



Roommate Agreement for Residence Hall

SU Madrid welcomes you to your home stay in the beautiful city of Madrid! Living abroad will be a new and exciting experience for you and your roommate. Living with another person, whether you knew them previously or not, requires you to make adjustments in your life, just as your roommate will make adjustments in their life for you. This Roommate Living Agreement will help you to discuss and agree upon some of the more important aspects of living together. As you think about these topics, please note all university policies Housing Terms and Conditions, and Syracuse University’s Code of Student Conduct.

Communication

How will we approach each other if we have a concern, including but not limited to violations of this agreement? Please review the Resolving Roommate Conflict section of this document for ideas about how to handle this situation should it arise.

Do you intend to share items with your roommate? If so, what kind of items are you willing (or not willing) to share? Will you agree to ask in advance? If a roommate or roommate’s guest damages my belongings, or uses my belongings without permission, how will we resolve this? *See guest section

How do we compromise if you don’t like my friends (or vice versa)? If we want a guest to leave, how will we let each other know? *See guest section

Did you know – the majority of roommate conflicts result from lack of communication? The least effective ways to address a problem are via: text message, email, and post-its or other notes. TALK to one another.

Quiet Hours/Sleeping & Studying

If our sleep schedules are different, how will we compromise about keeping lights on, noise levels, etc.? What specific behaviors will we agree to avoid while a roommate is asleep?

I go to bed at...

Weeknights

Roommate:	Roommate:
am/pm	am/pm

Weekends

Roommate:	Roommate:
am/pm	am/pm

	Roommate:			Roommate:		
	Yes	No	Depends	Yes	No	Depends
In quiet						
With music on						

Do we have restrictions for taking phone calls, Skype calls, etc. in the shared space?

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When I study in the room, I get distracted by:

	Guests*	Video Games	Phone/Skyping	Stereo/Music	Other:
Roommate:					
Roommate:					

Guests *Please be aware and mindful that you must first ask your host family if guests are allowed for study purposes. *

Guests are not permitted in the room after _____ AM/PM

How much advance notice will we give each other before having a guest?

None

1 day

Several Hours

1 Hour

I would prefer that guests do not:

Roommate:	
Roommate:	

Strategies for Resolving Roommate Conflict

1. Discuss the Issue with Your Roommate

Your roommate may not be aware that there is an issue. Make sure that you have discussed it. Don't hold things in and try to "wait it out". Be specific about the issue. Things are less likely to improve if you do not express that there is a problem.

2. See If You Can Compromise

Try and discuss the specific issue. See if the original agreement needs to be revised. What can you do to come to a new agreement or reinforce the original agreement?

3. If Compromise Does Not Work, Then Speak to the Housing Coordinator

If you are unable to agree on an issue, contact the Housing Coordinator to assist with the mediation process. The mediation will consist of you and your roommate meeting with the Housing Coordinator to discuss the issue. The goal of the mediation will be to come to an agreement where you and your roommate can successfully live together.

Roommate #1 Name

Signature

Roommate #2 Name

Signature