

BELOIT COLLEGE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

BUILDING: _____

ROOM: _____

ROOMMATES: _____

Communication is the most important factor in building a good roommate relationship. Many roommates assume they know how each other feels and do not discuss issues like the use of personal belongings. These assumptions are not always correct and can lead to conflict. The **Roommate Agreement** will help you begin the process of discussing issues that have been found to be sources of conflict. Once a potential conflict is identified, it can be resolved through compromise before a major problem arises. Your RA is always a resource for you too, but they'll often ask what your roommate agreement says!

BREAKING THE ICE

Have you ever shared a room before?

Our hobbies and interests include:

The things we each value are:

Our lifestyle choices include (ex: vegetarian, alcohol use, etc.):

STUDYING

Our preferences for studying include:

- Studying with the TV on?
- Studying with music?
- Studying in silence?

Where do we do most of our studying?

SECURITY

When will we lock the room?

Will anyone be allowed in our room when neither of us is present?

SHARING BELONGINGS

Make mention of things that each roommate is willing to share, not willing to share, or would prefer for others to ask before using.

ROOMMATE NAME:				
Stereo/iPod	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
TV/Video Games	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Furniture	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Appliances (fridge/microwave)	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Clothing	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Food	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Computer	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Cell Phone	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Personal Care Items	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____
Other Items _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____	YES _____
	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____	NO _____
	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____	ASK _____

PET PEEVES

What are each of our pet peeves?

SLEEPING

At what times does the room need to be quiet?
On weekdays? _____ On weekends? _____

What does quiet mean to each of you? (Consider music, TV, computer noise, quiet talking, etc.)

Can any lights be on when one of the roommates is sleeping?

What is okay to do in the morning while one roommate is still sleeping?

Most weeknights, each of us expects to go to sleep by this time:

Most weekdays, each of us expects to wake up at this time:

CLEANING/CARE OF THE ROOM

How clean do we expect to keep our room?

How frequently will we vacuum?

Who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will we empty the trash?

Who will be responsible for this?

How frequently will we clean other parts of the room?

What other chores need to occur?

Who will be responsible for these?

How will we treat our shared spaces and our individual spaces in terms of cleaning?

How will we tell each other if something is not clean enough?

VISITORS

Are daytime guests acceptable?

How many guests at a time are okay?

For what purpose?

Studying?

Socializing?

Are overnight guests acceptable?

Does gender matter?

How much notice should be provided to the other roommate(s) before an overnight guest visits?

CONFLICT

How will we tell each other if something is bothering us? (examples: confront it right away, write a note, ask the RA for advice, etc.)

What causes you stress, and how do you express stress? How can your roommate help or not add to your stress?

ALONE TIME

How will we share with each other when we want to have alone time in the room? Are there particular times to set aside for each of us to be alone in the room?

ALCOHOL

Will alcohol be allowed in our room?

How will we keep our room under control if alcohol is being consumed and others are present?