
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