What to Bring to College

Clothing and Closet Items
- Hangers
- Shelf Paper/Contact Paper
- Pants (dressy, jeans, shorts, sweats)
- Dresses/skirts and blouses
- Sweaters
- Outerwear (hat, scarf, gloves, rain jacket, sports jacket, winter jacket, denim/lightweight jacket)
- Socks and underwear
- Shirts (dressy, polos, tees, sweats)
- Pajamas, bathrobe and slippers
- Pantyhose/tights
- Shoes (dressy, sneakers, boots)
- Flip-flops for shower
- Bathing suit and beach towel
- Baseball caps

Grooming Items
- Hair dryer
- Hair brush and comb
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Cologne/perfume/after shave
- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Hand cream
- Face wash
- Body wash
- Mouthwash
- Razors and shaving cream
- Tissues
- Tweezers
- Dental floss
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shower pail
- Nail clipper/file/manicure scissors
- Nail polish remover
- Nail polish
- Cotton balls
- Cosmetics
- Shower cap
- Soap
- Powder
- Cotton swabs
- Safety pins
- Mini sewing kit
- Personal hygiene items
Health Items
- First aid kit
- Lip balm
- Sun screen
- Aspirin/Tylenol
- Bug spray
- Prescription medications
- Ointment
- Cough drops
- Vitamins

Laundry Items
- Laundry/net bags
- Detergent
- Fabric softener
- Laundry basket
- Dryer rack
- Bleach
- Spot remover
- Tons of quarters *(check with school regarding laundry payment; many schools have laundry pre-paid cards)

Books
- E-book readers
- Dictionary and a foreign language dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Almanac
- Style Manuals for research papers
- Pleasure reading

School and Desk Supplies
- Backpack
- Calculator
- Student planner/address book
- Laptop, printer
- Ethernet Cable (†)
- Laptop cover
- Computer paper
- Printer cartridges
- Flash drives/CD’s
- White out
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencils and pens
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Paper
- Folders and notebooks
- Paper clips
- Glue-stick
- Thumb tacks
- Hole punch
- Scotch tape
• Masking tape
• Postage stamps
• Rubber bands
• Stationery and envelopes
• Markers
• Stapler and staples
• Ruler
• Bookends
• Calendar (marked with the birthdays of family and friends)

**Kitchen Items and Provisions**
• Can opener
• Coffee maker (†)
• Dish towels and pot holders
• Knives/forks/spoons
• Microwave (†)
• Microwave safe appliances
• Paper towels
• Ziploc bags
• Paper plates and cups
• Mugs
• Bottle opener
• Refrigerator (†)
• Canned juices
• Cans of tuna
• Granola bars
• Trail mix
• Coffee/tea bags/sugar/sweetener/creamer
• Hot cocoa
• Iced tea mix
• Macaroni and cheese
• Toaster pastries
• Popcorn
• Bottled water
• Soup
• Pretzels and chips
• Crackers and cookies
• Energy bars

**Room Décor and Miscellaneous Items**
• Cell phone
• Alarm clock
• Bulletin board and push pins
• Houseplants and watering can
• Crates
• Photo frames filled with shots of family, friends, pets, etc.
• Posters and wall hangings
• Write-on/Wipe-off message board with markers
• Smoke detector (check with your school to see if they supply one)
• Curtains
• iPad
- Television/DVD player
- mp3 players/speakers
- Video game systems
- Video games
- Lamps
- Camera/memory cards
- Batteries
- Duffel bag
- Sports equipment
- Sunglasses
- Hammer and nails
- Screwdriver
- Plastic bags and ties
- Cleaning supplies
- Photo album
- Light bulbs
- Playing cards
- Board games
- Flashlight
- Water bottle
- Umbrella
- Bicycle and bike lock
- Mini-vacuum/Dustbuster
- Air humidifier
- Hooks for hanging items
- Fan
- Area rug
- Under-bed storage boxes
- Mirror
- Surge Protector
- Three-way plugs/power strips
- Extension cords
- Phone charger
- Trash basket

**Bedding Items**
- Blankets
- Comforter
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Back rest
- Mattress cover
- Sheets (determine which size you will need)

(†) Be sure to check with your school regarding any restrictions on appliances in rooms, etc. Not all schools allow every item listed above.

**Before leaving:**
- Contact your roommate(s) and discuss who will bring which items to avoid duplication.
- Pack your belongings in disposable boxes and trash bags; leave the suitcase at home!
- Find a bank near your school and open a savings or checking account there. You may also want to acquire a credit or/and ATM card.