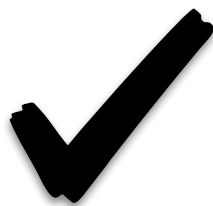


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PACKING FOR COLLEGE: *ESSENTIALS* CHECKLIST

The essential items checklist for living on campus, your first year of college!



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Packing for college can be overwhelming, and it's easy to overdo it your first year. The Essentials Packing Checklist has helped thousands of incoming college freshmen living on-campus, and now it's here to help you.

This list isn't conclusive, **you won't need everything listed**. Fit it to your personal needs and desires. Keep in mind that you may need other things not found on this list.

Items with a positive symbol (+) next to it are *plus items*, which are things that aren't necessary but could be useful.

I aimed to keep the list as simple as possible and budget-friendly.

-Aleigha Nicole

Check with your campus housing for prohibited items.

ESSENTIALS PACKING CHECKLIST

Clothes, Shoes & Accessories

Only pack what you need and things you wear regularly. You don't need your entire closet or clothing that's out of season.

Clothing you want to keep in mind:

- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ 1 business professional outfit
- ☐ 1 business casual outfit
- ☐ Club/party wear
- ☐ Workout gear
- ☐ Jacket(s) (appropriate to season)

Class Supplies

- ☐ Flash drive
- ☐ Notebooks/Binders/Folders



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- ☐ Loose leaf paper
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Backpack/Bag

Bedding (twin sized is standard, check with individual dorm)

- ☐ Sheets
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Pillowcases
- ☐ +Mattress pad

Dorm Room

- ☐ Desk lamp
- ☐ Lightbulbs
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Mini fridge
- ☐ Hangers
- ☐ Mini trash can
- ☐ Full length mirror
- ☐ Bulletin/Dry erase board
- ☐ +Fan
- ☐ +Room Decor

Laundry

- ☐ Iron
- ☐ Detergent
- ☐ Laundry basket/bag
- ☐ +Dryer sheets
- ☐ +Lint roller/brush
- ☐ +Iron board

Storage

- ☐ Storage bins
- ☐ Combination lock
- ☐ 1 suitcase (at the least)
- ☐ +Footlocker trunk

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Bath/Toiletries

- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Towels and washcloths
- ☐ Shower shoes (cheap flip flops)
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Oral care products
- ☐ Hair supplies/products
- ☐ Body care products you use
- ☐ Travel accessories (toothbrush/soap holder, etc)

Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ Dish detergent
- ☐ Broom/Small vacuum
- ☐ Dish cloth
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Air freshener
- ☐ Grocery bags (save to use for mini trash can)

Electronics

- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Extension cord/Surge protector
- ☐ Ethernet cord (if Wi-Fi isn't provided)
- ☐ +TV (remote, cable cord, splitter)
- ☐ +Laptop (case, bag)
- ☐ +HDMI cord
- ☐ +Printer/Ink/Printer paper
- ☐ +Gaming system
- ☐ +Speakers

Food/Kitchen Supplies

- ☐ Non-perishable items
- ☐ Fruit
- ☐ Frozen meals
- ☐ Stuff for sandwiches/wraps
- ☐ Sauces/Spreads
- ☐ Juice/Soft drinks



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- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ Storage containers
- ☐ Can/bottle opener
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic bags
- ☐ Bowls, plates, cups, utensils (plastic/paper recommended)

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Books/Magazines
- ☐ Playing cards
- ☐ Board games
- ☐ Medicine/Vitamins
- ☐ Envelopes and stamps
- ☐ Bug killer spray
- ☐ Drivers license
- ☐ Debit card
- ☐ Medical card(s)
- ☐ Social security card

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Thought of **something else you need**? Write it here so you won't forget:

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