

Resident Students – What to Bring to College

The following is a list of items you may consider bringing with you to college. Keep in mind how much room you will have in your residence hall room as well as your own personal tastes.

Clothing

- Shorts
- Tops
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Swimsuit
- Bathrobe
- Sleepwear
- Belts
- Casual shoes
- Dress shoes
- Dresses
- Fashion accessories
- Mittens, gloves, scarves, hats
- Lightweight jacket
- Winter jacket
- Jeans
- Jewelry (don't bring anything that's very valuable or can't be replaced)
- Purse
- Raingear (umbrella, rain boots, etc.)
- Business Casual Clothing (khaki pants)
- Tennis shoes (sneakers)
- Socks
- Sports jacket and tie
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Watch

Toiletries

- Shower Caddy (to carry to and from the bathroom)
- Contact lenses and related supplies
- Cosmetics
- Deodorant
- First-Aid Kit (aspirin, adhesive bandages, etc.)
- Hair care products
- Hair dryer
- Hairbrush and comb
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener

- Medications (for allergies and other refillable prescriptions)
- Nail file/clipper
- Perfume/cologne
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shaving gear
- Soap
- Tissues
- Toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash, toothpaste
- Towels (bring several sets)
- Washcloths

School supplies and items for your room

- Alarm clock (make sure it is reliable and has battery backup)
- Answering machine
- Basic tools (hammer, screwdrivers)
- Batteries (various sizes)
- Pillow(s), pillowcase(s), comforter and bed sheets
- Blanket(s)
- Bulletin board
- Calculator (get suggestions from classroom instructors as to the type you will need)
- Calendar/student planner
- Camera
- Clothes hangers
- Coffeemaker and mugs
- Computer/laptop
- Computer paper, supplies and cables
- Computer printer
- Computer software and manuals
- Desk lamp and light bulbs
- Dish soap
- DVD player
- Envelopes and stamps
- Extension cord(s) and adapter(s)
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Folders

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, and cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glue | <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting goods (tennis racquet, baseball glove, skis) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thumb tacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler and staples |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters (several colors) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stationary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron and portable ironing board | <input type="checkbox"/> Stereo, portable radio, MP3 player or CD player (headphones are a must!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag or basket (put your name on them) | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage boxes, shelves, or closet organizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape (clear and packaging) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave (400-600 watts or less) | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pads of paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-ring binders and/or notebooks (one per subject) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-its | <input type="checkbox"/> TV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper clips | <input type="checkbox"/> TV cable (must if you bring a TV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pens and pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Video game system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo of your family, pet(s) or significant other | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posters for walls (and other room decorations) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading light (for next to your bed) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerator (2.0 cu. ft.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra bed sheets | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack food | |

What NOT to bring on campus:

- Candles or incense**
- Toaster ovens**
- Hot plates**
- Hunting equipment**
- Fireworks of any kind**

Helpful Hints

- Check with your soon-to-be-roommate and see what he/she is bringing. For example, you both do not need to bring a TV, DVD player and microwave. Decide who is bringing what.
- If you know you won't wear something regularly, don't pack it.
- Don't pack too many articles of clothing that require ironing, special care or dry cleaning.
- Bring plenty of basics like underwear, socks, jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts and pajamas. These are things you will need plenty of. Mom won't be doing your laundry every few days so pack extras ☺. A 10-day supply (or more) of underwear and socks will come in handy.
- Pack clothing that you are comfortable wearing. When you visit your new school, look at the types of clothes the other students are wearing. Unlike high school, most college students do not prioritize purchasing and wearing the latest designer fashions. Most college students are on a budget and cannot afford expensive designer clothing. You'll probably find that casual and more basic attire is the norm.
- Bring along one or two more dressy outfits for special occasions.
- Don't forget shoes and sneakers. Bring along more than one pair of shoes, but don't go overboard.
- Be yourself. Dress in a way that shows who you really are.
- Cash – don't keep it in your room. An ATM is available in the Campus Center Lobby.