

The CLC's Ultimate College Packing List

This list is geared for freshman/first year students heading off to college. It has everything you can think of, and then some. When you customize this list, be sure to:

- 1) Check in with your roommate about certain shared items (labeled below)
- 2) Check school website for updated information regarding what is provided/prohibited in dorm room
- 3) Determine what you already have before you run to the store or start shopping online

Categories and items listed alphabetically

Bathroom:

- Bathrobe
- Contact lens solution
- Cosmetics/make-up
- Cotton balls
- Curling/flat iron
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Eyeglasses/case
- Feminine supplies
- Flip flops/shower shoes
- Hairbrush/comb
- Hair accessories
- Hair dryer
- Lip balm
- Lotion (hand/body)
- Nail clippers
- Q-tips
- Razor
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Shower caddy
- Soap (hand/body)
- Tissues
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Towels (hand, wash & bath, 2-3 each)
- Tweezers
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Bedding:

- Allergy mattress encasing (XL twin)
- Bed sheets (XL twin)
- Comforter
- Extra blanket

Bedding continued-

- Mattress pad
- Pillows/pillowcases
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Clothes:

- Belts
- College apparel
- Dress clothes for special events/interviews
- Exercise/sports clothing
- Gloves
- Hats (different seasons)
- Jackets (light, rain, warmer)
- Jeans/pants
- Jewelry/watch
- Pajamas
- Rain/snow boots
- Scarves
- Shirts (long sleeve/short sleeve)
- Shoes (including dress shoes)
- Shorts
- Slippers
- Sneakers
- Socks
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Swim suits
- Underwear
- _____

Dorm room:

- Bed risers (gain extra under bed storage)

Dorm room continued-

- Decorative area rug
(check with roommate)
- Desk or clip-on lamp
- Dry erase board or bulletin board and accessories (markers, eraser, pushpins)
- Hand vacuum or dust buster *(check with roommate)*
- Hangers
- Microwave & fridge
(check with roommate)
- Over-the-door hooks
- Photos of friends/family/pets
- Small trash can for under desk
- Under the bed storage containers
- Wall décor/posters
- Wall calendar
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Electronics:

- Alarm clock
- Ethernet cable (check if needed)
- Earbuds/headphones
- Extension cord
- Fan
- Laptop/case/charger
- Mouse/mouse pad
- Phone charger
- Portable phone charger

Electronics continued-

- Power strip
- Printer/paper/ink (*check with roommate*)
- Small flashlight
- Speakers
- Surge protector
- USB flash drive
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Food/Kitchen:

- Can/bottle opener
- Cereal
- Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
- Chip clips
- Cup/plate/bowl
- Dishwashing soap
- Dried fruit/nuts/trail mix
- Food storage containers
- Instant soups/oatmeal
- Insulated travel mug
- Paper towels
- Popcorn
- Protein/granola bars
- Reusable water bottles
- Salt/pepper
- Sponge
- Utensils
- Ziploc bags
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Laundry:

- Coins for washer/dryer
- Detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Laundry basket or bag
- Lint roller
- Stain remover
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Medical:

- Allergy/cold/flu meds
- Aspirin or Ibuprofen
- Antibiotic ointment
- Band-aids
- Bug repellent

Medical continued-

- Cough drops
- Decongestant
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Pepto Bismol/Tums
- Prescription medication (and prescription)
- Retainer/mouth guard
- Sunscreen
- Vitamins
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Miscellaneous:

- Backpack or book bag
- Bank account set-up
- Batteries
- Debit/credit card
- Deck of cards
- Driver's license
- Earplugs
- Folder for important documents
- Frisbee/sports items
- List of emergency and family contacts
- Medical insurance card
- Overnight bag
- Safety whistle
- Small sewing kit
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella
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School Supplies:

- Calculator
- Erasers
- File folders & regular folders
- Glue stick
- I>clicker (if needed)
- Index cards
- Notebooks (college ruled)
- Paper clips
- Pencil holder
- Pencil sharpener
- Post-its (big/small)
- Ruler

School supplies continued-

- Stapler/staples
- Scissors
- Tape (scotch tape and other for wall mounting)
- Three-hole punch
- Writing utensils:
 - Highlighters
 - Markers/colored pencils
 - Mechanical and regular pencils
 - Pens
 - Sharpie
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- *Print this list*
- *Look around for what you already have at home and mark it off*
- *Make space in your room for things you start to accumulate and pack them in a box now*
- *Label your boxes*
- *Arrive for move-in day on time, or early*
- *Remember dorm rooms can be small so try not to over pack*
- *If driving, can leave clothes on hangers and cover with a garbage bag that has hole cut out on the top*
- *If you forget something, it's OK. Can always have something shipped or get on next trip home*
- *If you have access to a dolly, it will be helpful unloading car*
- *Allow your family to help you unpack, get organized, and settle in*