

# ULTIMATE COLLEGE PACKING LIST!

created to cover all the bases :)

## FOR THE BED

- bed sheets (probably Twin XL)
- pillowcases
- mattress protector (zip-up, protects against bugs etc.- get the non-creaky kind)
- mattress pad
- blankets
- pillows

## TECHNOLOGY

- laptop
- laptop snap-on case or sleeve
- headphones
- laptop charger
- phone charger
- surge protector
- power strip (or 2 of these) – most colleges want them 3-pronged
- USB flash drive
- extension cord/s
- ethernet Internet cable

## FOR THE DESK

- post-it notes or index cards
- I had a small cardboard “file folder” thing that held ~10 file folders – I kept important documents in it like a photocopy of my insurance card and letters from family, or my contacts prescription – anything I didn’t want to lose
- calculator
- tape
- packing/duct tape
- blank label stickers
- backpack or side-bag for walking to class
- pens/pencils
- pencil cup OR desk organizer
- stapler and staples
- highlighters
- calendar or planner
- folders for classes
- notebooks for classes
- paper clips
- scissors
- Sharpies
- rubber bands
- white-out
- trash can (not too tiny!)

## FOR WEEKEND GETAWAYS

- sleeping bag (for any weekend trips with friends)
- duffel bag for weekend trips (and for going home)

## FOR EATING

- Ziploc bags
- microwave (check with roommate)
- mini-fridge (or check with roommate, but my roommate and I each brought a fridge for more space)
- can-opener
- chip clips
- 2 good paring knives
- 2-3 soup bowls
- 1 large mixing bowl (great for anything – can even be plastic)
- 2-3 plates
- a few forks, knives, spoons
- coffee mugs :)
- travel mug (for hot drinks in the morning!)
- hot pot (to heat up water) or coffee pot (check with roommate)
- Brita pitcher and filters (we used a Brita pitcher in our apartment-type dorm room sophomore through senior year and loved it!)
- popcorn
- granola bars
- crackers/chips
- instant oatmeal?
- trail mix
- case of bottled water
- water bottle
- any cocoa/cider/Powerade/instant coffee drinks
- vitamins
- peanut butter
- jelly
- bread
- cereal
- canned soup
- protein powder?
- any little microwave pasta meals like Ramen

## FOR ENTERTAINMENT

- board games like Apples 2 Apples
- movies (People will LOVE borrowing movies from you so put your name on them! You can check with your roommate about if they’re bringing a TV- otherwise, laptops are great!)
- portable speakers (to plug into laptop for music and watching movies)

## FOR THE CLOSET

- several small square baskets or bins (usually colleges have a top shelf in the clothes closet)
  - clothes hangers
- If no closet door – maybe tension shower curtain rod and curtain?

## FOR CLEANING

- dishsoap
- large pump bottle of Purell to keep in room
- dish towel
- dish brush / scrubber
- paper towels
- trash bags (or just extra Walmart bags)
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Kleenex boxes
- lint roller
- Febreze spray!
- laundry detergent
- folding laundry drying rack
- laundry hamper or bag (I had a stand-up cylinder one that could be collapsed)
- quarters if need be, for laundry machines
- (optional) small laundry bag to wash delicates in
- stain stick
- iron and small ironing board?
- some people like to have a very small hand vacuum (there's probably a regular vacuum you can borrow)

## FOR DECORATION / IN THE ROOM

- futon (check with roommate)
- 3-M wall hooks/sticky tack
- decorative pillows for futon?
- Christmas or string lights are super fun and make your room the place to hang out! (probably are allowed)
- circular comfy chair (could check with roommate)
- blankets (for hanging out on futon/movie nights)
- cute rug for under futon (optional)
- fun posters/picture frames/bulletin boards
- tall floor-lamp with lights you can bend different ways
- alarm clock
- batteries
- desk lamp (can be a clip-on kind)
- fan (tower fan for room, or desk fan or both)
- tall mirror

## FOR THE BATHROOM / TOILETRIES

- hand mirror or stand-up small mirror
- bath towels (~3 or more, depending on how often you want to do laundry)
- washcloths (~7)
- bathrobe or towel wrap, for running to and from bathroom
- shower caddy (I liked my big plastic one with a handle on top)
- shower flip-flops
- shampoo, etc. (other shower stuff)
- Band-aids
- hair stuff (dryer, curling iron, bobby pins, hairspray, etc.)
- contact lens solution + extra contacts
- any other "girl things" you may need

- toothbrush/toothpaste
- deodorant
- makeup
- nail polish and remover
- makeup remover wipes (these are AWESOME for if you don't want to walk back to the bathroom)
- any other girl products you might need :)

## OTHER

- lanyard from your school – you can get it at the campus store :) (we all carried these around with our room keys and our student IDs on them)
- bike? (it depends on the campus; I loved biking to and from class and work and my sister biked a lot at college too)
- bike lock!
- small First Aid kit *with thermometer* in it
- hammer and screwdrivers
- clothing you need (warmer weather clothes plus fall clothes, workout gear, also a couple cute dresses for girls' nights out, etc. Some colleges have fun dress-up theme activities, so a plaid shirt or a random silly Halloween costume may be fun to bring too!)
- shoes
- glasses and case
- journal/devotional/a few books to read for fun
- Bible
- flashlight
- umbrella / raincoat (I mostly just ran, lol)
- slippers

\*\* This is not a mandatory list! No matter what you end up buying for college, DO NOT WORRY if you don't have everything by Day One! You will be able to borrow things from friends or get to a store :) People will help you out to make sure you have what you need!

Also, it's recommended to pack light at first, and add some of these things as time goes on and you realize you want them.

This list is just super detailed to put your mind at ease to be prepared or in case you're worried you might forget something. Using a list like this helped me so I hope it helps you too and makes you even more excited for college. It will be AWESOME :)