

THE ESSENTIAL COLLEGE PACKING LIST



ROOM

- Area rug
- Bed risers
- Message board kit
(dry erase markers, magnets)
- Personal photos
- Wall décor
- Curtain and rod
- Compact tool kit
- Trunk and under-the-bed
storage units
- Floor lamp
- Full-length mirror
- Shoe rack
- Umbrella
- Jewelry organizer
- Easy-removal adhesive
hooks and strips
- Accent furniture (bedside and
coffee tables—check what your
school provides)
- Lightbulbs

BEDDING

- Duvet and duvet cover or comforter set
- 2 twin XL sheet sets
- Twin XL bed skirt
- Pillows
- Pillow cases
- Mattress pad
- Foam topper
- Bedbug-protecting mattress cover
- Sleeping bag or air mattress (for guests)

CLEANING

- Compact vacuum cleaner
- Cleaning products and rags
- Bucket with lid for storage
- Dustpan
- Broom
- Trash can
- Trash bags

LAUNDRY

- Thin hangers
- Hamper (pop-up or folding)
- Delicate-wash bag set
- Stain remover
- Lint rollers
- Detergent
- Fabric softener
- Ironing board and iron or steamer
- Folding drying rack
- Sewing kit
- Your favorite (seasonal) clothes and shoes
- Slippers

BATHROOM & SUPPLIES

- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Shower tote
- Tweezers
- Tissues
- Mouthwash
- Hair products
- Shower shoes (flip-flops with good traction)
- Bath towel
- Spa wrap or robe
- Washcloths or loofa
- Toothbrush
- Razors
- Nail clippers
- Nail files
- Shower soap or body wash
- Personal toiletries (makeup, cologne, etc.)
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Hair tools (brush, blow-dryer, curling iron, etc.)

FOOD

- BPA-free water bottle
- Can opener
- Microwave-safe bowls, plates, cups
- Flatware
- Paper towels
- Napkins

DESK/SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Desk organizer
- Desk lamp
- Binder clips
- Pens
- Pencils
- Pencil case
- Ruler
- Rubber bands
- Planner
- Scissors
- Stamps
- Staples
- Stapler
- Textbooks
- Tape
- Three-hole punch
- Glue
- Folders
- Erasers
- Envelopes
- Notebooks
- Calendar
- Binders
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Calculator

TECH

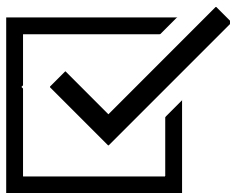
- Laptop or tablet
- Protective laptop/tablet sleeve
- Computer bag or book bag
- Compact printer with cable
- Ink and paper for printer
- Surge protectors and extension cords
- Ethernet cables
- Cable splitter
- Flash drives
- Small TV
- Noise-canceling headphones
- Alarm clock

SAFETY

- First aid kit
- Thermometer
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Small safe
- Laptop lock
- Bicycle lock
- Prescriptions

DOCUMENTS

- Car registration
- [Auto insurance information](#) (notify your auto insurer of your change of address)
- [Renters insurance](#) (if you have an apartment)
- Apartment lease
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of Social Security card
- Passport
- Driver's license
- Credit card(s)
- Debit card
- Bank documents
- Checkbook
- Emergency contact list
- Enrollment documents
- Financial aid paperwork
- Health and dental insurance cards
- Student ID
- Product warranties



HOW TO INSURE YOUR COLLEGE KID: One thing you may not have considered is whether your home insurance policy provides your student with adequate coverage for their belongings while they're away at school. Call **1-866-313-3050** to learn about more options like renters and umbrella policies.