

What to pack

Stuff with a * in front is stuff you can buy once you get down to school

Technology:

- ☐ Computer mouse
- ☐ Surge protectors (~3)
- ☐ 10 ft long phone charger (or one close in length, you never know where the outlet will be)
- ☐ Headphones (you'll wear them all the time so make sure they're comfy, also I suggest one for your desk and one for your backpack)
- ☐ HDMI cord (this will be one of your best purchases)
- ☐ Chromecast (if you want to easily watch Netflix on your TV)
- ☐ *Ethernet cord (a lot of times schools will give you these)

Bed:

- ☐ Eye mask and ear plugs (in case you have a roommate with a different bed time than you)
- ☐ Memory foam mattress topper (get a nice one, or if you get the cheap ones get two)
- ☐ Two pillows
- ☐ Throw blanket
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Decorative pillow (only one or two, too many will crowd an already small bed)
- ☐ Two sheet sets (one warm and one cold)
- ☐ Mattress cover
- ☐ Large pillow

Bath:

- ☐ Bath towels (2)
- ☐ Hand towels (2)
- ☐ Shower flip flops
- ☐ Robe (get one that covers all your bits and pieces because you'll be walking from the shower to your room a lot and who knows who'll be in the hallway)
- ☐ Turbie twist (I live by these get at least 2)
- ☐ *Shampoo
- ☐ *Conditioner
- ☐ *Body wash
- ☐ *Face wash
- ☐ *Shaving cream
- ☐ *Shower pouf
- ☐ Lotion

- ☐ *Razor
- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ First aid kit (Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, motrin, tums, heating pad, dayquil and nightquil, sleep aid)
- ☐ *Tampons and pads

Desk:

- ☐ A really good planner (big is good so you have lots of room to write, also cute is good because then you'll be more likely to use it)
- ☐ Desk light
- ☐ Mug or cup for pencils
- ☐ Lap top case
- ☐ *Calendar (I like the big ones that cover your desk surface because there's plenty of room to write on them and they're right in your face while you're working)
- ☐ Stapler
- ☐ *Tape (scotch and duct, you'll use both)
- ☐ 3 hole punch
- ☐ Cork boards
- ☐ Push pins
- ☐ Lots of thumb drives (it's always good to keep one in your back pack you'll use these all the time)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ *Lots of post its (you'll use these like crazy)
- ☐ *Post it flags
- ☐ *Note cards (something you'll also use a lot)
- ☐ *Colored pens (to color coordinate your planner, I like to do different colors for school stuff, social stuff, and sorority stuff)
- ☐ *Mechanical pencils
- ☐ *Highlighters
- ☐ *Notebooks
- ☐ *Binders
- ☐ Graphing calculator
- ☐ Printer (it's important to have one that can scan and copy)
- ☐ *Ink (black and color, you'll need color more than you think)
- ☐ *Paper
- ☐ Small trash can for papers and stuff
- ☐ Small make up mirror
- ☐ Desk hutch
- ☐ A really sturdy back pack (like northface or something)

Random:

- ☐ Reusable grocery bags
- ☐ Umbrella (small enough for your back pack)
- ☐ 2nd phone charger for your back pack
- ☐ One of those wallets with a clear side for your keys, ID, and some cash (I like to always carry \$5 and some quarters for the bus in case I lose my ID)
- ☐ Space bags (pack all your clothes in these and then you can put seasonal clothes in them while you're at school)
- ☐ A good weekend bag (college is crazy and you never know when you have to go on a random weekend trip)
- ☐ Sleeping bag or blow up mattress (good if you have friends stay over or for your spontaneous weekend trip)
- ☐ Fan
- ☐ Jewelry hanger (this is the best)
- ☐ *Batteries
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Storage ottoman (these are awesome)
- ☐ Over the door hooks (also works on beds)

Clothes:

- ☐ Rain boots (you'll wear them more than you think)
- ☐ Hoodies
- ☐ Dresses (if you're planning on rushing make sure to bring lots and black and white ones)
- ☐ Comfy shoes (you'll be walking a lot)
- ☐ Gym clothes (#freshman15)
- ☐ Rain coat
- ☐ Wool coat
- ☐ Heavy winter coat
- ☐ *Theme clothing for parties (America, bandanas, toga, neon/black light, ...)
- ☐ Spirit wear!!
- ☐ (you can figure out the rest)

Décor:

- ☐ Lots of command strips and hooks (more strips than hooks)
- ☐ Door mirror
- ☐ Floor lamp (you'll hate the fluorescent lights and they'll probably give you a head ache so supply all your own lighting if you can)
- ☐ Light bulbs

Kitcheny:

- ☐ Travel coffee cup
- ☐ Wine bottle opener (its college so let's be real here... you don't want to be that guy who opens the wine bottle with a knife)
- ☐ Water purifier
- ☐ Bowls (2)
- ☐ Plates (2)
- ☐ Forks, knives, spoons (2 of each should be good)
- ☐ Cups (2)
- ☐ A coffee mug
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Electric kettle (if you drink tea, also good for food that you make with hot water like oatmeal and ramen)
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ *Zip lock bags (these are great for snacks on the go and also organizing things)

Cleaning:

- ☐ *Clorox wipes (these are the best! I love the purple ones that have a scratchy side for scrubbing)
- ☐ *Napkins
- ☐ *Paper towels
- ☐ Small vacuum (good for space bags and cleaning your carpet it'll get gross fast)
- ☐ *Dish soap
- ☐ *Dish sponge
- ☐ Dish towels (2)
- ☐ *Laundry detergent (the little pods things are good and easy, also check to see if your dorm has the high efficiency washers because then you have to get special detergent for them, pain in my butt)
- ☐ *Dryer sheets (I always keep some in my clothing drawers to make my clothes smell extra good)
- ☐ *Stain stick (this is crucial)
- ☐ Laundry hamper (I like ones that have multiple bins so you can sort as you go)
- ☐ Drying rack (if you're into that kind of thing)
- ☐ Iron (this is mostly important if you're doing job/internship interviews because otherwise no one cares if your clothes are wrinkled)

Entertainment:

- ☐ TV
- ☐ DVD player
- ☐ DVDs
- ☐ *Deck of cards (you'll use these a lot #drinkinggames)

Move in:

- ☐ Rolly cart things
- ☐ Pocket knife (because you probably packed your scissors and need a way to open boxes)
- ☐ Rubber mallet (goof for adjusting beds and bunk beds)

Things to coordinate with roommate:

- ☐ Fridge
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Carpet (even if your room has carpet it's probably hella gross and ugly so having your own is nice because its cuter and cleaner and if it gets dirty no big deal just throw it out at the end of the year)
- ☐ Dry erase board for your door so people can leave you notes
- ☐ Large trash can
- ☐ Wifi router

Things to leave at home:

Embarrassment (you're going to snore, fart, etc. in front of your roommate and you're going to have to poop in front of your hall mates so try not to be embarrassed about it)

Your boyfriend

Your most expensive stuff (it'll get stolen lost, broken, whatever just leave the nice stuff at home)

Candles

Things everyone tells you you need that you really don't:

Those bed riser things (so stupid)

Curtains and curtain rods (they usually aren't allowed anyway)

Extra furniture (you probably won't have room for it)

Alarm clock (just use your phone)

Pots and pans and stuff (you don't have a kitchen, wait to get that stuff until you're in an apartment)

Your own desk chair (just no)

Lap top lock (you're going to almost always have your lap top on you, just make sure to lock your room when you leave)