



## Dialogue Starters

**Private bedroom in shared unit in Suite-style residence areas:**

**Marine Drive, Walter Gage, Ritsumeikan-UBC House, Fairview Crescent, Thunderbird Residence**

### Getting to know one another in the unit:

- Where are you from?
- What is your family like? What's it like at your home?
- What is your major? What led you to choose that? What is your schedule like?
- What else are you involved in?
- Is this your first time living in residence, or have you lived elsewhere?
- Do you have household items you'd like to share with the unit?
- How can I reach you?

### Setting common expectations for all unit members:

#### Basics:

- How will we rotate the cleaning and household chores?
- How will we define clean?
- How do we feel about common space inside the unit – how can it be used? What about storing personal items in common areas? Is anything off limits?
- What about noise – how loud is too loud? What are reasonable levels for stereos, tvs, computers, etc.
- How do we feel about parties or gatherings in the unit?
- How will we keep our unit safe and secure? Can we commit to locking doors each and every time we leave our unit/rooms? What about letting guests in?

#### Study habits:

- What time do you study?
- Will you be studying in our unit? In your room only? Or elsewhere?
- When and for how long do you usually study?

#### Alcohol:

- Is it ok to drink alcohol in our unit?

#### Sharing:

- Will we be sharing a telephone line?
- What about sharing internet access (Fairview Crescent only)
- What items are you comfortable sharing and what would you prefer not to be borrowed or used?
- What costs will we share?
- Do you prefer to be asked before someone borrows something?

#### Guests:

- How do you feel about having overnight guests? How long is it OK for a guest to stay? Where will guests stay – bedroom or common area couch?
- Can guests use bathroom or kitchen facilities?
- Do you mind if guests use items in the common areas?