Triple Living Guide

Living successfully in a tripled room requires communication and compromise. There are many resources available to assist you with creating a comfortable living environment. A few of the resources are your Resident Assistant (RA), Residence Life Coordinator (RLC) and this guide.

This guide will provide topics, which could help you avoid possible conflicts before they may occur. Your Resident Assistant can assist you with this and answer any questions you may have. The list below consists of some subjects, which should be discussed with your roommates in order to set some ground rules. We suggest you revisit this agreement throughout the semester.

Use of Personal Items

**Discuss:**
- What can be shared? (clothes, food, toiletry items etc.)
- What cannot be shared? (create a space that will contain items only for you, i.e. dresser drawer, desk drawer, shelf in closet)
- Who can loan out or give permission for the use of items? (to guest, suitemates, friends, floor mates, etc.)
- Can someone else sit or sleep in your bed? (roommate, guest, friends, floor mates.) If guests are allowed to sleep in your bed, should they change the sheets, etc.
- Can someone else use your computer/laptop (roommate, guest, friends, floor-mates). If yes, can they download stuff, or just write papers and browse the web, can they use your printer, etc.

Room Condition

**Discuss:**
- Cleaning Schedule (how often and when will the room be cleaned?)
- Who is responsible for vacuuming and how often?
- Who empties the trash? (do you share a trash can, or is everybody responsible for their own?)
- Who cleans the micro-fridge? When is the micro-fridge cleaned?
- If assigned to a suite, discuss with suitemates and your roommate a cleaning schedule, so that everyone is responsible for keeping the bathroom clean!

Study Habits

**Discuss:**
- Noise (silence, music on/off or TV/computer/laptop on/off)
- Time of day or night you would like to study
- Sleeping (bed time, noise, music/TV/computer/laptop on/off, lights on/off)

Guests

**Discuss:**
- When are guest allowed to visit during the week (hours and condition, same sex/opposite sex etc.)?
- When are guest allowed to visit during the weekend (hours and conditions, same sex/opposite sex etc.)?
- When do we agree to give each other privacy in the room to entertain guest (how often, under what conditions, etc.)?

Cell Phone Use

**Discuss:**
- Is it OK for your roommate to use your cell phone if you aren't around?
- When to give privacy when someone is on the phone.
- When is it too early or too late to receive calls and be talking on the phone?
- If you leave the room for a minute do you want someone else to answer your cell phone, etc.