

# 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 need and do not need to bring to college.\*

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

## Bath

- bath rug
- 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
- straightener
- tissues
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- washcloths

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

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Bed

- bed sheets (Twin XL)
- blankets/comforter (Twin XL)
- pillow & pillowcase
- sleeping bag
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- \_\_\_\_\_
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## 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?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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## Clothing

- belts
- dress clothes
- gloves
- hat (summer & winter)
- jackets (light, rain, winter)
- jeans
- jewelry
- pajamas
- purse
- shirts
- shoes (dressy and casual)
- shorts
- socks
- sweaters
- sweat shirts
- tennis shoes
- tights
- t-shirts
- underwear
- watch
- workout clothes

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

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Study Supplies

- backpack
- calculator
- colored pencils & markers
- desk lamp/table lamp
- envelopes
- erasers

- folders
- glue
- highlighters
- index cards
- labels
- notebooks & paper
- paper clips
- pencil sharpener
- pens & pencils
- postage stamps
- post-it notes
- rubber bands
- ruler
- scissors
- staple remover
- stapler & staples
- sticky tack/command strips (for wall hangings)
- tape
- three-hole punch
- waste basket
- white-out

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

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## Computer

- charging cable
- Ethernet cord (recommended)
- laptop
- phone charger
- printer
- printer paper
- printer cartridge
- speakers
- surge protector
- USB sticks
- word processing software

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

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## Around your dorm

- alarm clock/clock radio
- area rug/carpet (see Housing Contract for approx. dimensions)
- comfy chair
- curtains (see Housing Contract for dimensions)

- dry-erase board & markers
- fan (can block out noise)
- holiday decorations
- photos
- posters
- snap-on bedside lamp
- stereo
- stick pins
- stuffed animal

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

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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### Food

- bottled water
- cereal/poptarts
- chips/candies
- Easy Mac
- favorite snacks
- granola bars
- popcorn
- Ramen noodles/soup
- soda/Gatorade

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

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### Kitchen

- can opener
- coffee maker (must have automatic shut-off)
- dorm refrigerator
- microwave
- mug
- 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?

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### Laundry

- clothes hangers
- detergent
- drying rack

- fabric softener/dryer sheets
- laundry basket/bag
- stain remover

? What laundry products are used at home?

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

### Clean up

- air freshener
- dish detergent
- dish towels
- Dobie/sponge
- Lysol (spray or wipes)
- paper towels
- Windex (for mirrors)
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### Miscellaneous

- batteries
- board games
- bug spray
- camera & SD card
- cards
- CDs/iPod
- CD player/iPod deck
- duct tape
- earplugs
- extension cords
- safety pins
- spare set of car keys
- sports equipment
- sunglasses
- umbrella
- DVDs
- water bottle

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

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### Paperwork

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

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:

- open-flame candles/incense
- coffee maker without automatic shut-off
- curtain rods
- hot plate
- halogen lamps
- pets (even fish)
- weapons
- toaster
- tobacco, alcohol, or any other substance prohibited by the Grace University *Student Handbook*