Questions to Ask Potential Roommates

Potential roommate’s name

Where to live

What kind of places are you looking at? (apartment complexes, houses, duplexes, townhomes, etc.)

What kind of price range are you looking at?

Are you looking for a group lease or individual lease?

Will we get cable and internet if not included in rent?

Who will set up utilities?

Schedules

Do you work on or off campus?

Do you have a day time or evening job?

What time do you usually go to bed?

Are you a morning person or a night owl?

Will you be staying over break? If so, are we going to divide up utilities differently if I am out of town on break?

Sleeping arrangements

Are you a light sleeper? If so, what types of things can you not sleep through (music, lights, talking, cooking)?

Are you a heavy sleeper? Do you have problems sleeping through an alarm? Will I have to make sure you’re up?

Can friends/significant others spend several nights at our place?

How do you feel about multiple overnight guests?
**Cleaning/laundry**

Do you consider yourself a messy person? How about a neat freak?

Should we develop a cleaning schedule?

How often do you do laundry?

Will we share cleaning supplies/laundry detergent?

**Food**

Should we share food?

If we shouldn’t share food, are there certain things we can share like seasonings, cooking oils, flour, etc.?

Do we buy groceries together?

Do you cook often or just use a microwave?

**Sharing stuff**

Are you willing to share your stuff?

Can I use your computer, tablet or ipod if I don’t own one?

Can I borrow your clothes?

If you own a car are you ok with driving your roommate around town?

Do you like keeping your place warm or cool? What is your ideal temperature?

**Parties**

Are you planning to host any house parties?

Do you drink?

Do you smoke?
Pets

Are you willing to live with a pet?

Do you have any allergies to pets?

If you have a pet, are you a responsible pet owner? Will you keep the apartment clean of hair and animal smells?

Other Questions

On a scale 1-10, how important are the following?

1. Locking the exterior doors  
2. Cleaning the kitchen floor  
3. Cleaning the bathroom sink, floor and tub  
4. Emptying the garbage  
5. Doing your laundry

If I offend you, what would you do?

a) Talk to me  
b) Post on Facebook & twitter  
c) Leave a note on the fridge  
d) Ignore the problem

What is the single most important thing/quality you are looking for in a roommate?

Be sure to get these questions answered BEFORE you sign a lease with someone! There are many things that can pop up throughout the year, and you and your roommates will not always be on the same page.