucknell University

## Roommate Agreement

### Safety and security

*Doors should be locked when the room is unoccupied or when residents are sleeping.*

1. When will the doors be locked or left open?
2. If one of us is going to be gone for an extended period of time, we would:
  - Want to know where the other is going.
  - Want to know when the other will return.
  - Prefer not to let the roommate know the other's whereabouts.

### Study

*The right to study supersedes the right to have guests.*

The atmosphere most conducive for our studying is:

- Complete silence.
- With the stereo or TV on.
- Alone.
- With others.
- Outside of the room.

### Sleep

1. What is our ideal sleeping environment?
2. We sleep best when:
  - The room is completely silent and dark.
  - The room is cool.
  - The room is warm.
  - Guests are not present.
  - It doesn't matter - nothing bothers us when asleep.
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Room

1. How do we like the room arranged?
2. Regarding appearance of the room, we prefer that it be:
  - Clean all the time
  - Usually orderly and clean.
  - Sometimes orderly and clean.
  - Disorderly.
3. How often will the room be cleaned, and by who?

### Community/personal property

1. We are comfortable with sharing these items with each other:
2. If a hall mate wants to borrow our personal property, we would prefer that the roommate:
  - Lend it to the person.
  - Lend it only if the owner has given prior permission to that specific person.
  - Never lend out anything of ours.

### Living arrangements

*Residents at least 21 years old may possess alcohol in the privacy of their own room only, unless living in a CHOICE Community. Otherwise, smoking, possession of controlled substances, or possession of alcohol are prohibited within the residence halls.*

1. What is each of our needs for privacy?

*Non-Bucknell students may not stay for more than three days during a two-week period or at all during break periods.*

2. We would prefer that visitors, guests, and significant others:

- Be welcome anytime.
- Leave when we sleep.
- Leave when we study.
- Leave when we sleep or study, unless we give prior consent to stay.
- Not be in the room when the other roommate is present.

3. If allowed to stay over, where will they sleep?

4. How much notice is needed before a guest comes to visit?

5. Are there different rules for significant others or visitors of the opposite sex?

6. How do we feel about sexual behavior in our room when the other roommate is there or away?

7. We believe that guests, visitors, and significant others:

- Should not be left alone in the room.
- Can be left in the room without either roommate present.

8. What are the expectations for telephone and cell phone use in the room?

9. Are there times of the day or night when calls are not acceptable?

### Helpful insight

*Please contact your Resident Assistant if problems arise.*

1. If we are frustrated with each other, we would like to address it by:

- Telling the other right away and talking about it.
- Waiting to see if the feelings subside.
- Talking about it later.
- Talking to the RA together.

2. When we are upset, we need:

- To talk about things.
- Space and time to deal with it on our own.
- Space, unless the feelings are directed toward each other.

**Date:**

**Roommate(s):**