

## THE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

Perhaps the greatest advantage of living on campus is the opportunity to live and work closely with all types of people. The key to getting to know your roommate and getting along with them is communication. It's difficult to get to know one another without talking to each other. This document serves as a starting point for an essential conversation roommates need to have.

### Each student choosing to live on campus at ATU has...

- + The right to live in a clean building and room
- + The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings
- + The right to read and study without undue interference
- + The right to sleep without undue disturbance from noise, roommate's guests, etc.
- + The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from a roommate
- + The right to personal privacy
- + The right to be free from fear or intimidation and physical or emotional harm
- + The right to have guests during visitation hours with the expectations that guests are to respect the rights of the host's/hostesses roommate or other hall residents
- + The right to expect reasonable cooperation in the use of room cable services

We believe that a structured opportunity to get acquainted and set some ground rules for your room will enhance the development of your roommate relationship and thus provide you with a more positive experience while living on campus. Use this worksheet as a guide to help you get acquainted with your roommate. Campus policies should be considered during your discussion when appropriate.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

This chart is provided to assist roommates in defining which belongings they are comfortable sharing. For each item listed, choose Yes, No, or Ask First. Share your answers with each other and discuss your reasoning. Add your own items at list's end.

ITEM	NAME: _____	NAME: _____
TELEVISION	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
DVD PLAYER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
HAIR DRYER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
CLOTHING	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
FOOD/BEVERAGES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
COOKING UTENSILS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
DETERGENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
COMPUTER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
MOVIES/BOOKS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
MONEY	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
BED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
COSMETICS/TOILETRIES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
FRIDGE/MICROWAVE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> ASK FIRST
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# THE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT WORKSHEET

ASK YOURSELF...

WE AGREE

SLEEP

WHAT TIME DO YOU GO TO SLEEP?: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT TIME DO YOU GET UP?: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU A HEAVY OR LIGHT SLEEPER? \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU SNORE? \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY

HOW MUCH DO YOU STUDY? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU STUDY? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT TIME OF THE DAY DO YOU STUDY? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW QUIET DOES IT NEED TO BE WHILE YOU STUDY? \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC WHILE STUDYING? \_\_\_\_\_

QUIET HOURS

WHAT DOES QUIET MEAN TO YOU? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WILL YOU LISTEN TO THE STEREO? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WILL YOU WATCH TV? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WILL YOU PLAY VIDEO GAMES? \_\_\_\_\_

CLEANLINESS

HOW NEAT DO YOU WANT THE ROOM TO BE? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHO CLEANS WHAT AND WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW DO YOU WANT TO DECORATE THE ROOM? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHO WILL TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHICH OF YOUR ITEMS ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE? \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT ARE "OFF-LIMITS"? \_\_\_\_\_  
WILL YOU SHARE FOOD, WHICH YOU HAVE PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE CLOTHES? \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM VISITATION

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL VISIT AT ONE TIME? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WILL SAME SEX GUESTS BE ALLOWED IN THE ROOM? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WILL OPPOSITE SEX GUESTS BE ALLOWED IN THE ROOM? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANDLE OVERNIGHT GUESTS? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW EARLY WILL GUESTS ARRIVE? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LATE WILL GUESTS STAY? \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANDLE LOCKING THE ROOM DOOR? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU WANT/NEED TO SPEND WITH YOUR ROOMMATES? \_\_\_\_\_

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO APPROACH YOUR ROOMMATE WHEN CONFLICT ARISES? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE APPROACHED WHEN CONFLICT ARISES BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATE? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW WILL YOU USE YOUR ROOMMATE AGREEMENT TO MEDIATE CONFLICT? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT ROLE WILL YOUR RA PLAY IN CONFLICT MEDIATION? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Be sure to review all residence hall and campus policies and procedures.*