



RWU Suite/Apartment Agreement

Living with others requires residents to be open, flexible, respectful and understanding. It's important to communicate with your roommates when disagreements occur, and to be open to compromise. Learning to acknowledge and respect differences is one of the most valuable parts of the residential experience and the purpose of the Suite/Apartment Agreement is to assist everyone in setting standards and expectations. This will serve as a guide and should be used to create conversation and as a place to write down what everyone has agreed on. **Please note that guest policies may be subject to change depending on the COVID guidelines outlined throughout the academic year.**

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1. Are there any specific items that are to be shared by all residents? Should there be a replacement policy for any items? Please discuss and list below:

2. How will responsibilities for purchasing commonly shared items be divided (i.e. toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, trash bags, etc.)?

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ROOM ENVIRONMENT

Please utilize the chore chart provided to determine specific cleanliness needs for the space.

1. Personal Telephone/Cell phone/Video Calling use: When is it inappropriate to have phone/video conversations in the common space?

2. Study and Sleep Times: What are your study and sleep rules and guidelines? Will you set aside certain hours for study time?

SPACE AND PRIVACY

Make sure you allow enough time for each roommate to share their personal opinion on the below topics.

1. How do you react when you are stressed out or something is bothering you? How will you communicate when and if you need alone time? (*discussion only*)

2. How much advance notice is needed when asking for the other roommate(s) to leave the apartment/suite?

3. When shared spaces want to be used for different purposes(ie. studying, sleeping, socializing, etc), how will roommates compromise using the space?

GUESTS & VISITATION

Please remember that all students are required to abide by COVID-19 standards as it pertains to the guest policy. Guests can stay a maximum of 3 days and 2 nights and each RWU Host is limited to 2 guests at one time. **You must register all off-campus guests.**

1. Who will be allowed, and in which spaces? Does gender play a role? What are expectations of significant others?

*Regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, any decisions here should be equitable for all residents (ex. one resident cannot be told that their significant other is not allowed while the other's is allowed in the space)

2. Can guests stay overnight and if so, what days of the week and for how long? How much advanced notice is needed? Where will overnight guests sleep? During what times/circumstances are visitors not allowed?

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

1. If there is something bothering us or a conflict between us, how will we communicate this? (ex. communicate this right away, take 24 hours to think about it, talk to the RA, ask for an RA mediation, etc.)

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AGREEMENT

By Initialing below, you commit to adhere to the specifications in this agreement, to discuss problems, concerns, and differences with roommate(s) as they arise, and do what you can to help resolve the issue at hand in a mature, responsible manner.

Date: _____