

COMMUNITY AGREEMENT WORKSHEET

A community agreement outlines the standards that your hall has determined will meet the community's needs and will facilitate an atmosphere that reflects these needs. Please complete the worksheet prior to the hall meeting allocated to create your community agreement. The community agreement is a "living" document that should be revisited throughout the year as the communities needs change.

Quiet Hours
Based on your study habits, how many quiet hours a day do you anticipate needing to study?
Based on your sleep patterns, how many quiet hours a day do you anticipate needing to sleep?
Will this differ based on a weekday or weekend?
How many total quiet hours a day would you like to have on your hall? What hours?
What noise is acceptable in the hallways or hall baths (hair dryers, music, phone conversations)?
Guest Policy
Should same sex guest be escorted through the halls? Opposite sex?
Should same sex or opposite sex guests be allowed to use the restrooms?
Should same sex or opposite sex guests be allowed to use the showers?
Bathroom (common area bathrooms only)
Personal items and dishes are not to be left in the bathroom, if they are what should be the response?
Laundry Room (In halls that share laundry facilities, the Hall Council will assist with final decision making)
What should happen to items left in the laundry room? In what timeline?
If clothes are left in the washer/dryer and others want to use the machine, what is acceptable?
Kitchens
Residents are responsible for cleaning dirty dishes as they prohibit the building services staff from being able to properly clean the kitchen. What should occur if dirty dishes are left in the kitchen?
Trash
Personal trash, recycling, pizza boxes, etc. are not permitted to be left in common areas or common trash bins. If they are left what should occur? What about hallways?
Safety & Security
What is our response if people knock on the door or windows to gain access to the building?
Lounges (In halls that share lounges the Hall Council will assist with final decision making)
Should there be set hours for lounge use? If so, what hours and for what purpose (study, TV, social)?
If personal items are left in the lounge, what should occur?

Hall Initiatives and Activities
What do you like to do?
What would you like to do with other members of the community?
What skills or talents do you have that you would want to share with others in the community?
Would you like the hall to celebrate hall birthdays, holidays, etc.? If so, which ones?
Hall Purchases
Would you be interested in getting a hall t-shirt?

Other items you would like to ask or discuss.

SELF-DETERMINATION GUIDELINES

Self-determination rests on two basic beliefs:

1. Within the parameters of civil and college regulations, you should have an opportunity to cooperatively determine your environment,
2. You are mature and capable of handling the responsibilities accompanying this opportunity, which includes confronting someone who is violating your rights, being accountable for your behavior, and recognizing the compromises inherent in living with other people.

SELF-DETERMINATION ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO....	BUT NOT....
To develop residence hall guidelines	To develop guidelines in violation of State Laws or University-wide regulations
The freedom to entertain guests in the privacy of your room	To infringe on roommate's rights
To come and go as you please	To be inconsiderate of those who keep different hours than you
To participate in decisions about quiet hours	To assume that non-quiet hours are a free-for-all
And for your roommate and you to determine your own level of noise within your room	To the distraction of those studying or sleeping, no matter what hour
To develop your own personal lifestyle	To impose your chosen lifestyle on those making choices for themselves
The responsibility for maintaining your halls' common areas	To ignore a hallmate who is abusing property
To consider your lounges your own shared living areas	To remove furnishings for personal use
To consider your lounges for schedule hall events	To leave your lounges in post-event disarray
To form a Hall Council to serve the interests of the hall	Ignore their activity
The right to govern your space in an adult manner, consistent with a liberal education	Avoid all conflicts or fail to meet the responsibility of confronting those who infringe on your rights