

Elon University Roommate Information

A How-to-Guide to Getting Along with Your Roommate

The Roommate Agreement is a tool to help students identify personal needs and desires for the living environment as well as recognize potential issues of disagreement. The Roommate Agreement is also used to help the roommates set guidelines for the living environment based on respect and compromise.

This agreement will be used in any roommate conflicts where a roommate is contemplating a room change. No room change is allowed at Elon University until these forms are completed and turned in to staff. This form should be completed only after both roommates have completed the individual survey.

Roommate Bill of Rights



- The right to read and study without disturbance.
- The right to sleep without disturbance from noise, guests, or roommates.
- The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.
- The right to a clean environment.
- The right to free access to one's room.
- The right to personal privacy.
- The right to host guests while respecting the rights of roommates and other residents.
- The right to be free from intimidation, physical, and/or emotional harm.

How you express your feelings and emotion has a great deal to do with how easy you are to get along with!

As you enter your new living situation, how YOU feel about certain situations and subjects is important. Below is a list of some items to think about before living with a new person.

- How do I express my feelings?
- What are my spiritual and/or religious values?
- What are some of my habits that a roommate might need to know?
- What kind of sense of humor do I have?
- What kind of music do I like to listen to?

Things to discuss with your roommate (in addition to the roommate agreement)...

- When I am upset about something I usually...
- Something that will usually make me happy is...
- I would prefer to be left alone when...
- When do you need time alone?
- What makes you angry?
- How will you let me know when you are angry?
- You'll know I am stressed/tense when...
- How will you let me know when you are stressed/tense?
- Something that is likely to annoy me is...
- What are your pet peeves?