



# Roommate 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?