

ROOMMATE & SUITEMATE CONTRACT GUIDE

Please think about the questions and what your preferences and needs are in each area. With your RA, you and your roommates and suitemates will then discuss and come to an agreement about each topic. It is important to be honest, open and respectful in this discussion. Several weeks into the year, you should revisit the contract: you will have more insight about some topics once the year has begun and once you have lived together for a while.

Though students discuss and choose how they will live in their rooms, there are also policies and standards by which all students must abide. Please see the On-Campus Living Guide and Student Conduct Code for details.

LIFESTYLE

Sleeping Habits: When do you generally go to sleep during the week? On the weekend? When do you wake up? Do you snore, sleepwalk, talk in your sleep or have insomnia? Can you sleep with lights or music?



Phone Use: When do you make phone calls? How do you feel about late night phone calls and long phone calls?



Personal: How do you react when you are upset? How would you feel if your roommate spoke a different language to friends?



Health & Hygiene: When do you generally shower? How do you feel about alcohol use? Do you have any allergies or health conditions that your roommate/suitemate should be aware of?



WORK & STUDY STYLES

Classes: When do you usually have classes (morning, afternoon)? Which days are your major classes? Do you have to do extra work or get extra sleep the night before those classes?



Homework: What time do you usually do homework? Do you prefer to work in silence or with sound? Are there times where you need complete quiet to concentrate? Do you mind using headphones? Do you work with friends visiting or by yourself? What do you consider distracting?



HOUSEKEEPING

Living preferences: What are your temperature preferences? Do you prefer windows open or closed? Are you neat or do you prefer a lived-in environment?



Cleaning: Do you prefer to use your own cleaning supplies or share? How will you divide the cleaning? When and how often will you clean? Will you determine a cleaning schedule (bath, kitchen area, garbage)?



Cooking: How often do you cook? What times are you most likely to cook or eat? When do you clean up after cooking/eating? Do you share kitchenware or use your own?



PERSONAL PROPERTY

Please remember to keep your front door locked to protect yourself and your property.

Sharing: Which of your items can you share (food, dishes, toiletries, TV, stereo, computer)? Which of your items cannot be shared? Would you prefer to set general borrowing rules or be asked each time?



GUESTS

Please remember to review the Pratt policies and procedures about guests.

Guest visits: How often do your friends visit? How will you arrange visits? Is there a time after which you do not want guests in the room? How do you feel if your roommate/suitemate had friends over when you are not there?



Overnight guests: How do you feel about friends/significant others staying overnight? How would you arrange to have a friend stay over? How do you feel about guests using common areas (kitchen/bath)?



CONFLICT & CONTRACT UPDATES

How do you want to communicate and confront each other about problems (write, talk, set a regular check in time)?

