

The Ultimate College Girl Packing List

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FOR THE BED

- Body pillow (you'll want to put this up against the cinderblock wall that your bed will inevitably be up against! so much more comfortable!)
- 2 pillows for your head (it's nice to have two if you have an out-of-town friend stay for the weekend)
- Blanket (I highly recommend a sweatshirt blanket)
- 2 pairs of sheets, one cotton and the other jersey or flannel (hot/cold weather)
- Comforter
- Decorative pillows if you like them (I do! I do!)
- Mattress cover (make sure to get a non-crinkly one)
- Your favorite stuffed animal from home (you made want something to cuddle as you get adjusted!)
- Clip-on bed shelf

FOR THE DESK

- Mug or cup for pens/pencils
- Lamp (trust me--the overheads get old really fast)
- Wireless mouse and mousepad if you prefer it
- Laptop case (I like the snap-on cases, but a fabric sleeve is great, too!)
- Calendar
- Stapler and extra staples
- Three-hole puncher
- Tape (scotch, masking, and duct--yes, you'll use them all!)
- Power strip

- Graphing calculator
- Printer, ink, and paper (it's much cheaper and faster to use the library's printers, but you will probably use your own printer once in a blue moon!)
- Comfortable chair if you're picky (with my bad back, I am super picky! no wooden dorm chairs for me.)

FOR DECORATION

- Rug, as big as you can fit (it will make your room feel 100x more cozy)
- Picture frames, canvases, posters, and other wall decor
- Over-the-door mirror
- Floor lamp (I hate overhead lights, lamps are so warm and homey)
- Light bulbs
- Command strips
- Command hooks
- Tension rod and curtains if you really want to make it homey
- Dry erase board and markers for your door (so your friends can leave you notes!)

FOR THE CLOSET

- Over-the-door shoe rack
- Thin hangers (so you can fit *everything!*)
- 2 or 3 baskets or bins for storage of off-season clothing
- Scarf hanger
- Belt hanger
- Jewelry hanger

FOR YOU TO EAT

- 4 microwaveable bowls
- 4 microwaveable plates
- 4 forks
- 4 knives
- 4 spoons
- Your favorite foods (oatmeal, soup, cereal, crackers, fruit--whatever you like!)
- 2 coffee mugs
- 2 reusable water bottles
- 1 travel coffee cup (whether you're a coffee, hot chocolate, or tea drinker--you will love this on chilly Fall mornings!)
- Britta pitcher and filters
- Electric kettle if you're a big tea drinker
- Coffee maker or Keurig

FOR YOU TO CLEAN

- 2 rolls of paper towels
- Pack of napkins
- 2 packs of Lysol or Clorox wipes (you'll go through one on move-in day!)
- Windex wipes or spray
- Small, lightweight vacuum (or borrow one from a hallmate!)
- Dish soap
- Dish scrubber or sponge
- 2 dish towels
- Large trash can (don't get the tiny one like the one in your bedroom at home--opt for a kitchen-sized can!)
- Trash bags

FOR ENTERTAINMENT

- Television (you probably won't use it much, but it does come in handy every now and then)
- DVD player
- DVDs
- Your favorite few books (don't go overboard--they're a pain to move)
- Deck of cards
- Board games (it's fun to have a game night with your friends!)
- Headphones

FOR THE BATHROOM

- 2 full-sized towels
- 2 hand towels (if you have a hall bathroom, take a hand towel with you to dry your face when you wash it at night...a lot easier than carrying a bulky full-size towel!)
- Shower shoes (cheap plastic flip flops)
- Towel wrap or robe (absolute must)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body wash
- Shower pouf or washcloth
- Face wash
- Body lotion
- Face lotion
- Razor
- Shaving cream if you use it (I don't!)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Floss
- Mouthwash

FOR LAUNDRY

- Detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dryer sheets
- Oxyclean spray (you. must. bring. this. it. gets. everything. out.)
- Bleach
- Laundry basket (use this as your hamper--save space and time)
- Drying rack for whatever cannot go into the dryer
- Iron and ironing board if you're against wrinkles

FOR RETREATS & WEEKEND GETAWAYS

- Sleeping bag (wish I had brought one my freshman year...it's so easy if you have a friend sleep over, if you go on a retreat, if you go camping, go on vacation with friends, etc...bought one my sophomore year and used it countless times)
- Twin-sized air mattress (like the sleeping bag, used it 24/7)
- Small duffel bag

FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

- Journal
- Bible (or another inspirational book, I recommend a Bible ☺)
- Letters from family and friends to open throughout your first week
- Family photos

OTHER STUFF I NEED

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