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ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

This agreement is designed to help roommates get to know each other and to start opening the lines of communication on topics that we know are important for successful roommate relationships. Please go to the following website: http://www.muohio.edu/reslife, and click on Roommate Success Guide before completing this form. Complete this agreement together. Keep one copy in your room. Give a copy to your RA.

Roommate Names: _____ _____

_____ _____

Address: _____ **Date:** _____

BREAKING THE ICE

Before you start to talk about the specific details involved with living together, it will be helpful for you to get to know each other better. In your conversations be sure to talk about all of the following topics: past experiences with roommates, feelings about living with someone, hobbies and interests, academic major, academic and career aspirations, personal and familial values, faith and spirituality, lifestyle choices – such as those around food, alcohol, exercise, sleep, etc.

COMMUNICATION

1. Where and how will messages be left if someone stops by?	
2. How late is it okay for friends/family to call?	
3. How will we communicate when something is bothering one of us?	
4. How would you like to be approached if I have a question for you? (i.e. cultural differences, religious differences, lifestyle differences, etc.)	
5. On what day each week will you have a regular check-in to talk about your roommate relationship?	

GUESTS/VISITORS/ROOM USE

1. What will we do if friends want to visit when one of us is studying?	
2. How will each of us get enough time for our self in the room without others? Do all roommates agree that one does not have the <u>right</u> to exclude the other(s) from the room to have time alone with a guest?	
3. How will we confront each other if one of us is violating a University policy or law in the room? (e.g. underage drinking, drug use)	
4. If you are away for the weekend, may I have a guest use your bed?	

STUDY/SLEEP TIME

1. When do you typically go to bed? Wake up? What time do we want to have lights out during the week? On the weekend? How will we work things out different sleeping patterns?	
2. What type of environment helps you concentrate on your studies most effectively (music or no music, others in the room, etc.)?	
3. If one person is sleeping, what activities are acceptable in the room?	

USE OF BELONGINGS

1. What belongings (e.g. food) are okay to share? What's not okay to borrow without asking?	
2. What shared belongings do we have (e.g. refrigerator, window fan)? How will we share them?	

CLEANLINESS & CLIMATE OF ROOM

1. Who will clean what and when?	
2. How often will we take out the trash?	
3. At what temperature will we keep the room?	
4. Are there particular things that either of us are allergic to (i.e. dust, latex, etc.)	

Signed by (all occupants of the room/suite/apartment):

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signature date signature date

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