



BUFFALO STATE

The State University of New York

Hall/Room _____

Date _____

ROOMMATE/SUITEMATE AGREEMENT

The following Roommate Bill of Rights and Roommate agreement, was adapted from Miami University, is a reminder to each resident that the enjoyment of life in a residence hall will depend, to a large extent, on the thoughtful consideration demonstrated by roommates.

A Resident's Bill of Rights:

1. The right to read, study, and sleep without undue disturbance from noise, other distractions, guests of roommate(s), etc.
2. The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.
3. The right to communicate that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.
4. The right to a clean environment.
5. The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from the roommate or guest(s).
6. The right to privacy, including the right to exclude non-residents of the room from the room.
7. The right to address grievances.
8. The right to be free from fear of intimidation and physical or emotional harm.
9. The right to reasonably cooperation and the use of "room shared" appliances (refrigerator, fan, etc.).
10. The right to seek help from Residence Life Office staff.

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.



STEP 1: Go to the following website: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/residencelife/index.xml>, and click on Roommate Success Guide before completing this form (or use the QR code to the right).

STEP 2: Acknowledge you have read the Resident's Bill of Rights and complete the box below.

Roommates Names (print)	Initial below to indicate you have read the Roommate Bill of Rights

STEP 3: You and your roommates have been given copies of this form. Together, answer every question below. Fill in your agreed-upon responses on both copies. Keep one in your room. Give the other to your Paraprofessional.

COMMUNICATION

1. Will we have a regular check-in to talk about how our room/suitemate relationship is going? If yes, when?	
2. How should we communicate with each other if something is going on in the room that makes one of us uncomfortable? (e.g., alcohol or drug use, other policy violations, intimate relationships, room decorations, etc.)	
3. How comfortable are we with talking about our differences (e.g., cultural, religious, lifestyle, background, etc.)?	
4. What are our expectations of the roommate relationship?	

