

## Tips for Getting Along With Your Roommate

### 1. Communicate

Sit down with your roommate at the beginning of the semester and talk about your backgrounds, preferences and habits, emotional styles and moods, and personal values. This can be particularly helpful if you've chosen to room with friends you've known before coming to TCU.

### 2. Establish House Rules

After discussing your values and preferences, establish some ground rules by which you will live together. Some common topics upon you might want to address include room cleanliness, borrowing each other's belongings, study time, visitation times, room security, etc. Writing down your agreements together in the beginning of the year will help in resolving problems that may develop later.

### 3. Ask For Help

If a difficult roommate conflict develops at any point during the year, reach out to your resident assistant, assistant hall director, hall director or program coordinator. Many times students tend to wait out problems until little irritations become major conflicts. Your hall staff is experienced in dealing with these types of problems and can offer you sound advice.

