Sharing a room with someone is similar to other relationships – to be successful it requires openness, flexibility, respect, and compromise. This document is provided as an opportunity for you to discuss with your roommate(s) and/or suitemate(s) some common issues related to residence hall living. Effective communication is essential for a positive working relationship with your roommates/suitemates. It is the belief that future problems can be diverted if agreements on these potential conflict areas can be reached early in the semester; additionally your Resident Assistant (RA) is always available to help mediate any conflicts. To facilitate this process, please use this document in the following manner:

1. Respond to each question by yourself, indicating your preference for each item (where appropriate).
2. Examine and discuss the differences with your roommates/suitemates.
3. Discuss the areas that are different among your responses, and resolve those differences now (before problems arise) in a manner that is satisfactory to everyone in the room/suite. This may involve some compromise, so please try to be as flexible as possible.

We hope that by discussing the items in this document, you and your roommates/suitemates will begin to develop the kind of relationship that is conducive to positive academic, community, and personal growth. We also hope that this process will lessen (or eliminate) the potential for future conflict, and increase communication between you and your roommates/suitemates.

Thank you for taking the steps toward that positive working relationship!

I. Personal Items
My roommates/suitemates may use these items of mine:

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Roommate/Suitemate Initials:  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____  ____

Comments: ____________________________________________

II. Responsibilities
It is important for roommates/suitemates to share the responsibilities that are part of the residence hall experience. Things such as cleaning the room, keeping the room secure, and shared responsibility for the suite area (if applicable) are all important to a positive living experience. Refer to your planner for a complete list of housing rules.

1. Security
I agree to close and lock our room door (and suite door, if applicable) whenever I am the last one to leave and/or when sleeping. I also understand that if I fail to do so, and theft or vandalism occurs, I may be held liable for the loss and/or damage.

   __ Roommate #1  __ Roommate #2  __ Roommate #3
   __ Suitemate #1  __ Suitemate #2  __ Suitemate #3

2a. Suite Area Cleaning: For residents living in suite-style halls, suite areas in your community are cleaned on M/T/W/R/F (circle day)
Common Area of the Suite (if applicable): We agree that our personal items will be removed from the common areas before suite cleaning day so that the BST (Building Service Technician) staff can clean it according to their schedule.

   __ Suitemate #1  __ Suitemate #2  __ Suitemate #3
2b. General Cleaning/Hygiene
I think we need to share the cleaning chores equally. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
We will each take care of our own space. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
We will take turns cleaning up the entire room. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
How often will the room be cleaned? _____________________________ ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3

A list of specific cleaning chores we’ll need to do on a regular basis:

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Which chores will be shared or alternated?

____________________________________________________________________________________

Which chores will be done individually?

____________________________________________________________________________________

If something in our room is unsatisfactory (odor/trash/etc.) how will we discuss and solve this?

____________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

3. Phone Calls/Texts/Social Media
We will ask our families and friends not to call before ______ am or after ______ pm, and if they do, calls will be taken outside the room (unless it is an emergency). ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
When texting, I will leave the room if this is disturbing my roommate. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
If something about our living environment is not ideal, we agree not to use Facebook/Twitter to vent; instead, we will talk with the other person or ask our RA to help us out. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3

4. Sleep
I like to go to sleep around _____ am/pm, and I usually wake up around _____ am. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
I have a hard time sleeping if the lights are on. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
I have a hard time sleeping if there is talking/noise. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
Wake me up if you know I need to be somewhere (class, appointment, meeting, work, etc.). ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
Do not wake me up, even if you know I have to be somewhere. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
We will agree to maintain conditions conducive to sleep (little or no light, little or no noise, etc.) between the hours of ______ and ______. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
Please remember to turn off your alarm clock if you leave for the weekend or go on vacation. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3

5. Food
You are welcome to eat/drink whatever is mine. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
I prefer to keep our food/snacks/beverages separate. ___ Roommate #1 ___ Roommate #2 ___ Roommate #3
We might be able to share some things. Let’s talk about how to handle this.  

6. Communication:
I’m usually direct. You’ll know when we need to talk.  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
I’m sometimes indirect. Let me know if you think we need to talk.  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
When issues come up and we need to talk, you can:
- Tell me directly  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
- Write a note  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
- Suggest we meet with the RA/CA to talk  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
- Email/Text/Facebook/Twitter  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
Other _____________________________  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3

More specific ideas on discussing and resolving issues and conflicts:


7. Studying
I prefer studying with music or the TV on.  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
I prefer to study in silence.  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
I prefer to study in my room.  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
We will resolve potential conflicts in the following manner (e.g. one roommate may agree to study elsewhere after certain hours):  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3

If a roommate/suitemate/resident is disrupting our ability to study and/or sleep, how will we confront this?  

8a. Visitation (Room) – within the parameters of the UND Housing visitation policies:
Are visitors allowed in the room? Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
If so, how many at a time?  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
When: anytime during the following hours:  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
Are visitors of the opposite sex allowed? Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
When: anytime during the following hours:  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
Are your roommate’s guests allowed to use your things?  
- Bed Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
- TV Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
- Computer Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
Other: ___________________________ Y/N  ____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3

For those areas where we differ on visitation preferences, we have decided to compromise in the following manner (list areas and compromise):  

____ Roommate #1  ____ Roommate #2  ____ Roommate #3
8b. Visitation (Suite) – within the parameters of the UND Housing visitation policies:
   Are visitors to the suite allowed to use the belongings of other residents of the suite?  Y/N
   Yes, with the following exceptions: ____________________________________________________________
   Are visitors allowed to use the shower facilities in the suite?  Y/N
   Yes, with the following exceptions: ____________________________________________________________

   For those areas where we differ on visitation preferences, we have decided to compromise in the following manner (list areas and compromise): ________________________________
   ______ Suitemate #1 ______ Suitemate #2 ______ Suitemate #3

III. Miscellaneous
There are some issues that will come up that are not listed on this form. When an issue arises that causes conflict among the roommates/suitmates, or if someone feels that this agreement should be modified, we will handle it in the following way: ____________________________________________________________
   ______ Roommate #1 ______ Roommate #2 ______ Roommate #3
   ______ Suitemate #1 ______ Suitemate #2 ______ Suitemate #3

   We, as roommates/suitmates, enter into this agreement in good faith. We fully intend to abide by all decisions and agreements that we have reached in completing this process. We agree to be flexible and to revise this agreement as it becomes necessary. If issues arise from this roommate agreement, we will discuss these situations in a timely manner. Our RA can help mediate a conversation to resolve any differences, using this agreement as a reference. If our differences cannot be resolved, alternative recourse may be taken, including possible relocation to a different room or residence hall.

   Roommate/Suitemate signatures (Print and sign on same line)

   Roommate #1 ____________________________ Date ____________________________ Suitemate #1 ____________________________ Date ____________________________
   Roommate #2 ____________________________ Date ____________________________ Suitemate #2 ____________________________ Date ____________________________
   Roommate #3 ____________________________ Date ____________________________ Suitemate #3 ____________________________ Date ____________________________

   To be signed by the Resident Assistant: I have reviewed this roommate agreement and believe that all participants have equally contributed and agreed to this document. If there is a roommate or suitemate dispute over the course of the year, I will refer to this agreement to mediate any disputes.

   ____________________________ Date ____________________________