**2019-20 Algoma University Residence Roommate Agreement Form**

**WHAT IS A ROOMMATE AGREEMENT?**

Living in residence leads to a lifetime of memories and friendships, but it is often the first time that people experience sharing a living space. Roommate agreements are created to ensure that roommates understand the expectations of living together. Developing a roommate agreement allows roommates to ask specific questions, set the tone for the term or year, and encourages honesty between roommates. It also allows roommates to have a document, in writing, which they can refer to if an issue arises.

Your Roommate Agreement must be filled out and signed by all Roommates. After, you and all of your Roommates must meet with your RA review it. If the RA approves of the agreement, they will sign the form, scan it for Residence Life’s records, and return it to you and your roommates. **You must get your RA to sign your Roommate Agreement by September 23rd 2019 11:59 PM, or all Roommates will incur a $50 residence fine per day until it is completed.**

Remember, there's a place for everybody in residence. By living in residence, you are helping to build a successful community. Success in residence means co-operation, consideration, compromise, and respect.

**ROOMMATE AGREEMENT TERMS**

Discuss the following topics with your roommates. Figure out what expectations you would like to set when it comes to the questions below. **Additional copies of this are available at the Housing Office during RA Office hours (7:00-10:00 PM Monday-Thursday) or you can download and fill out a copy of this on your laptop. You and your roommates should fill in your consensus agreed upon expectations in the sections below.**

Try to stick to the following 2 guidelines: be honest and be respectful.

*Sleeping Hours*

* When do you typically go to bed and wake up?
* When will be an appropriate time to always allow the other to sleep?

*Sharing Food*

* May roommates borrow food from one another?
* If so, how soon should it be replaced and how should it be paid for?

*Sharing Items*

* What about sharing and borrowing personal items (clothes, bathroom supplies, kitchen supplies, etc.)?
* Are items such as stereos, TVs or clothes off limits or for mutual use?
* Is permission required for all items or just certain ones?

*Noise Levels*

* What's your definition of noise? What's loud and what isn't?
* What kind of music do you like to listen to?
* At what times should noise be minimized so others may study or sleep?
* Is absolute quiet needed in order to study/sleep?

*Guests*

* How often may guests visit and how long may guests stay? When are guests allowed to visit?
* How do you feel about an overnight guest? How shall we give notice before overnight guests? Where do guests sleep?
* Is there a difference between guests and significant others staying the night?
* How often may they stay? (Please recall that the Algoma University Residence’s guest policy indicates that guests can visit for a maximum of 2 nights within 2-week period.)

*Smoking and Drinking*

* How do you feel about your roommate returning home after smoking or drinking/partying?
* If allowed in the residence, what are your boundaries with these substances?

*Cleanliness*

* What are your standards of cleanliness?
* How clean should shared space (bathroom, living room, kitchen, etc.) be kept?
* How/When will the shared spaces be cleaned? Will you establish a cleaning rotation?
* When will the trash/recycling be taken out? Who will do it?
* Who is responsible for purchasing cleaning supplies? Payment?

*Townhouse Security*

* Will the front door be locked when one of you is in the townhouse? When all of you are in the townhouse?

*Communication*

* What is the best way to approach you if an issue comes up?
* How will you react if I approach you with a concern or problem?

*Other Topics…*

* What other areas do you want to discuss with your roommates?
* Allergies? Illnesses? Pet Peeves?

**AGREEMENT**

I have read, discussed, and agreed to abide by the standards set here, and I will strive to practice respect for my roommate(s).

*Signed and Dated:*   
(All roommates write their names, sign their names, and date this form in the space below)

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