Welcome to University life! Chances are good that this is your first experience living with a stranger or three... so we've gathered some tips from current residents who have been through it already. Check 'em out and stress less as you experience your very first on-campus living experience.

1. **SHHHH...**
   If you're looking for a quiet spot to study, your room ain't always the place. Find a study lounge, coffee shop, or go to the Geisel library. And make sure your earbuds are always nearby.

2. **Sharing is Caring.**
   Communication is key when you share a small space. So, huddle up with your roommates and establish ground rules early — before things get cray-cray.

3. **Don’t be a Space Invader!**
   Use your bed as “personal space” and be sure to pick up after yourself. Even a small mess gets wacky pretty quickly when a lot of people live together in close quarters.

4. **Find Your Zen.**
   Get out of your room to meditate or just check out the killer views from some campus hot spots: Rooftop deck at Keeling Apartments • Fallen Star (above Engineering) • Top floors of Tioga Hall.

5. **Just Do It.**
   UC San Diego offers an “all-you-can-do buffet” of activities, so join a club, see a show, shop the Farmer’s Market, learn to surf... the options are endless.

6. **Make Bank.**
   Make money and friends (at the same time!) by getting a job on campus. Work at Dining Services, drive a campus shuttle, get a job at the bookstore, or be a lifeguard. Check out Port Triton for listings.

7. **Eat & Meet.**
   Your Dining Plan is good at all Dining Services Restaurants on campus. Venture out beyond your own college, eat some great food, and make new friends along the way.

8. **Respect Thy Neighbor.**
   Follow the Golden Rule: Treat your roommates as you wish to be treated. Don't go through each other's stuff or “borrow” anything without getting permission first.

9. **Be Stress-Less.**
   Keep an open mind...you're meeting and living with new people. This is a great opportunity to grow, learn, and share—all valuable life skills!

10. **Do The Math.**
    College can be 90% amazing and 10% bummer, so don't let that 10% take up 100% of your time.

Don’t forget to appreciate every aspect of living on-campus—the good, the bad, and the ugly. It’s ALL a part of what makes this a once-and-a-lifetime experience! In ten years you will be laughing about it. Ok, maybe twenty.

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