

BENNINGTON COLLEGE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

House: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

This roommate agreement will help you begin the process of discussing issues that frequently become sources of conflict. Experience has shown that conflicts between roommates generally fall into certain predictable categories. While these topics may seem trivial, many conflicts between roommates begin when small issues escalate and simmer under the surface over time. Remember, communication is the most important component of a good roommate relationship. All students should feel comfortable approaching their roommate when issues arise and communicating these issues in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect. If you have more questions or concerns please come to the Office of Student Life (Barn 113) to meet with a Residential Life staff member, or email housing@bennington.edu.

Getting Started

	Name:	Name:
Have you ever shared a room?		
What are your hobbies and interests?		
What are the things you value?		
What are your lifestyle choices (e.g., vegetarian, alcohol/substance use, religious practices)		

Study, Sleep, and Quiet Hours

Definition of quiet hours (e.g., music, phone conversations, visitors):

Quiet Hours in your room:

Weekdays: _____

Weekends: _____

Each house has its own quiet hour; be sure to consider these when discussing quiet hours for your room.

When I am sleeping, it is (circle one) for my roommate:

Name:

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

Name:

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

okay / not okay

to watch TV

to listen to music (with headphones?)

to have visitors in the room

to have lights on (desk lamp?)

to talk on the phone

	Name:	Name:
Preferences for studying time:		
Our preferences for sleeping times:		
Our preference with regards to alarm clocks (time, volume, snoozing):		
Alone time, if any (e.g., for prayer, meditation, privacy)		

Care for the room

How clean do we expect to keep our room?

How frequently will we take out the trash?

How frequently will we do our laundry?

Regarding the temperature of the room, we agree to (consider having windows open, use of thermostat, etc.)

Personal Property

What rules will we have regarding the sharing of property (e.g., furniture, clothing, food, stereo, etc.)?

Visitors

Regarding visitors in our room, it is (circle one):

Name: _____ Name: _____
okay / not okay okay / not okay to have guests during the day
okay / not okay okay / not okay to have guests during the evening

These are the times I prefer visitors not to be in the room:

Visitors in our room are allowed to:

Name: _____ Name: _____
yes / no yes / no sit/use other's bed
yes / no yes / no eat other's food
yes / no yes / no use other's personal belongings
yes / no yes / no use other's computer
yes / no yes / no other: _____

What rules will we have concerning overnight visitors (e.g., advanced notice, duration of visit, etc.):

Room Access

Please note: We encourage all students to lock their doors whenever they leave their room.

We will lock our door when:

Visitors (circle one) enter our room when we are not there: can / cannot

Social Behavior

Please note any personal habits that may affect the roommate relationship:

Name: _____	Name: _____
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Are there any serious family or personal issues you would like your roommate to know about?

Name: _____	Name: _____
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"Bennington College students are required to comply with state and federal law and College policies regarding alcohol and other drugs." Bennington College Student Handbook

We both agree our room will be an alcohol-free space a) for ourselves _____ and b) for visitors _____

Any other agreements related to alcohol/substance possession and/or use:

Communication

When an issue of concern arises, how will each of you communicate that issue to your roommate?

We agree to act in accordance with this agreement:

Name: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____ Date: _____

Bennington College offers a free, quick, and easy mediation process. To learn more, email housing@bennington.edu.