Dear Lehigh Resident,

Living in a residence hall can be one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences that will occur during your college years. It is also a learning environment where you are stretched outside of your comfort zone to have difficult conversations and compromise with your roommate(s).

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the process of getting to know your roommate(s) and establishing guidelines to maintain open communication. In addition, the roommate agreement creates a mutual understanding for how you and your roommates(s) will live in your room, apartment, or suite. Taking the time to address your expectations for topics that may cause disagreements, such as cleanliness, study habits, and visitors, will assist you later in the academic year as concerns may arise.

Please take the time to thoroughly complete and discuss this roommate agreement. You and your roommate(s) will have an opportunity to discuss your habits, interests and needs. The goal of this agreement is to work together to create an inviting and inclusive environment in which all parties can feel comfortable and safe.

There are many important issues discussed throughout this document. It is imperative that all participating parties completing this document agree to listen respectfully, attentively and openly to each other’s needs. Please note that all Residence Hall policies were acknowledged when creating this agreement. In addition, agreements noted here do not replace or override Residence Hall policies, the General Provisions of Occupancy, or the Lehigh University Student Code of Conduct.

Please feel free to contact your Gryphon or Assistant Director of Residence Life if you need any assistance with completing this document or if you would like to revise a portion of this document after it has been completed.

Sincerely,
The Office of Residence Life

Golden Rules:

• Treat your roommate(s) with courtesy, understanding and consideration.
• Respect your roommate(s) as people.
• Be honest about your needs.
• Share your concerns early.
• Be willing to compromise.

Rights and Responsibilities:

• The right to study and sleep without interference
• The right to know your belongings and privacy will be respected
• The right to live in a clean living environment
• The right to respectfully and openly discuss disagreements
• The right to host guests in line with the GPO

Available Resources:

• Gryphons are the first line of assistance for residents when there is a roommate disagreement. They are responsible for facilitating difficult conversations between roommates. If the Gryphon is unable to assist in the mediation process, they will bring the conflict to the attention of the Assistant Director.
• Assistant Directors oversee the residence hall to assist students in creating an environment for dialogue in which roommate disagreements and differences can be discussed.
Apartment Questionnaire

**Lifestyle:**
When my roommate’s side of the room is not clean, we agree to resolve the conflict in the following way:
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________
How will music or television be listened to when your roommate(s) is present? What time is acceptable for watching television?

Headphones
- Turned Off
- Other: ____________
Time: ____________

When it comes to decorating your shared space, what type of decorations are acceptable? What might you find offensive?
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________
If one roommate goes to sleep early/late or gets up early/late, what can be expected of the other roommate(s)?
_____________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________
We agree that, when someone is sleeping, we will turn off the following items:
Television
- Music
- Other(s): ____________
What personal items can be left in the common area?

**Roommate Relationship:**

**Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco:**
How do you feel about your roommate using any substances prohibited in the GPO within your room/apartment?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
How do you feel if these substances prohibited by the GPO are left in your room/apartment?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**Safety:**
We agree to lock the door every time we leave the room/apartment. Initial Here:
We agree to lock individual bedrooms. Initial Here:

**Study Habits:**
What type of environment do you need to study effectively (e.g., without distractions such as television and/or music)?
________________________________________________________________________
How often do you plan on studying?
________________________________________________________________________

**Communication:**
How will messages be communicated?
________________________________________________________________________
If a problem arises, we will approach each other by:
________________________________________________________________________

**Other important considerations:**
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**Visitation:**
Reminder: With the permission of your roommate, overnight guests are allowed to stay over consecutively for a maximum of three nights.

**Visitors will be allowed in the apartment:**
- Male: Always
- Never
- Ask First
- Female: Always
- Never
- Ask First

**Reasonable duration of a visit to the apartment:**
- 2 hours
- 4 hours
- Doesn’t Matter
- Ask First

**Visitors will be allowed to use the bathroom:**
- Male: Always
- Never
- Ask First
- Female: Always
- Never
- Ask First

**Overnight guest will be allowed in the apartment:**
- Partner: Always
- Never
- Ask First
- Male: Always
- Never
- Ask First
- Female: Always
- Never
- Ask First

**If allowed, overnight guest will be allowed to sleep:**
- In the Common Area
- In someone’s bedroom
- Either

**My roommates’ guest may use my:**
- Dishes
- Computer
- Bed
- TV
- Food
- Desk
- Stereo

**Food:**

**We will share:**
- Everything
- Condiments / Basics
- Nothing

**Cleanliness:**

**The apartment should be:**
- Clean
- Messy
- Doesn’t Matter

**Who will be responsible for cleaning:**
- The Kitchen: ____________
- The Living Room: ____________
- The Bathroom: ____________
- We will create a chore chart

**Cleaning includes:**
- Tidying
- Dusting
- Vacuuming
- Throwing out Trash
- Washing dishes
- Other(s): ____________

**Notes:**
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

**The apartment members will share the following:**
Please circle all that apply
- MP3 Player
- Food
- TV/DVD Player
- Dishes
- Video Game Equipment
- Kitchen Utensils
- Movies
- Pots / Pans
- Appliances
- Refrigerator
- Computer
- Other: ____________
Roommate Questionnaire

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____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________

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____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________

How will music or television be listened to when your roommate(s) is present?

Headphones        Turned Off       Other:_________________

When it comes to decorating your shared space what type of decorations might you find offensive?

____________________________________________________________

We agree that when someone is sleeping we will turn off the following items:

Television       Music       Other(s):______________

Visitation:

Reminder: With the permission of your roommate, overnight guest are allowed to stay over consecutively for a maximum of three nights.

Visitors will be allowed in the room:

Male: Always       Never       Ask First
Female: Always       Never       Ask First

Reasonable duration of a visit:

2 hours  4 hours  Doesn’t Matter  Ask First

Overnight guest will be allowed:

Partner: Always       Never       Ask First
Male: Always       Never       Ask First
Female: Always       Never       Ask First

My roommate’s guest may use my:

Computer       Bed       TV       Food       Desk       Stereo

Cleanliness:

We will share the following:

Please circle all that apply

MP3 Player
TV/DVD Player
Video Game Equipment
Clothes
Food
Computer
Other:______________

We will each:

Take care of our part of the room
Alternate cleaning chores
Not clean at all

Cleaning includes:

Dusting       Vacuuming       Throwing out Trash

Notes:

Room:__________

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