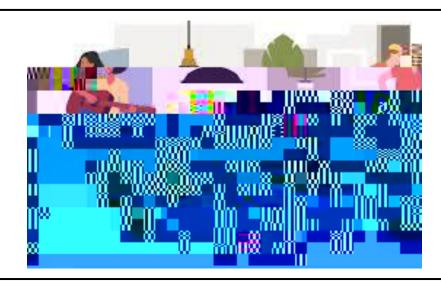
Living Alone vs. With Roommates





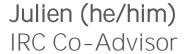
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Residence Life Facilitators

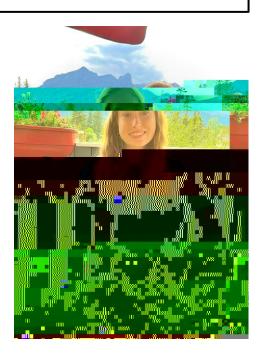


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Abby (she/her)
IRC Co-Advisor



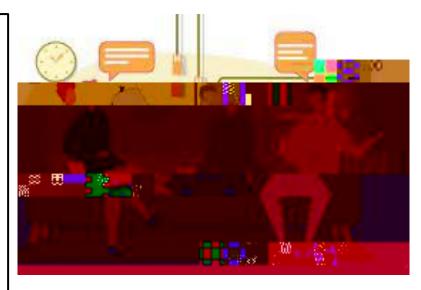
Living Alone 101

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Personal Space
Don't have to worry about anyone else's
preferences/ disturbing them
Can invite other people over whenever you
want
Create your own schedule
Can get an apartment that suits YOUR
needs; don't have to compromise (eg:
location, rent, size)
More expensive : (
Chores can get tedious
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Living with Roommates - The Pros

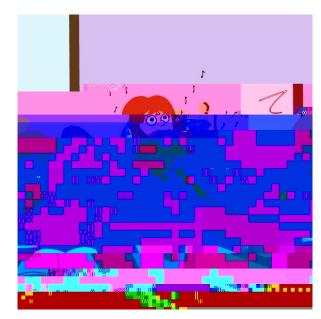
Cheaper
Social fulfillment
Someone to problem solve
with
Someone to run errands
(this is great when you're
sick!)
Someone to share
household chores with





Living with Roommates - The Cons

You have to share your space It isn't fully your own! More roommates = more mess More intimate Different sleep schedules, levels of cleanliness, etc. can cause conflict If you want to confront someone about something, you have to say it directly to them





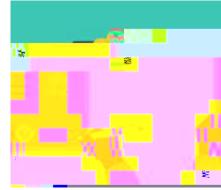
Living with Roommates - Choosing your Roommates

Choosing the right roommates is KEY to preventing future conflict

Consider levels of cleanliness, sleep schedules, personality types, study habits, etc.

Your best roommate ISN'T ALWAYS your best friend







Boundaries

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Establish roommate agreements early on
    Bedroom situation
    Similar sleeping and noise habits?
    Levels of cleanliness
    Understanding how much you want to hang out (if
    you're friends)
         You don't HAVE to spend every minute with
         your roommate
Talk about showers: When are you showering
Guest spending the night
Inviting people over
Understand that what is okay for you is not necessarily
okay for everyone
COMMUNICATION IS KEY
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QUESTIONS?

