

House: _____

Name (your pronouns): _____

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This Roommate Agreement will help you begin the process of discussing issues that frequently become sources of conflict. Experience has shown that conflicts between roommates generally fall into certain predictable categories. While these topics may seem trivial, many conflicts between roommates begin when small issues escalate and simmer under the surface over time. Remember, communication is the most important component of a good roommate relationship. All students should feel comfortable approaching their roommate when issues arise and communicating these issues in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect. If you have more questions or concerns, please come to the Office of Student Life to talk to Housing Coordinator Jenna Goldstein. Jenna has open office hours every Thursday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. For further clarification on student policy, please consult the Student Handbook on the bennington.edu website. Note that this agreement is only between you and your roommate. You will not be handing this in to your house chairs or any staff members.

GETTING STARTED

	Name:	Name:
1) Have you ever shared a room before?		
2) What are your hobbies and interests?		
3) The things you value are:		
4) Your lifestyle choices: (i.e. vegetarian, alcohol/substances use, religious practices)		

STUDY, SLEEP, AND QUIET HOURS

5) Definition of quiet hours (music, phone conversations, visitors): _____

6) Quiet hours in our room:

Days: _____ Times: _____

Note that each house has its own quiet hours. You may want to consider your house's quiet hours when discussing quiet hours for your room.

7) When I am sleeping, it is (circle one) for my roommate:

Name:	Name:	
okay / not okay	okay / not okay	to watch TV
okay / not okay	okay / not okay	to listen to music (with headphones?)
okay / not okay	okay / not okay	to have visitors in room
okay / not okay	okay / not okay	to have lights on (desk lamp?)
okay / not okay	okay / not okay	to talk on the phone

	Name:	Name:
8) Preferences for studying times (Other study spaces on campus: Crossett Library, EAC, CAPA)		
9) Our preferences for sleeping times:		
10) Our preferences with regards to alarm clocks (time, volume, duration between alarm and turning alarm off):		
11) Alone time, if any (i.e. for prayer, meditation, solitude)		

CARE OF THE ROOM

12) How clean do we expect to keep our room? _____

13) Consider your previous experiences living in a shared space. What things have people done in the past that you have found irritating?

Name:	Name:
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PERSONAL PROPERTY

14) What rules will we have concerning the sharing of property (furniture, clothing, food, stereo, etc.)?

VISITORS

15) These are the times I prefer visitors not to be in our room: _____

"In accordance with fire codes, occupancy is limited to eight people per room, regardless of room size."
Bennington College Student Handbook.

16) Visitors in our room are allowed to (write yes or no):

	Name: _____	Name: _____
sit/use other's bed		
eat other's food		
use other's personal belongings		
use other's computer		

17) What rules will we have concerning overnight visitors (allowed/not allowed, how to communicate)?

ROOM ACCESS

18) We will lock our room when: _____

19) Visitors *can/cannot* enter our room when we are not there (circle one). Notes: _____

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

20) Please note any personal habits that may affect the roommate relationship:

Name: _____	Name: _____
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21) Are there any serious family or personal issues you would like your roommate to know about?

Name: _____	Name: _____
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"Bennington College students are required to comply with state and federal law and College policies regarding alcohol and other drugs." Bennington College Student Handbook.

20) We both agree that our room will be an alcohol-free space a) for ourselves _____ and b) for visitors _____

21) Any other agreements related to alcohol/substance possession and/or use:

COMMUNICATION

24) When an issue of concern arises, how will each of you communicate that issue to your roommate (i.e. talk in person, write notes, go to house chair, go to mediation)? _____

We agree to act in accordance with this agreement:

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Name: _____ Date: _____

*Bennington College provides a free, quick, easy mediation process for all students to resolve issues as they arise. To learn more about this process, contact bmp@bennington.edu.