

EVERYTHING (AND MORE) THAT YOU'LL NEED FOR COLLEGE

BASIC SUPPLY LIST

- strong bookbag, assignment book/PDA
- desk and/or wall calendar
- clock radio; battery alarm clock (storms/weekend trips)
- cell phone and charger
- 1-3 fans (number depends on size of room, if AC, etc.)
- flashlight/batteries
- tons of extra batteries/chargers (get calculator batteries, too)
- 2 surge protectors, 2-3 extension cords (that's not too many, dorm rooms don't have a lot of outlets!!)
- desk lamp & bed lamp/light bulbs (clip ons?)
- bulletin board/tacks, wall posters/poster tack, command strips
- 2 white boards, eraser/marker (one by the desk or bed, one for door)
- S-hooks/wire (useful to hang things if room has a molding strip or false ceiling)
- over-door hooks: single/multiple hooks; suction cup hooks
- laundry detergent, stain remover, fabric softener, dryer sheets
- laundry basket/bag for closet, drying rack, timer
- clothes hangers: single, multiple, with clips; hangers for belts & ties
- small sewing kit
- duffle bags (big, weekend, gym bag), luggage tags
- file organizer for important papers/receipts
- credit/debit card(s), bank book, ATM card, extra emergency cash
- camera (film/memory card/batteries and charger)
- family and friends pictures, photo albums (for old & new pix)
- key chain for room key (college lanyard?)
- Lysol spray, room air freshener, Febreze
- wastebasket (not too small!)/garbage bags
- bug spray, fly swatter, ant traps
- stamps, addresses, stationary/envelopes
- list of family/friend birthdates (& extra birthday cards)

COMPUTER SUPPLIES

Computer/printer, cord for printer, paper, ink (+ extra ink), external hard drive, flash drive, sleeve for laptop, lock for laptop

SCHOOL/DESK SUPPLIES

calculator, thesaurus, dictionary, foreign language dictionary?, small desktop supply holder, desk drawer organizer, white-out, pens, pencils, ruler, scotch tape, masking tape, glue, pencil sharpener, stapler and staples, staple remover, post-its, highlighters, black marker, colored pencils, scissors, folders, 3x5 cards, binders, notebook paper, dividers, eraser, paper clips, spiral notebooks, scratch pads, rubber bands, hole puncher, clip board, bookends (1-2 sets), packing tape, a few file folders, a pencil container for bookbag

BATHROOM SUPPLIES

bucket for supplies (for hall bathroom), toothbrush (plus case), toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, hair spray, hand lotion, razor/blades (plus case) and/or electric razor, shaving cream, brush/comb, antibacterial soap, body wash or shower soap (plus case), nail clippers/file, plastic bathroom cup, hair dryer (Depending on how easy it is to get and to store additional supplies - take extra shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

supply box, general vitamins, any special vitamins, Tylenol, cold medicine, Advil, antacid, band aids, bee sting wand, Neosporin, suntan lotion, Solarcain, chapstick, ace bandage, ice pack, heating pad, thermometer, tweezers, itch cream, diarrhea medicine, cough drops, cough syrup, sore throat spray, acne cream, Benadryl, Kleenex, anti-nausea medicine, any prescription medicines (*don't forget glasses/cases, contacts/related supplies, retainers, or any other such personal items*) Note: be sure to check expiration dates on items at least once a year and restock as needed.

LINENS

2 pillows, 2 sets sheets (verify if X-long beds), comforter, blanket (not too heavy), throw blanket, mattress pad, egg-crate cover for mattress, 2-3 LARGE bath towels, 1-2 beach towels, wash cloths

FOOD/SNACK SUPPLIES

bottled water and/or plastic bottle for refills, can opener, plastic silverware, cup, plate, bowl, mug (coffee/soup?), large glasses, pitcher (for water, ice tea?, etc), water bottle (for sports activities), chip clips, ziploc bags, paper towels, dish soap & a few dish towels, snack foods, sodas/drinks (don't forget hot chocolate mix, coffee, tea), cookie/cake mix ("just add water" type), cake/cookie pan. NOTE: Be sure all dishes are microwave safe!

CLOTHING ITEMS YOU SHOULDN'T FORGET

- extra underwear, extra socks, bath robe, bathing suit
- raincoat/umbrella
- winter gloves/hat/boots/silk underwear (for cold climates)
- shower shoes (*The most important thing you'll take!!!*)
- watch, wallet, sunglasses
- at least one nice dress/sport coat

ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

curling iron, make-up, nail polish, perfume, feminine care products, make-up mirror, jewelry, purse

FOR FUN

- deck of cards, favorite games, favorite movies
- sports equipment (basketball, frisbee, mitt, tennis racquet, cleats, etc.)
- in-line skates, scooter, skate board (protective gear)
- CD's? iPod? Headphones

POSSIBLE STORAGE ITEMS FOR EXTRA SPACE *(depends on room size, bed configurations, room storage, etc.)*

storage boxes (to put on closet shelves), trunk & pad lock, under bed chests, shelving units of some sort, shoe organizer or shoe shelf, night stand, bed risers, bunk bed shelf unit

EASY TO SHARE WITH ROOMMATE (talk first!)

fans, window AC unit (if allowed), refrigerator (if allowed), microwave (if allowed), TV, DVD player, stereo, iron/ironing board, small vacuum or broom, battery wall clock, long mirror (if not supplied by college), floor rug, floor lamp/light bulbs (NOT halogen), extra chairs (folding type best - can easily be stored in a corner of the room), shelves, paper shredder

TOOLS

2-sided sticky tape, duct tape, hammer, screw drivers, assorted nails, long-nose pliers, pocket knife (with multi-functions if possible)

NOT ESSENTIAL, BUT....

curtains (get measurements first!), study pillow, bean bag chair or futon (or similar chair), bike/helmet/lock, sleeping bag (for visiting friend, etc.), holiday decorations and lights (Halloween, Christmas, Hanukkah, etc.), small cooler/ice pack (for picnics, trips), coat rack/stand (if there is space)

IF YOU HAVE A SUITE WITH A BATHROOM

(share with your roommate and suitemates!)

bathroom cleaning supplies (bucket, toilet brush, toilet cleaner, Windex, Lysol spray, 409 cleaner, shower cleaner, brush, bleach, sponges, rags), plunger (critical!), bathroom wastebasket/bags, extra big shower caddy, bathmat (bring a few - they get gross!), shower curtain (if needed), some sort of shelving for supplies (if space), over toilet caddy (if space), broom/dust pan, bath rugs, paper towel holder and towels, toilet paper (verify if dorm provides this)

EXTRA ITEMS FOR AN UNFURNISHED APARTMENT

beds/dressers, extra chairs/tables/shelves, couch, TV/TV stand, extra lamps, bathroom supplies (see above list), vacuum/broom, fire extinguisher/smoke alarm (verify if the apartment provides these), patio or balcony furniture (if necessary), microwave, dishes, cups, silverware, pots & pans

basic kitchen supplies: knives, peeler, spatulas, wooden spoons, slotted spoon, butter brush, ice cream scoop, tongs, timer, silverware holder for drawer, cheese grater, serving spoons, measuring spoons, colander, measuring cups, 9 x 13 pan, whisker, microwave dishes, storage containers for leftovers, casserole pans, strainer, hot pads, mixer/bowls, hand towels, dish towels, sponges, SOS pads, baskets, toothpicks, cutting board, can/bottle opener, ice cube trays, dish drying rack, kitchen wastebasket/bags, rolling pin, cake pans, cookie sheets, coffee maker, paper towel holder/towels, George Foreman grill, toaster, apron, cookbook, spices, salt, vanilla, baking soda/powder, flour/sugar/brown sugar/xxx sugar, baggies, aluminum foil, ... (and the supply list is endless!)