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One of the more daunting aspects of survival at a residential school is dealing with your roommate. Not that it's particularly difficult, but it often looms over the impending school year. We want to make sure you're armed with the tools and techniques to effectively communicate and get along with your roommate.

The prelims: getting to know your roommate. You should always break the ice—it's hard, sometimes, but after you do, you'll be glad you did!

Start with some easy questions like:

What's your family background?

What are some of the activities you did during high school?

What are some of your hobbies?

What is your favorite subject in school?

When you first get in touch with your roommate, introduce yourself and share a little about yourself (try using some of the questions above for starters). Ask some questions and find out what you have in common.

As time goes on, you and your roommate will figure each other out.

Yes, you will eventually learn what your roommate does and doesn't like, when he or she goes to bed and gets up in the morning, how loud he or she is when getting ready to go to class, how many guests he or she likes to have and how often, and so on.

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It helps if you can think about how you react to things, so you can tell your roommate what to expect or watch for.

If you're upset by something, you'll probably do _____.

You can be cheered up by _____.

Please just leave you alone when _____.

You get tense and nervous when _____.

You get annoyed when _____.

Any other ways you can help define yourself will only make it easier on you and your roommate.

You don't have to be best friends with your roommate. Although it's obviously best to be on good terms with your roommate, you don't need to be together all the time and be best friends; often, roommates aren't best friends, but that's okay. As long as you both know how the other wants to be treated and

respects that, your success at living together will be greatly increased.

It's important to be tolerant of your roommate. You'll meet people at the MSSM from many backgrounds, including different races, religions, and sexual orientations. It is extremely important for you to be open-minded and honest when discussing and dealing with issues, especially with your roommate.

Ask questions, be open

Try to set aside stereotypes

Listen to your roommate!

Conflict resolution

It's pretty likely that you'll have at least one conflict with your roommate, in all honesty. The magnitude of the conflict will vary, but here are some ideas to help you in any situation:

Address the problem or issue immediately!

Listen to your roommate's views

Don't wait for your roommate to say something about what's bothering you

Negotiate, be flexible.

Bring your RA or the Residential director into the discussion if you can't resolve the problem.

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Online College Degree – The Choice Of Today

By Joyce Jackson

Online college degree programs are rapidly becoming the mode of learning education of choice among teens and young adults. Empirical evidence would suggest that there are five principal reasons why this may be the case:

Convenience The Number 1 reason why teens and young adults are choosing to do online college degree programs is convenience. Here, in nearly all cases, respondents claim juggling their already busy lives with college means that an online college degree is their mode of choice when it comes to higher learning.

Flexible Aside from being extremely convenient, and in conjunction with the convenience factor, an online college degree permits teens and young adults the chance to take the online college degree at their own pace, and also more options when it comes to available courses to chose from.

No on-campus presence Combining convenience with flexibility for teens and young adults is the fact that many online college degree programs do not require on-campus presence, or minimal on-campus presence. To many online students, this is the best of both world's – home study with a recognized higher education certificate.

Availability Teens and young adults argue their claim to preferring to study for online college degree programs due to the fact that doing their studies online means they can study at a prestigious institution, without actually having to be physically present. Consequently, living on the East Coast no longer has mean that you have to study your college degree program on the east coast or else move to elsewhere. Now we live in the virtual world, you really can be in two places at once!

Financial Although tuition fees for an online college degree can be competitive when compared with traditional education fees, the fact that the online degree is both flexible and off-campus means teens and young adults (and their families) can arrange for the financing more easily and effectively – without having to make major sacrifices to their every day living.

All of the above make for good reasons to study for an online college degree. However, don't confuse the above as meaning an online college degree is easy. As with all forms of higher learning, it's not – it just provides you with an easier means of learning, not an easier learning program!

Joyce Jackson writes extensively on online education for anyone wanting to further their education, Her knowledge and invaluable resources fill her comprehensive website with information, resources links and advice.



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