



ROOMATE SELECTION WORKSHEET

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This worksheet helps you establish guidelines that will lead to a successful roommate relationship.
Discuss the following with your potential roommate before you decide to live together:

Basics

- How many people will live in the unit?
 - How long will each individual remain a resident of the unit?
 - Does anyone plan to sublet? When?
 - Who will occupy which bedrooms?
 - Whose name will be on the utility, telephone, cable and internet accounts?
 - What methods of communication do you prefer?
 - How will disputes be resolved?
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Lifestyle

- What kinds of leisure activities might you want to do in the apartment?
 - What are your feelings about the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs?
 - What kinds of guidelines should we have for guests and/or significant others?
 - How will we arrange/organize cleaning responsibilities? How about cooking?
 - What items and appliances can be shared? What cannot?
 - What is your typical daily schedule (work, study, sleep, eat)?
 - What kind of music and television do you enjoy?
 - What furniture do you have?
 - How many computers will we have? How will we determine internet usage?
 - Will we have any pets?
 - Will there be special rules regarding mid-term or final exam time periods?
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Finances

- How financially stable are you? What are your income sources or other debts?
- How will bill payment be arranged for the deposit, rent, utilities, and other expenses?
- What is your monthly deadline for communicating with each other about bills?
- How will we track our apartment payments and expenses?
- How will food and other disposable items (such as toilet paper) be shared/paid for?