The ultimate college packing checklist!

You know you best — pick and choose what you’ll need, and add to the list.

### The very-bare essentials
- Backpack/book bag
- Computer paper  
  **Bonus:** Printing is free on campus, just bring your own paper!
- Clothes (don’t forget socks and underwear)
- Food
- School supplies

### Bathroom and “getting ready for the day” supplies
- Bathrobe
- Deodorant
- Face wash
- Floss
- Hairbrush/comb
- Hair products (gel, mousse, hairspray, etc.)
- Hair dryer/curling iron/straightener
- Lotion
- Razor
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Shower caddy
- Shower sandals
- Soap/body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Towels
- Washcloths/loofah

### Bedding
- Foam mattress pad
- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Twin XL sheet set (and an extra set), 36" x 80"
- Your favorite comforter, quilt or bedspread

### Cuisine
**Bonus:** Each residence hall includes a full kitchen for students to use!
- Blender
- Coffee maker
- Dish soap
- Dishes (a few bowls, plates and at least one microwavable dish)
- Hand mixer
- Hot air popper (for popcorn!)
- Juicer
- Plastic dish bin (for washing dishes)
- Silverware
- Sponge/dish wand sponge

### Medical
- Air freshener
- Allergy medicine
- Bandages
- Cold and flu medicine
- First aid cream
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Multivitamins/supplements
- Over-the-counter pain medication
- Prescription medicine
- Sunscreen
- Vaporizer

### Documents and financials
- Social Security card/Passport  
  (for employment purposes)
- Checks
- Credit/debit card
- Driver’s license
- Emergency contact list
- Financial aid documents
- Health/dental insurance cards

### Home
- Dry erase board
- Posters + pictures

### Laundry
**Bonus:** Laundry is free in residence halls!
- Clothes hangers
- Clothes iron
- Dryer sheets
- Laundry bag/hamper
- High efficiency (HE) laundry detergent (required)
- Sewing kit
- Stain remover

### Things I need that are not on the list

### Ready for anything
- Cleaning supplies (dust cloths, disinfecting wipes, etc.)
- Duct tape
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Hanging storage organizer
- Padlock  
  (to lock your dresser drawer)
- Paper towel
- Rain boots
- Suitcase
- Tool kit
- Umbrella
- Winter boots

### Tech
- Alarm clock
- Chargers (phone, laptop)
- Earbuds/headphones
- Extension cord
- External hard drive
- Flash drive
- Laptop + accessories
- Power strip
- Removable hanging strips/hooks
Leave these behind

These items are fire hazards and not allowed in halls.

- Air conditioner
- Candles
- Deep fryer
- Electric blanket
- Electric candle warmer
- Electric griddle
- Electric mattress pad
- Electric skillet
- Electric wok
- Fondue pot
- Fry Daddy
- George Foreman grill
- Halogen lights
- Halogen make-up mirror
- Incense
- Indoor/outdoor grill
- Lava/oil lamps
- Pizza oven
- Potpourri simmer pot
- Rice cooker
- Roaster oven
- Sandwich maker
- Slow cooker/crock pot
- Toaster
- Toaster oven
- Waffle maker
- Wax warmers

Move-in day tips

**Packing up**

- Pack your vehicle the night before move-in day.
- Pack your things in easy-to-transport containers, like plastic bins or boxes. Try to keep boxes at a manageable weight to avoid injury and soreness.
- If you have one, bring a dolly or moving cart. They come in handy when moving.
- Remember to bring tools to help while moving in, like a carpet knife, carpet tape, duct tape, etc.

**Morning of your day**

- Plan for extra travel time, just in case. To keep the day running smoothly, it’s important to get there at your scheduled time.
- Eat a healthy breakfast and bring granola bars to snack on. Moving in can take a while, and carrying boxes is no fun on an empty stomach.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothes.
- Grab some cash in case you get thirsty while moving. Water and soda are available for purchase at the front desk in select halls.
- Keep an eye out for parking rules and postings to help find where you need to be.
- Check in at your hall’s front desk and get your room access.
- On move-in day, elevators are limited and available only in select halls. Be prepared to use the stairs!
- Housing is here to help! There will be Housing personnel on site to help, and student moving helpers — aka Hall Raisers — will be your best friends on move-in day.

**Do …**

- Do keep your door locked if you and your roommate aren’t home.
- Do store sensitive information and valuables in a safe or a locked drawer.
- Do tape down electrical cords out of foot’s reach. Tripping isn’t fun, and it’s even less fun if your TV or microwave falls with you.
- Do carry your Blugold Card (student ID) with you — everywhere. You will need it to access select residence halls and academic buildings, use your meal plan, borrow materials from the library and so much more!

**Don’t …**

- Don’t abandon your stuff, particularly your laptop. If you need to step away for a few minutes, make sure a friend is there to watch it.
- Don’t overload your electrical outlets or power strips, and never plug a power strip into another power strip. A great rule of thumb is if it feels hot, unplug it.
- Don’t microwave metal or anything that’s not microwave-safe.
- Don’t give your dorm combination code to other people. That way you won’t get unexpected guests, whether you’re home or not.

**Here’s what every dorm has two of for you and your roommate**

- Chairs
- Desks with study lights
- Dressers
- Mattresses and bed frames
- Mattress pads (upon request in some halls)
- Wastebaskets

**Safety dos and don’ts of living on your own**

**Office of Housing**

- Submit your online request form to have your bed set up before you arrive (lofted, bunked or floor level) Self-lofting furniture is available in Putnam, Sutherland, Thomas and Towers.
- Furniture — 76” long with arms or 80” long without arms to fit under lofted bed (the usual go-to is a futon)
- Microwave (900 watt or less is recommended)
- DVD player
- TV
- Telephone (if you want an old-school landline in your room, an additional fee is required)
- Mini-fridge (any dorm size)
- Bonus: You can rent one and support your hall council at bedloft.com.

**Room layout**

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**Move in**

- Appliances (roommate with a roommate is sharing major appliances)
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