

"Take seriously the agreements and rules you make with you roommate. It will be helpful in avoiding conflict and/or resolving them."

Maggie McCoy,  
Student/Resident

"If there are any problems, talk them out with your roommate and then talk to your RA (Resident Assistant). That's what we're here for – to help solve problems."

Brandon Collins,  
Resident Assistant

"Work with each other to cooperate in one room together. It is also helpful to be as understanding as possible with one another."

Michelle Dempsey,  
Student/Resident

Regardless of where you live, you'll find residential life at Muskingum is more than just a place to live. All of our facilities provide the chance to belong to a community within the larger campus. You'll quickly feel right at home – and if you're looking for someone to share a late night pizza, compare notes, or take an early morning jog around the track, you won't have to go far.

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# Roommate RELATIONSHIPS

A Residence Life Guide  
to building a pleasant  
roommate relationship



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*Living with a roommate can be a challenging, yet positive, experience. Your roommate may come from a background of different customs, habits, and ways of life than that of your own. However, living with an individual whose habits differ from what you may be used to can prove to be educational and useful in the future of interacting with others.*

"Go in with a good attitude. Having a roommate isn't so bad, especially if it's someone you don't know. There's only something to gain from a friendship you never had before."

Lisa Myers  
Student/Resident

## DO'S & DON'TS

**DO...** get to know your roommate and learn what interests you may share.

**DON'T...** think that you have to be "best friends."

**DO...** make other friends and get involved in campus activities.

**DON'T...** depend on your roommate to supply every emotional and social need.

**DO...** discuss problems honestly and tactfully as they arise.

**DON'T...** hold things in that are bothering you about your roommate.

**DO...** respect your roommate's right to privacy.

**DON'T...** pry into his or her private affairs unless invited.

## What to discuss the first time you call your roommate

1. Should we rent a microfridge? If so, who will pay for it?
2. Should we purchase a carpet? If so, who will pay for it?
3. Who will bring electronics (TV, VCR, DVD, etc.)?
4. Will we have a computer? If so, will we each have one or will we share?
5. If we have bunk beds, who will sleep on the top bunk and who will sleep on the bottom bunk?
6. What day will you be moving in?
7. Will you be previewing the room on room preview day?
8. What extracurricular activities do you plan on being involved in (sports, clubs, etc.)?

