

Things to Bring to College

What to Wear

The clothes you bring depend a lot on where your college is located. Find out the average climate for every season and bring what you need. Also think about the activities you like to participate in.

- Comfortable clothes and shoes you can wear to class
- One or two dressy outfits and shoes (interviews, presentations or formals)
- Work-out clothes and shoes
- Bathing suit
- Light jacket
- Heavy coat, mittens, hat and scarf (if you're going to a campus with a colder climate)
- Rainwear
- Robe and Slippers
- Flip flops for shower

Stuff for Your Room

Get a look at a dorm room or call the housing office beforehand and find out how big your room is and what it comes with. Not all halls have elevators, so it's better to pack a lot of smaller boxes that one person can handle instead of a few big heavy ones. Discuss with roommate what he/she is bringing.

- Comforter/bedspread
- Mattress over or foam topper (optional)
- Pillow
- Throw blanket/pillow
- Bed linens (ask what size bed you'll have)
- Bed Risers (enable under bed storage)
- Photos/posters
- Clothes hangers
- Coffee mug, drinking cup, dish and silverware for snacks
- Poster putty for hanging up decorations
- Plastic containers with tight lids for storing snacks, detergent, etc.
- Headphones/ear buds
- Cell phone chargers

- Power strip approved by the housing office
- Desk lamp or bed lamp
- TV/DVD-Player (check with roommate)
- Fan (check with roommate)
- Small refrigerator/microwave (check with roommate)
- Crates or stacking containers
- Paper towels
- Sewing kit, scissors, safety pins
- Message board for your door
- Towels, washcloths
- Small bucket for carrying shower things
- Personal toiletries
- Laundry basket/bag, detergent, stain remover
- Dishwashing soap
- First aid: Band-Aids etc
- Cold medicine, aspirin, etc

Stuff for School

You can get this stuff once you're on campus, but it can sometimes be cheaper to buy it during the back-to-school sales of off-campus stores.

- Computer/laptop with case or sleeve for protection
- Binders, folders, paper, writing utensils
- Scissors, tape, stapler, stamps, clips,
- External hard drive
- Backpack
- Calculator

Good Things to Have

Think about your daily activities and hobbies and bring what you need with you.

- Access to money (i.e. bank account, bank card, credit card, etc.)
- Key ring, flashlight, umbrella
- Camera/batteries
- Folder with copies of health insurance card, financial aid info and

- other important documents
- Sports/recreation equipment
- Bike, helmet and lock
- Snacks for your room