

## 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 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
- Bras/Sports Bras
- Watch

### **Toiletries**

- Shower Caddy (to carry to and from the bathroom)
- Sandals/Flip-Flops (for the shower)
- Contact lenses and related supplies
- Cosmetics
- Deodorant
- Face Wash/Face Care Products
- 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)
- Phone/Cell Phone/Answering machine/Phone Charger
- 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
- Forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, and cups
- Glue
- Thumb tacks
- Highlighters (several colors)

- Iron and portable ironing board
- Laundry bag or basket (put your name on them)
- Mattress pad
- Microwave (400-600 watts or less)
- Pads of paper
- Post-its
- Paper clips
- Pens and pencils
- Photo of your family, pet(s) or significant other
- Posters for walls (and other room decorations)
- Reading light (for next to your bed)
- Refrigerator (2.0 cu. ft.)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Sewing kit
- Extra bed sheets
  
- Snack food
- Paper towels
- Sporting goods (tennis racquet, baseball glove, skis)

- Stapler and staples
- Stationary
- Stereo, portable radio, MP3 player or CD player (headphones are a must!)
- Storage boxes, shelves, or closet organizer
- Tape (clear and packaging)
- Telephone
- Three-ring binders and/or notebooks (one per subject)
- TV
- TV cable (must if you bring a TV)
- Video game system

**What NOT to bring on campus:**

- Candles or incense**
- Toaster ovens**
- Hot plates**
- Hunting equipment**
- Pets (other than fish!)**
- Fireworks of any kind**
- Weapons of any kind including Air-Soft, Pellet, or BB guns.**

**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.
- Some computers and printers are available on campus (in computer labs, residence hall lounges, etc). Many students may still prefer the convenience of having their own within their residence hall room.
- 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.