

# Residence Life

## Successful Roommate Relationship Tips

Having a great roommate relationship is possible even if you don't share common interests. Learning to value and respect differences in people and their cultures is an important part of your college education. One of the most rewarding college experiences is the opportunity to meet and appreciate a wide variety of people.

### Some helpful hints:

1. Remember that each person is an individual with their own beliefs and opinions. They are not better or worse: they are different.
2. Do not disregard others' opinions just because they are different from yours.
3. If a problem arises between you and your roommate, confront the issue. Discuss the problem as soon as it becomes bothersome. Honesty and proactivity pay!
4. Remember that your roommate deserves the courtesy of a direct personal discussion about your concerns.
5. A Roommate Contract is encouraged to prevent or help resolve disputes that may arise. The contract outlines topics that often lead to conflicts.

**Area Coordinators (AC)** are live-in professionals. Although their main function is administrative, they also train and support the RAs and are available for students.

**Hall Directors (HD)** are live-in professional staff members who assist the ACs in the supervision and day-to-day operation of the residence halls. The HD provides leadership through the direct supervision and support of the Resident Assistants.

**Hall Councils (HC)** are in each residence hall and plan, organize, and deliver programs for the residents of their hall. Programs can include anything from a simple movie night to a large mixer or entertainment event. Hall Councils also serve to promote community within the residence halls and bring students together to have fun in a safe comfortable environment.

**Resident Assistants (RA)** are student liaisons between the Residential Life Office and their residents. The RAs' primary function is to uphold and enforce College policies and procedures, and to foster a sense of community within their area. RAs are concerned with the growth and welfare of each of their residents. They provide programming on their floors/areas and work in conjunction with their Residence Hall Council. Each RA has administrative, developmental and educational responsibilities designed to complement and enhance the goals, policies and practices of the Residential Life Office.

## Where You Live Your Education!

Residence halls are provided as part of the educational program of the College in the belief that a residential community provides a more effective context for the type of education to which Hendrix is devoted. Students are encouraged to participate fully in the Hendrix campus living experience through involvement in residence hall activities, staff and student sponsored programs, hall governments and daily informal interactions with fellow residents. The number and diversity of individuals living together in the residence halls intensifies the need for students to attain a good balance between individual rights and responsibilities.

Residence hall staff members are committed to helping residents create a positive and enriching living environment. Area Coordinators, Hall Directors and Resident Assistants are available to provide advice and counsel as students adjust to residence hall life, develop socially and become self-governing. Each residence hall has a hall council that represents the students and coordinates hall activities.

The students spend more actual time in the residence hall than in the classroom, turning the residence hall into a living-learning environment for the duration of their college careers.

Hendrix is a residential college and, as such, all students are expected to live on campus unless they are given permission from the Director of Residence Life to live off campus because by the start of the academic year. Reasons to be considered are that the student:

- will be 23 years old
- will be married
- has dependant children
- has a proven/approved financial need
- has a proven/approved medical need