

## Living With a Roommate

An important piece to your success on campus is developing a healthy relationship with your roommate or apartment-mate. While every shared living relationship is different, here are some themes that we believe will lead to a successful living arrangement:

### Expectations



Conflicts arise from a difference of expectations. Identify your expectations early to avoid conflict.

### Communication



The best way to communicate with your roommate is in person. Its hard to determine tone in texts/ emails/ sticky notes.

### Flexibility



Misunderstandings and mistakes happen. Be willing to fix issues before determining the relationship done.

### Respect



Remember that when working to resolve conflicts, offer the same courtesies and respect you would want to receive.

All of these themes tie directly into...

Living agreements are a required document to be filled out by you and your roommate(s), guided by your Resident Assistant. These are often referred to as **Apartment Living Agreements (ALA)** or **Resident Living Agreements (RLA)**

### Living Agreements

#### Useful tips for your Living Agreement

- Think about Sleep schedules
- Determine Cleanliness expectations

## Room Change Requests

Requests related to roommate conflicts will be handled by the office of Residential Life. Requests due to financial circumstances will be handled by the Student Housing Office. Requests will not be processed during the first two weeks of the semester. Roommate expectations and responsibilities are available in the [Community Living Standards](#) [PDF].

Should you and your roommate(s) encounter difficulties, we encourage you to contact your resident assistant or community coordinator. We strongly encourage residents to go through the mediation process with the resident assistant to begin to create an environment that fosters open dialogue in an effort to resolve room/apartment concerns. We believe sharing space and learning to respectfully co-exist despite, our differences, are the hallmarks of a person's development into adulthood.

Residents may be required to participate in mediation with their resident assistant or other Residential Life staff member before a physical move will be considered for approval. During mediation, all residents involved in the situation will be asked to discuss their concerns and attempt to find a mutually agreeable resolution with assistance from the staff member present.

To request a room change, log into the [Student Housing Portal](#) and click the "Request a Room Change" button and complete the form.

