

Packing for College Checklist

Packing for college isn't like packing for a weekend retreat. It's you and your stuff moving into an empty dorm room and hoping you remembered all the essentials. Don't panic, we are here to help! This checklist can help you get organized and decide what you do and do not need to bring to college. Remember...all Freshmen will have a roommate, so try to talk to him/her so you don't end up bringing two of everything!

Tip: Dorm rooms aren't spacious. Contact your roommate to see who is bringing what.

Bath

- bath towels
- bathrobe
- brush & comb
- cosmetics
- curling iron
- dental floss
- deodorant
- hair dryer
- hand towels
- mouthwash
- nail clippers
- razor
- shampoo & conditioner
- shower caddy
- shower flip flops
- soap
- tissues
- toothbrush & paste
- towels
- washcloths

? What personal bath items have you used today? What about yesterday?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Bed

- bed sheets (80 in")
- blankets/ comforter
- pillow & pillowcase
- sleeping bag
- _____
- _____
- _____

Medical

- acne cream
- aspirin
- antacids
- antibiotic cream
- band-aids
- contact lens solution
- cotton balls
- decongestants
- eye glasses
- eye drops

- hot/cold packs
- pain reliever
- prescription medication
- Q-tips
- vitamins

? What medical items do you need?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Clothing

- belts
- dress clothes
- gloves
- hat (summer & winter)
- jackets (light, rain, winter)
- jeans
- jewelry & watch
- nylons
- pajamas
- purse
- shirts
- shoes (dress and casual ones)
- shorts
- sneakers
- socks
- sweaters
- sweat shirts
- t-shirts
- underwear (and lots of it!)
- workout clothes

? Check out your closet. What have you worn in the past two weeks? Or month?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Tip: When moving to a different climate, bring clothes for all types of weather.

Study Supplies

- address book
- backpack
- calculator
- colored pencils & markers
- desk lamp
- envelopes

- erasers
- folders
- glue
- highlighters
- index cards
- labels
- notebooks & paper
- paper clips
- pencil sharpener
- pens & pencils
- postage stamps
- post-its
- reference books
- rubber bands
- ruler
- scissors
- staple remover
- stapler & staples
- sticky tack & 3M tabs (for wall hangings)
- tape
- three-hole punch
- waste basket
- white-out

? Look around. What's in your desk or study area?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Computer

- cables
- cd's or USB sticks
- computer(remember the cord)
- ethernet card
- keyboard
- modem
- mouse & pad
- phone cord
- printer
- printer paper
- printer cartridge
- software documentation
- speakers
- surge protector
- word processing software

? Take a look at your computer setup---- anything to add to your list?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Around your dorm

- alarm clock radio with snooze
- area rug/ carpet (see Housing Contract for dimensions)
- curtains (see Housing Contract for dimensions)
- erasable memo board & pens
- fan (can block out noise)
- holiday decorations
- inflatable chair
- night light
- photos of your family, friends, pets
- posters
- potted plants
- snap-on lamp
- stereo
- stick pins
- stuffed animal
- telephone/ answering machine

? What in your room would make your dorm room feel more like home?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Tip: If you are taking your cell phone to college --- better check your plan. You don't want any roaming charge surprises!

Food

- bottled water
- cereal
- condiments
- Easy Mac
- favorite snacks
- juice boxes
- peanut butter & jelly
- popcorn
- Power Bars
- Ramen noodles
- soda
- soup
- SpaghettiOs

? It's the middle of the night and you're starving. What are you going to eat?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Kitchen

- can opener

- coffee maker (must have automatic shut-off)
- dorm refrigerator
- microwave
- mug
- oven mitt
- paper towels
- pizza cutter
- plastic food containers (various sizes)
- plastic glasses
- plastic plates & bowls
- portable water filter
- utensils
- Ziploc bags

? You're standing in your kitchen --- any must haves you must remember to pack?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Laundry

- clothes hamper/ laundry bag
- clothes hangers
- detergent
- drying rack
- fabric softener
- quarters
- stain remover

? What laundry products are used at home?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Tip: A red t-shirt can turn your white laundry pink when washed together!

Clean up

- dish detergent
- dish cloth & towels
- Lysol
- room freshener
- _____
- _____
- _____

Miscellaneous

- batteries
- beach towel
- board games
- bug spray
- camera & film
- cards
- CDs/music
- duct tape
- earplugs

- extension cords
- flashlight with fresh batteries
- light bulbs
- safety whistle
- safety pins
- screwdriver & basic tools
- spare set of car keys
- sports equipment
- stereo/radio
- sunglasses
- umbrella
- videos/DVDs
- water bottle

? Think of anything that you just couldn't do without.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Paperwork

- bank account
- driver's license
- financial aid forms
- health & immunization records
- medical insurance card
- registration information
- renter's insurance
- social security card
- student ID

Tip: While you're still at home, keep track of items you use, wear, and need. Add those items to your list.

Things not to bring:

- candles/ incense
- coffee maker without automatic shut-off
- curtain rods
- hot plate
- halogen lamps
- kitchen sink ☹
- TV
- Planner (comes with GU Handbook)
- VCR/ DVD player