The Essential College Dorm   
Packing & Planning List:

# Essentials:

2 sets Twin XL Sheets

Twin XL Mattress Topper

Twin XL Mattress Pad

Comforter and/or Blanket

2 pillows

Pillow covers

First Aid Kit with the following items: Neosporin, Band-Aids, Pepto-Bismol, Calamine Lotion, Acetaminophen, Alka-Seltzer, Gauze, Ben-Gay, tweezers, Ora-Gel

2 Bath Towels

2 Hand Towels

2 washcloths

1 bath caddy

Laundry Bag or Hamper

Laundry Detergent

Fabric Softener Sheets

Small Room Cleaning Supplies:

Air Freshener

All Purpose Spray

Old Rags or Paper Towels

Garbage Bags (Small and Large)

Alarm Clock

Small Desk Fan

Tissues

Space Bags to compress Winter Clothing until necessary

Desk Lamp

Bulletin board, Cork board or Whiteboard

Study Supplies:

Backpack

Pens

Pencils

Notebooks

Highlighters

Paper

Binders

Paper Clips

Stapler

Tacks

Duct Tape

Scissors

Transparent Tape

Shipping Tape

Backpack

Post Its

3M Adhesive hooks and strips for hanging posters/hooks on walls

Personal Toiletries:

Mouthwash

Deodorant/Antiperspirant

Soap

Shampoo

Body Wash

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Conditioner

Lotion

Baby Oil

Storage items:

Closet hangers

Shoe organizer

Under bed storage

Footlocker or Duffle Bag

Address Book with Family addresses and phone numbers

Family pictures

Rolls of Quarters for Laundry (if necessary)

Cards

Board Games

Healthy convenience foods and powdered drinks

Plate

Bowl

2 Tupperware Containers

Fork, Spoon, Knife, small chef knife to cut fruit or penknife

Coffee or Tea Maker, Coffee/Tea and Mug

Tumbler

Water Bottle

Paper Lunch Bags (useful for lots of things)

Zip Lock Bags (useful for lots of things)

Ethernet cables (if necessary)

Chargers for cell phones, laptops and other electronics

Surge Protector

Printer (if necessary)

Printer Paper

Printer Ink

Umbrella or Raincoat

Flashlight

Small Toolkit

Boots for Snowy/Icy Campuses

Swimsuit

Workout clothing

1 or 2 sets dress clothing and shoes

Jogging Pants

Tees

Hoodies

1 light throw (for football games and outdoor sports and events in late fall)

Sturdy gym shoes/sneakers

Flip Flops

Musical Instruments if your child plays

Frisbee, football, any other small outdoor items

Health insurance card

Auto insurance card (if driving)

Title and papers for car (if driving)

Driver’s License

Passport if planning to travel out of the country

Social Security Card

University ID

University Parking Pass (if available)

# Some Dorms Need:

Mini Fridge

Small Microwave

# Nice-to-Have:

TV

Xbox or other Game system

Bike

Bike Lock

Skateboard

Tablet system: Kindle, iPad, Nook etc.

Cell phone

Room rug

Posters and Wall Décor

Stereo

Personal Safe for Valuables