

What Items Should I Buy during Orientation Week?

Necessities

- Bed linens – twin XL (extra long) size (mattresses are 80 inches (203.2 cm) in length)
- Towels and washcloths
- Bathrobe
- Bucket or some sort of carrier to hold your bathroom items
- Sandals or slippers (to walk to the bathroom and for showers)
- Personal items (soap, mirror, toiletries, etc.)
- Laundry detergent/dryer sheets and laundry basket/bag
- Iron (ironing boards are available in some residence halls)
- Hangers for clothes
- Basic kitchen needs (silverware, manual can opener, plate, bowl, cup, microwave-able dish, dish towel, dish soap)
- Basic cleaning needs (cleaner, paper towels, etc.)
- Kleenex
- Desk lamp/study lamp
- School supplies (paper, pens, scissors, tape, stapler, notebooks)
- First aid items (bandages, aspirin and any necessary medications)
- Umbrella and rain gear
- Strong key chain (College Bookstores have key chains with ID holders which are ideal)
- Flashlight
- Power strip/surge protector

Optional Items

- Refrigerator (no larger than 4.0 cubic ft.)
- Stereo/radio
- Television/DVD
- Small microwave
- Computer
- Fan
- Camera
- Bicycle and bicycle lock
- Carpeting or rugs for your floor
- Coffee makers
- Storage containers
- Sports equipment and various games (board games, cards, etc.)
- Dry erase board for room door
- Small sewing kit
- Posters/pictures
- Room decorating items (plants, storage boxes, shelves, etc.)

Prohibited Items—Do Not Bring to College!

Due to fire safety and other concerns, the following items are prohibited from traditional residence hall rooms:

- Air conditioners
- Bread machines
- Candles (decorative or otherwise)
- Deep fryers
- Electric grills

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- Firearms or other weapons
- Firecrackers
- Any flammable decorations made of cotton batting, straw, vines, leaves, shrubbery or foam plastic
- Halogen lamps
- Hot dog cookers
- Hot plates
- Hot pots for water
- Incense
- Live Christmas trees
- Oil based popcorn poppers
- Oil burners
- Pets (other than fish)
- Pine roping or garland
- Potpourri cookers
- Refrigerators larger than 4.0 cubic ft.
- Rice cookers
- Slow cookers / crock pots
- Space heaters
- Sun lamps
- Toaster ovens / toasters
- Waterbeds
- Woks (electric)

*This list is not exhaustive; students may not have any cooking devices other than what is listed below.