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This worksheet helps you establish guidelines that will lead to a successful roommate relationship. Discuss the following with your potential roommate before you decide to live together.

Basics

- Who will be on the lease (or will all parties)?
- Whose name will be on the utility, telephone, cable, and internet accounts?
- How many people will live in the unit?
- How long will each individual remain a resident of the unit?
- Who will occupy which areas of the apartment?
- Does anyone plan to sublet? When?
- How will disputes be resolved?
- What methods of communication do you prefer?

Lifestyle

- What kinds of leisure activities might you want to do in the apartment?
- What are your feelings about the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs?
- What kinds of guidelines should we have for guests and/or significant others?
- How will we arrange/organize cleaning responsibilities? How about cooking?
- What items and appliances can be shared? What cannot?
- What is your typical daily schedule (work, study, sleep, eat)?
- What kind of music and television do you enjoy?
- What furniture do you have?
- How many computers will we have? How do we determine internet usage?
- Will we have any pets?
- Will there be special rules regarding mid-term or final exam time periods?

Finances

- How financially stable are you? What are your income sources or other debts?
- How will bill payment be arranged for the deposit, rent, utilities, and other expenses?
- What is our monthly deadline for communicating with each other about bills?
- How will we track our apartment payments and expenses?
- How will food and other disposable items (such as toilet paper) be shared/paid for?