Living With Roommates

Moving into a new area with new people can be an intimidating experience. This video contains advice other students have found helpful when it comes to living with roommates. Before moving in, be considerate about the space you will be sharing. To minimize clutter, contact your roommates during the summer to delegate who can bring which items you can all use. For more information on packing light, be sure to watch our “How-to Pack for College” Video.

After settling in on your move-in day, have a roommate meeting to discuss any personal needs and agree on specific boundaries. Most likely, your Residential Assistants or Neighborhood Assistants will help facilitate this meeting with a Roommate Agreement form that can guide the conversation.

Make sure to remain in constant communication with each other and to talk about any situations that may be bothering you as soon as possible. Many times, people are unaware that their habits are affecting others. For some, this could be their first time sharing a room. Try to remain patient while people adjust to this change.

Your living space should be safe and comfortable for everyone involved. Be mindful of your language and actions, and be respectful to each other. If any problems should arise, don’t hesitate to contact your RAs or NAs so they can provide you the appropriate support.