

Selecting a Compatible Roommate

Step one in the process is selecting a roommate with whom you are compatible. Topics you might want to discuss with a prospective roommate are:

- How much can you afford to pay for an apartment? Note: Each roommate can be held individually responsible for the entire rent, so make sure of everyone's reliability. And don't forget to figure in the cost of utilities.
- How are deposits (security, cleaning, etc.) to be paid, and what happens if one roommate moves out before the other?
- What are your habits and attitudes toward smoking, drug and alcohol use, and pets?
- What are your attitudes about dating and overnight guests?
- What are your personal habits and expectations about housekeeping and grocery shopping?
- Do you like to cook? How much are you willing to spend on meals? Do you intend to eat together or separately; share food expenses or shop separately?
- What are your study habits?
- How much time are you likely to spend at your residence and at what hours?
- What are your sleeping habits?