

## **Renting with a Roommate**

You may decide for financial and/or social reasons, not to live alone. Selecting the right person(s) to be your roommate(s) is very important for a good off campus living experience. You want to choose someone you can live with and this decision is best accomplished if you know yourself. What can you tolerate? What are your likes and dislikes? What are your lifestyle priorities? Where are you flexible?

After determining what's important to you in a roommate(s), we suggest you meet your prospective roommate(s) on neutral territory. Meeting at one of your homes may make one or both of you feel uncomfortable. The goal of this meeting is to get to know your prospective roommate(s), to let him/her meet you and to talk about your living habits. A word about good friends: good friends don't always make good roommates. To ensure that you and your friend can live together compatibly, you are encouraged to discuss living habits as though you did not know each other.

The following questionnaire provides a framework for your discussion with a prospective roommate. We encourage you to incorporate these topics into your preliminary roommate discussions.