

Seton Hall University Roommate Agreement Questionnaire

Purpose: This questionnaire is designed to help roommates establish clear expectations, communicate effectively, and create a positive living environment. Complete each question together and record mutually agreed-upon responses.

Roommate Relationship & Communication

A great roommate agreement starts with relationship-building and communication before getting into cleaning and policies. This section focuses on getting to know each other and establishing healthy roommate dynamics.

1. Discuss the topics below and come to an agreement about the type of roommate relationship you would like to create together.

Topic	Rarely	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Spending time together				
Eating meals together				
Keeping each other informed when they need privacy in the room				
Participating in social activities together				
Other: _____				

2. Using the discussion above, describe the roommate relationship and living environment you would like to create together.

3. How will you address concerns, conflicts, or disagreements when they arise? Agree on the expectations and strategies you will use to resolve issues respectfully.

Topic	Agreement
How will we bring up concerns	
When should we bring up concerns	
How will we communicate respectfully during disagreements	
When will we seek support from an RA or Residence Life staff member	

4. Make known habits, routines, preferences, and/or sensitivities to better understand one another and prevent misunderstandings. Record any agreements or accommodations you decide to make together.

Topic	Roommate 1 Preference	Roommate 2 Preference	Roommate 3 Preference	Roommate 4 Preference	Agreement
Sleep Schedules					
Morning/night routines					
Organization and cleanliness styles					
Noise preferences and sensitivities					
Study habits					
Environmental preferences (i.e. lighting, temperature, etc.)					
Other: _____					

Cleanliness & Shared Space

Keeping your room clean is a key part of being a successful residential student. Regular cleaning promotes a healthier living environment, discourages pests, and ensures your space remains comfortable for both you and your guests. Most importantly, a clean room helps minimize distractions so you can stay focused on what matters most: your academic and personal success.

1. Create a chore chart for your room/suite.

How often will you rotate who is responsible for each task? How will you decide who is responsible for each task?

Traditional Room/Suite Chore Chart

Task	Person Responsible	Frequency
Example: Take Out Trash	Roommate 1	Every Sunday

Apartment Chore Chart

Task	Person Responsible	Frequency
Example: Clean Kitchen	Roommate 1	Every Sunday
Example: Vacuum Living Room	Roommate 2	Every other Saturday

2. How will you purchase and replenish shared items (i.e. cleaning supplies, paper products, dish soap, etc.)?

3. What items are you willing to share?

Item	Share with Roommates?	Guests May Use?	Share with Suitemates?
Dishes	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Electronics (i.e. TV, headphones, gaming system, etc.)	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Food/snacks	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Clothing	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Cleaning Supplies	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Toiletries	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Furniture (i.e. desk, bed, chair, etc.)	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Appliances (i.e. coffee machine, printer, etc.)	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No
Other: _____	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No	Yes / Yes, but ask first / No

4.What are your expectations regarding day-time guests in your room, suite, or apartment?

Things to consider:

- Is there a maximum number of guests allowed at one time?
- Do your roommates/suitemates want advanced notice of day guests coming into the room/suite?

5. How much advanced notice should be given for overnight guests?

- ☐ 24 hours
- ☐ 48 hours
- ☐ More than 48 hours

Well-Being, Study, & Sleep

1. Are there any important cultural, religious, personal, medical, allergy-related, or other needs that roommates should know about (i.e. food allergies, accessibility needs, religious obligations/traditions)?

2. What are the expectations when an individual is studying or sleeping in the room?

Item / Action	Allowed During Studying	Allowed During Sleeping	Notes/Conditions
Watching shows/movies without headphones	☐	☐	
Listening to music without headphones	☐	☐	
Having guests over	☐	☐	
Taking a phone call	☐	☐	
Leaving the overhead light on	☐	☐	
Other: _____	☐	☐	

Communication, Conflict Resolution & Community Living

1. You agree as a group to revisit this agreement:

- ☐ Every two weeks

- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once a semester
- ☐ When concerns arise
- ☐ Other: _____

Roommate Commitment

By completing this agreement, we commit to:

- Communicating directly, respectfully, and honestly.
- Addressing concerns with each other before involving others when appropriate.
- Respecting personal boundaries and property.
- Seeking assistance from our Resident Assistant (RA) or Residence Life staff when needed.
- Working together to maintain a safe and supportive living environment.