

PACK IT UP

WHAT TO BRING TO COLLEGE



Soon you'll be packing your bags for college. But packing them with what? Countless freshmen arrive at the residence halls lugging massive boxes and suitcases only to discover that they brought too much or forgot something. By bringing the right items with you, you'll get a good start on the school year without worrying about buying or returning things.

What to Wear

The average temperature in Westwood, California is 68°F. – This should help you in determining clothing needs. Also think about the activities you like to participate in.

- Comfortable clothes and shoes you can go to class in
- Comfortable clothes to hang out on campus and/or the residence halls
- One or two dressy outfits and shoes for more formal affairs
- Costumes for theme nights
- Work-out clothes and shoes
- Bathing suit
- Flip-flops
- Light jacket
- Rainwear
- Slippers (for hanging out in the residence hall)



Stuff for Your Room

Get a look at a dorm room or call the housing office beforehand and find out how big your room is and what it comes with.

- Comforter/bedspread
- Pillow
- Bed linens for extra long twin
- Clothes hangers
- Coffee mug
- Drinking cups, dishes and silverware for snacks
- Poster putty or wall tacks for hanging up decorations (depending on hall)
- Plastic containers with tight lids for storing snacks, detergent, etc.
- Salt and pepper shakers
- Headphones (so your music doesn't bother your roommate or neighbors)
- Power strip approved by the Housing Office
- Extension cords
- Desk lamp or bed lamp
- TV/VCR/DVD-Player (there's also usually a common area TV)
- Stereo
- Fan
- Hair dryer
- Alarm clock
- Crates or stacking containers
- Paper towels, glass cleaner
- Sewing kit, scissors, safety pins
- Message board for your door



Keep It Clean

Keep in mind that you'll be sharing your bathroom and laundry facilities with other students.

- Bathrobe
- Shower shoes
- Towels, washcloths
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream and razors



- Dental hygiene products
- Shower caddy
- Facial tissues
- Laundry basket/bag
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets



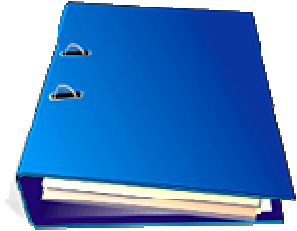
- Dishwashing detergent
- Roll of quarters
- Band-Aids
- Cold medicine
- Aspirin
- First-aid kit

Stuff for School

You can get this stuff once you're on campus, but it can sometimes be cheaper to buy it during the back-to-school sales of off-campus stores.

- Computer or a flash drive for the computer labs
- Notebooks, binders, folders
- Paper
- Writing utensils

- Dictionary
- Thesaurus
- Backpack
- Calculator
- Day-planner



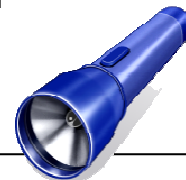
Good Things to Have

Think about your daily activities and hobbies and bring what you need with you.

- Access to money (i.e. bank account, bank card, credit card, etc.)
- Umbrella
- Key ring
- Camera
- Batteries
- Books for leisure reading
- Mp3 player



- Your DVD collection
- Flashlight
- Sports/recreation equipment
- Pre-paid calling card
- Snacks for your room
- Cell phone and charger
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen



Don't Bring It!

As for what NOT to bring, you should contact your housing office and ask about the rules and regulations within the residential halls. Some schools don't allow things like these:

- Halogen bulbs and/or lamps
- Hotplates, skillets, toasters, toaster ovens, microwaves
- Air conditioners
- Candles
- Pets, waterbeds, nail picture hangers



You might want to contact some students currently in your prospective college and ask them what to bring. Write up a checklist a few weeks before you begin packing and add to it as you think of additional items. Then, when it's time to fill your suitcases, you'll be ready to go to college with everything you need.