

# **Roommate survival checklist**

Things to make sure and talk to your roommate about:

1. **Daily Schedules** – sleeping time, quiet hours, TV viewing, study conditions
2. **Phone usage** – long conversations, privacy needs
3. **Housekeeping** – making beds, dusting, picking up clothes, general cleanliness, decorations of the room
4. **Guests/Visitors** – friends in the room, overnight guests, significant others, privacy
5. **Property** – what can be borrowed without asking, what is off limits, what is considered common property
6. **Food usage** – who's buying it, who's eating it, what's shared
7. **Sleeping habits** – light/heavy sleeper, early/late riser

Please, discuss these things and negotiate them more than once, but do it HONESTLY and TIMELY – don't wait weeks to bring something up or wait until you explode. **COMMUNICATION IS KEY!!**

If you need assistance or advice with a roommate or community conflict, just ask. Your Resident Assistant, Assistant Hall Director, or Hall Director are there to help you work through problems and conflict.