How to Solve a Roommate Conflict

Living with a roommate can be a great college experience. Many roommates even remain lifelong friends. However, when sharing a room or apartment, roommates may experience a disagreement or two throughout the year. Unresolved conflict can cause unnecessary tension and stress for all roommates, so roommates should work through these steps together to minimize or resolve conflict:

• If and when issues arise, set a time for a face-to-face discussion with your roommate. Text message, email, or social network communication are not the best ways to address or discuss conflict in the room.

• Set ground rules for the discussion and follow them. This will prevent a screaming match or more conflict because all sides will feel like they have an opportunity to share their concerns.

• Address the conflict, don’t attack your roommate. Focusing on the problem and not the roommate will help you resolve issues and avoid further conflict.

• Be honest. Even if your roommate is your best friend, they still won’t be able to read your mind all of the time. Make sure you address all of your concerns, don’t just ignore problems and hope they will go away.

• Try and see the issues from your roommate’s point of view. Maybe your roommate doesn’t realize that their music is keeping you up at night or at their significant other is eating all of your food. Seek out the assistance of your Resident Advisor(s) if you are not able to solve the issue on your own. Resident Advisors are trained in conflict mediation and can provide more resources to resolve the conflict.

Remember: friends don’t always make the best roommates. Likewise, roommates do not always need to be best friends. Often, roommates who have separate circles of friends and different interests can be excellent roommates, but communication is always key.

Reminder For Monthly Apartment Rent Payers

Each person in the apartment is billed for rent separately. To avoid inaccuracy on your account, please be sure to only pay for your portion of the rent. If you have any questions regarding your rent, please contact the Office and Housing and Residential Life.
Early Academic Assessment (EAA) grades

EAA is a tool utilized by WSU to facilitate the academic success of undergraduate students. Students who are earning a C- or lower in classes below the 3000 level receive a letter by email. These grades do not become part of a student’s permanent record, but are meant to encourage students to address any academic issues while there is still time for improvement in the semester. Students are encouraged to seek out their professors to discuss academic progress and ways to improve their current grade. Campus residents that receive EAA grades can meet with their Community Director who can provide them with numerous campus resources that promote academic success, including:

University Advising Center: Assists students with registering for classes, declaring or changing a major, understanding general education and professional program requirements. (313) 577-2680.

Academic Success Center: Students can meet one on one with a Learning Specialist, tutor, or attend workshops that help build skills in time management, test preparation, critical, thinking, and writing a research paper, among many more. (313) 577-2680.

Office of Financial Aid: Meet with a counselor for help with educational expenses. Assistance is available in the form of grants, scholarships, student employment, and loans. Helps students fill out FAFSA and find scholarships. (313) 577-3378.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): Students can meet with a counselor for short-term therapy, participate in workshops to improve coping skills, or attend group therapy sessions all for free. (313) 577-3398.

Math Resource Center: Offers tutoring for students from beginning algebra through calculus III. (313) 577-3195.

Writing Center: Assists students with English courses, improving writing skills, and preparing for the English Proficiency Exam. (313) 577-2544.

Student Disability Services: Provides students with assistance who have special needs/disabilities, including but not limited to, learning disabilities, visual impairment, and chronic health disability. (313) 577-1851.

Housing Events

Towers Tye-Dye Tuesday
Tuesday, November 16th
8:30pm-10pm
Towers Living Room

How to Make a Piñata
Saturday, November 20th
4pm-7:30pm
DeRoy Community Room

Stress Balls
Monday, November 22nd
9pm
UT Activity Room

Thanksgiving Potluck
Tuesday, November 23rd
8pm
Chatsworth Community Room

MBTI Personality Testing
Monday, November 29th
8pm
Ghafari Living Room

Atchison Hall Council Meetings
Wednesdays
8pm
Atchison Activity Room

WINTER REGISTRATION
Stay warm inside.
Sign up for classes starting Nov. 1
wayne.edu/register

Leaving Housing for Winter 2011 Semester?

Students not planning on attending WSU for the Winter semester are encouraged to submit their contract cancellation request asap. Contract Cancellation Request Forms are available online at housing.wayne.edu and in the Housing office. All students submitting a contract cancellation request are encouraged to review their contract/lease terms and conditions prior to submission. Additional questions about cancellations can be referred to the Housing office at (313) 577-2116.

Student Account Reminder

Remember to check your WSU Pipeline account to see if your balance is paid in full. It is your responsibility to monitor your account and pay your balance on time.

www.housing.wayne.edu