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Private Room Versus Double Room in Nutt Hall

The dormitory Nutt Hall has a variety of types of rooms for students. In Nutt Hall, a private room and a double room have a few things in common, but the level of privacy, the freedom to decorate, and the amount of space are very different.

A private room in Nutt Hall easily allows a person to have privacy. For example, in a private room, one can easily sit down at his or her desk and make an honest attempt to study. Studying is not a task that can be done just anywhere; some students need total silence around them while they are studying. In addition, a private room offers a place for a person to make private phone calls. A private room provides a secluded location in which a person can discuss relationship problems with his or her significant other or a death in the family with a loved one.

A private room also allows a person to decorate any way the person chooses. A person can freely put up posters of favorite models, singers, or other celebrities. Even though the posters may offend the person's guests or suitemates, they do not have to live in or even visit the room. Also, a person can leave the room as messy as he or she desires because he or she is the only person who lives in the room. If the person wants to leave dirty clothes lying on the floor, he or she can do so.

The amount of space provided by a private room is very limited, unfortunately. The room has enough space for the bed, desk, and chest of drawers. Some people may be able to squeeze in a refrigerator and another chair; however, the room is hardly big enough to walk in

when these items are brought in. Even though the beds can be raised and items placed underneath the bed, a problem still exists for short people who will find climbing into a raised bed difficult.

In contrast to a private room, a double room in Nutt Hall offers very little privacy. A student who is attempting to sleep does not have much privacy from a roommate who is studying. Even if one tries to be as quiet as a mouse, every move seems to make an enormous amount of noise. On the other side of the scale, trying to study while a roommate is watching television or talking on the phone is nearly impossible. One can sit and study for an hour and accomplish only about fifteen minutes of studying. During those times, one could escape to the library, but most people would rather be able to study in the privacy of their own room. Phone calls are another nearly impossible task if a person is in a double room. Relationship problems that are sensitive topics of conversation soon become the number-one topic of conversation between a person and his or her roommate.

Decorating a shared room can sometimes be more of a hassle than it is worth. Some people really have to watch what they put on the walls of the double room because their roommates are a little too uptight. Also, in a shared room, one typically cannot just throw dirty clothes anywhere he or she pleases. Of course, some people will throw their dirty clothes anywhere just to make their roommate mad; however, most people have a little common courtesy and pick up after themselves. Unfortunately, constantly worrying about a dirty room soon becomes really frustrating.

The amount of space in a double room is incredible. Enough room exists for two beds, two desks, and two chests of drawers, as well as two refrigerators, a filing cabinet, and possibly a small couch. Each roommate has his or her own closet area that, when the shelves and divider

are removed, is large enough for two fully padded 320-pound football players to stand in.

Even though a double room usually stays cleaner than a single room, a private room is much better for a person who needs to study a lot. A private room provides more privacy, but a double room provides a lot more space.