

# 2023-2024 UCSC Living Agreement Form

## Introduction

This agreement form is to provide all those living together with the opportunity to speak to each other about, and agree upon, how to create and foster a safe, informed, and communication-rich living environment.

## Process

The following document is broken down into sections. Each section contains questions regarding various aspects of living together. Along with all of your roommates, you will discuss and answer each question in-detail. If you are having trouble reaching an agreement, please contact your Resident Assistant. Once you have completed this document, please ensure that you save the form with your answers, and send a copy to your Resident Assistant.

## Section 1 - Names & Room Number

DATE	ROOM NUMBER	RA NAME
NAME	NAME	NAME
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## Section 2 - Sleeping Hours & Noise Levels

a. When are preferred sleeping hours for both weekdays and weekends?

b. What noise is permissible in your space during non-quiet hours?

- Music without headphones
- TV with volume on
- Extended phone calls
- Video games

## Section 3 - Temperature

a. What is the preferred temperature in the space?

a. When should the heater be used?

#### Section 4 - Privacy & Alone Time

a. Are there scheduled times where you need the space to yourself (ex: private appointments, prayer time, emotional/mental wellness)? If so, what are these times for each roommate?

b. How will roommates communicate to each other that they need private time?

c. As a reminder: Sex, sexual activity, and masturbation can be positive, enjoyable, and healthy stress-relieving activities. In a shared space, there must be affirmative consent to participate, hear, see, and/or be present; otherwise, they can create a hostile environment for others and may become actionable by the Title IX Office. Pornography can also create a hostile environment when people are exposed to seeing it or hearing it without consent. How do you plan to navigate sexual activity in a shared space?

d. We acknowledge that the state of California has a two-party consent law enacted so we cannot record, take photos/videos, of other people (roommates) in their private space without their permission. More information found [here](#).

We acknowledge and agree to the statement above.

#### Section 5 - Cleanliness

a. How often will your space be cleaned or will a cleaning schedule be utilized? If so, who is responsible for creating and maintaining it?

b. When will trash be taken out?

c. Is it permissible to leave dishes & food out? How soon should dirty dishes/food be cleaned up and thrown away? Please keep in mind that food being left out can lead to pest issues!

d. Who is responsible for purchasing cleaning supplies? Will costs be split evenly amongst roommates?

e. What additional expectations do you have regarding room/apartment cleanliness?

#### Section 6 - Use of Common & Personal Items

a. What categories of items are roommates allowing to be shared?

Technology (computers, printers, etc.)

Entertainment (video game consoles, TV, speakers, games, etc.)

Cooking Equipment (pots & pans, utensils, plates, etc.)

Clothing

Toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, etc.)

b. What items require clear permission first before use?

c. What items are off-limits?

#### Section 7 - Security

a. Are roommates comfortable with exterior doors being propped (when someone is present in the space)?

Yes, doors can be propped as long as someone is present in the space.

No, we are not comfortable with doors being propped.

b. If you live in an apartment with multiple bedrooms, can a roommate enter another bedroom?

### Section 8 - Guests

As a reminder, students are not permitted to provide housing to visitors/guests for more than three (3) consecutive days without prior written permission from University and their roommate(s)/housemate(s); and may not provide housing for visitors/guests for more than a total of fifteen (15) days during one academic year.

a. Are roommates comfortable with guests coming over to the space?

Yes, specifications are listed below.

No, guests are not permitted in the space (remaining questions in this section can be ignored).

b. How will you communicate about when guests are coming over? Is there a minimum time requirement to provide notice about guests coming over?

b. Are guests permitted to stay overnight?

c. Are guests permitted to use common items within the space?

d. How will roommates communicate if someone wants a guest to leave the space?

### Section 9 - Communication

a. What is the preferred form of communication amongst roommates (ex: in-person conversations, texting, etc.)?

b. How will roommates communicate if someone is having conflict or wants to make adjustments to this agreement?

c. Before asking your Resident Assistant, how will you hold each other accountable to the living agreement?

#### Section 10 - Health

a. Are there any allergies or sensitivities that roommates should be conscious of?

a. If a roommate were to test positive for COVID-19, how should they be expected to communicate?

#### Section 11 - Miscellaneous

a. What other expectations do roommates have of each other? What other topics should be discussed?

#### Section 12 - Conclusion

Please ensure all roommates are in agreement with ALL expectations listed above. If roommates wish to revise this agreement, please do so with all roommates present. Additionally, if conflict were to arise, it is expected roommates communicate with one another. If problems are not solved, please reach your to the Resident Assistant for support and mediation. By inputting your name below, you agree to following the Living Agreement outlined above.

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