PACKING FOR COLLEGE

PACKING LIST

You don’t need to pack your whole room to come to college, but you’ll want to make sure that you have some odds and ends covered. This list isn’t inclusive, but there are some things we couldn’t live without once we got here.

**YOU SHOULD BRING**

- Alarm clock
- Backpack
- Calendar
- Calling card or cell phone and charger
- Checkbook/credit card
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothes and shoes that can get dirty (for Service First and other projects you may get involved in)
- Clothes hangers
- Comforter, blankets, and pillows
- Desk lamp
- Dry erase board and markers
- Envelopes and stamps
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Hammer and tools
- Hangers, shoe rack, and plastic hooks
- Health insurance information
- Heavy winter coat
- ID/Driver’s license
- Laundry bag and detergent
- Painter’s tape
- Power strips and extension cords
- Prescription medication(s)
- Reusable grocery totes
- Reusable water bottle
- School supplies
- Shampoo and body wash
- Sheets (twin, extra long)
- Shower shoes and shower caddy
- Small fan
- Toiletries
- Towels (more than one!)
- Trash can
- Umbrella

**YOU MAY ALSO CONSIDER**

- Air freshener
- Bed raisers
- Bicycle and bike lock
- Board games
- Closet organizers
- Computer or laptop
- Printer (and paper!)
- Cooking utensils
- Decorations for your room
- Desk-chair cushion
- Desk organizer
- Camera
- Ethernet cord
- Extra shelving units, crates, plastic containers, filing cabinet
- Hair dryer
- Headphones
- Iron and ironing board
- Microwave
- Plastic drawers
- Portable vacuum
- Reusable cups, plates, and utensils
- Sewing kit
- Small refrigerator (no larger than 4 cubic feet)
- Sponge and dish soap
- Stereo or computer speakers
- Suit and/or semi-formal attire for special events you may attend
- Television (and DVDs)
- Tissues
- Under-bed storage bins

**YOU SHOULD NOT BRING**

- Air-conditioning units
- Candles
- Electric appliances with exposed coils
- Gas grills or charcoal grills
- Guns/Weapons
- Halogen lamps
- Hot plates
- Incense
- Pets (other than fish)
- Toasters
- Water beds
- Wireless routers

**TIPS**

- Talk with your roommate(s) prior to packing so you can avoid bringing duplicate items
- Save the boxes you bring your stuff in for when you have to pack up again in May
- Memorize your room number and campus box number right away
- You can do a lot of shopping after you arrive and have seen your room
- Order items ahead of time from the Bed, Bath & Beyond in your hometown, and pick them up in St. Louis!