College Apartment Packing Checklist

Remember, if you do forget an essential, you can always ask someone to send it, pick it up next time you visit home or have someone from home bring it along when they visit.



Dorm Room

- [ ] Comforter/Bedspread
- [ ] Sheets (Check to see if they need to be a special size)
- [ ] Desk/Bed lamp
- [ ] Hangers
- [ ] Microwave (If allowed in room)
- [ ] TV/DVD Player
- [ ] Stereo/Speakers
- [ ] Facial Tissues
- [ ] Laundry detergent
- [ ] Rolls of quarters (If necessary for laundry)
- [ ] Trash can
- [ ] Cups, dishes & silverware for in-room snacks
- [ ] Reusable coffee mug
- [ ] Delicious snacks
- [ ] Pillows
- [ ] Bed risers (If your bed isn't a loft)
- [ ] Book light
- [ ] Crates or stacking storage containers
- [ ] Mini-Refrigerator (If allowed in room)
- [ ] Fan
- [ ] Shelving
- [ ] Laundry basket/bag
- [ ] Stain remover
- [ ] Dryer sheets
- [ ] Paper plates and cups
- [ ] Reusable water bottle
- [ ] Plastic containers with lids for snacks (Bugs, otherwise!)

Personal Care

- [ ] Shower caddy
- [ ] Soap/body wash
- [ ] Towels (Bath, face, washcloths)
- [ ] Bathrobe
- [ ] Body lotion
- [ ] Make-up
- [ ] Feminine Products
- [ ] Hair dryer (Straightener, Curling Iron)
- [ ] Cotton swabs, cotton balls, etc.
- [ ] Lint brush
- [ ] Shampoo/conditioner
- [ ] Shower pouf/loofah
- [ ] Shower shoes
- [ ] Deodorant
- [ ] Shaving Cream / Razors
- [ ] Band-Aids
- [ ] Cold medicine
- [ ] Hairbrush/comb
- [ ] Sewing kit (with safety pins)
- [ ] Wrinkle release

Other Fun Items to Consider:

- [ ] Video Game Console/Games
- [ ] Framed photos with family, friends, roommates
- [ ] Deck of cards, Board Games
- [ ] Posters/art
- [ ] Dry erase board (For messages from friends)

Apparel

- [ ] Comfortable clothes/shoes for class
- [ ] 1 dressy outfit (For formal events)
- [ ] 1 bathing suit/beach towel
- [ ] Raincoat, rain boots, umbrella
- [ ] Winter coat
- [ ] 1 interview outfit
- [ ] Work out clothing/shoes
- [ ] Light jacket for early fall/spring
- [ ] Slippers
- [ ] Winter hat, scarf, gloves, boots

School, Computer & Tech

- [ ] Computer/laptop
- [ ] Wireless mouse
- [ ] Keyboard
- [ ] iPod/MP3 Player
- [ ] Tablet or E-reader
- [ ] Desk organizer
- [ ] Printer
- [ ] Printer paper
- [ ] Computer/laptop case
- [ ] Mousepad
- [ ] Lap desk
- [ ] Stereo/Speakers
- [ ] Blank discs or drives for the computer labs
- [ ] Binders, folders
- [ ] Printer and ink cartridges
- [ ] Pens, pencils

- [ ] Highlighters
- [ ] Backpack or messenger bag
- [ ] Day planner
- [ ] Post-It notes
- [ ] Three-hole punch
- [ ] Ruler
- [ ] Paper/binder clips
- [ ] Extra Phone Charger(s)
- [ ] Dictionary/ Thesaurus (Apps work, too!)
- [ ] Calculator
- [ ] White-out
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] Tape
- [ ] Stapler
- [ ] Rubber bands

Handy Things to Have

- [ ] Area maps
- [ ] Envelopes/Stamps
- [ ] Toolbox/Basic tool set
- [ ] Weekend bag or small suitcase
- [ ] Extra Extension cord(s)
- [ ] Stepladder
- [ ] Safe with a lock (For valuables)
- [ ] Flashlight
- [ ] Batteries
- [ ] Extra Power strip(s)
- [ ] Poster putty for hanging up decorations (Most schools don't allow nails)

If You Have a Private or Shared Bathroom with Roommates

- [ ] Bathroom rug
- [ ] Shower curtain
- [ ] Shower curtain hooks
- [ ] Shelves
- [ ] Air freshener
- [ ] Toilet cleaner
- [ ] Shower/bath mat
- [ ] Shower curtain/tension rod
- [ ] Towel hooks
- [ ] Full-length mirror
- [ ] Toilet brush
- [ ] Plunger

Cleaning Supplies

- [ ] Rags, sponges, scrub-brushes
- [ ] Mini Vacuum
- [ ] Rubber gloves
- [ ] Swiffer/Swiffer pads
- [ ] Cleaning wipes
- [ ] Dish soap

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