Roommate Roundup

Student Residence Office

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Roommate Roundup Sharing

- Tips to Find a Roommate/Flatmate
- How to be a Good and Responsible Roommate/Flatmate
- Set Your Expectations
- Roundup Activities
Why Should I Find a Roommate/Flatmate?

- Rent becomes more affordable
- Make lifelong friends/extended ‘family’
- Stay active in social life and sensible to personal/cultural differences

2014 Off-campus Accommodation Survey

- 61% of students are sharing an apartment with others; 30% are sharing a room; only 6% are living by themselves
- 52% are living with 4+ people; 26% with 3 others; and 16% with 2 others
- 50% are spending $3,000-$4,999 per month per person
- 59% are rooming with CityU students while 41% are rooming with students from other universities
Tips to Find a Roommate/Flatmate

- **Off-campus Accommodation System (OCAS)**
  - Begin Your Search > I Agree > Student/Staff > Flatmates Search

- **Social Media and Internet**
  - Facebook, FindYourRoomInHongKong, Easyroommate.com.hk
  - (Chinese) CSSA, QQ

- Through friends and family’s recommendations

- Roommate Roundup
Be a Good & Responsible Roommate/Flatmate (Source: Wikihow)

- Be upfront about your expectations and boundaries
- Respect each other’s privacy and personal space
- Divide responsibilities and follow through your obligations
- Be prepared to compromise
- Clean up after yourself
- Be courteous of others’ sleeping habits
- Spend time to hang out with one another
- Be flexible and considerate to others’ feelings and life changes
- **Communicate, communicate, and communicate!**
Set Your Expectations
Budget:
How much rent can you afford?
Room Choice:
Do you want your own room or to share a room?
Period of Stay:
How long are you planning to stay?
Sex and Gender:
Do you prefer a roommate of the same sex or opposite sex?
Culture:
Do you prefer someone with the same or different cultural background from you?
Location:
Which part of Hong Kong do you prefer?
Habits: What time do you usually sleep and get up?
Habits: What does your daily routine/schedule look like?

Schedule
- 8.00 - 9.00 wake up
- 9.00 - 10.30 breakfast
- 11.00 - 19.00 work
- 19.30 - 20.30 shopping
Habits: What are your study habits? When and how do you study?
Habits: What are your hobbies? What do you like to do in your free time/on weekends?
Habits: What is your definition of ‘clean’? How often do you clean up your room?
Habits: How often do you cook? What kind of food do you cook the most?
Habits: Do you have any allergy or special health condition that your roommate should be aware of?
Habits: Do you like to have friends over or keep the party outside?
Habits: Are you in a romantic relationship?
Habits: Do you smoke? Do you drink?
Habits: Are you planning to keep pets?

*ALWAYS check with your landlord first before signing your rental agreement as many landlords/property premises do not allow pets.
Habits: What annoys you?
What do you want in a roommate? What is a good roommate for you?

Is there anything else I should know about you?
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