This is your go-to guide for figuring out what you should bring to college. We’ve put a ton of work into this resource, and we’ve worked hard to recommend items that are both high-quality and inexpensive, so hopefully you find it helpful!

Everything is broken down into categories, and we’ve also marked certain items as “essential” to help you prioritize.

This guide is also available online at https://collegeinfogeek.com/college-packing-guide/ where you can choose to buy these items on Amazon.

**Bedding/Bed Stuff**

**Essentials:**

- ☐ Bed Set
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Mattress Cover

**Everything else:**

- ☐ Throw Blanket
- ☐ Microplush Mattress Topper
- ☐ Bunk Buddy Shelf
- ☐ Reading Lamp

**Computer Gear**

**Essentials:**

- ☐ Laptop - Acer Aspire E 15 Laptop (recommended)

**Everything else:**

- ☐ External Monitor
Desk and School Supplies

Essentials:

- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Notebook
- Small Whiteboard
- Power Strip

Everything else:

- Mechanical Pencils
- Pencil Cup
- Sticky Notes
- Envelopes
- Index Cards
- Paper
- Note Binder
- Calendar
- Journal
- Combination Whiteboard/Bulletin Board
- Dry Erase Markers
- Push Pins
- Rocketbook Everlast

- Stapler
- Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Paper Clips
- Inbox
- File Box
- Desk Organizer
- Desk Lamp
- Graphing Calculator
- Extension Cord
- Batteries
- Stamps

General Stuff

Essentials:

- Backpack
- Umbrella
- Tool Set

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General Stuff Cont’

Everything Else:

☐ Sofa  ☐ Duct Tape
☐ TV  ☐ Rug
☐ Safe  ☐ Saucer Chair
☐ Bookcase  ☐ Computer Chair
☐ Sleep Mask  ☐ Bed Risers
☐ Earplugs  ☐ Under Bed Storage
☐ Skateboard  ☐ Foot Locker
☐ Bicycle  ☐ Multi Tool
☐ Bike Pump  ☐ Broom & Dustpan
☐ Bike Lock  ☐ Vacuum
☐ Textbooks  ☐ Fan

Cooking/Kitchen Supplies

Essentials:

☐ Mini Fridge
☐ Microwave

Everything else:

☐ Trash Can  ☐ Sponges
☐ Trash Bags  ☐ Dish Towels
☐ Sink Stopper  ☐ Silverware
☐ Pot Holders  ☐ Baking Trays
☐ Collapsible Strainer  ☐ Spatulas
☐ Tongs  ☐ Kitchen Knife
☐ Funnel  ☐ Pot
☐ Oven Mitt  ☐ Frying Pan
☐ Paper Towels  ☐ Pizza Cutter
☐ Dish Detergent

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Cooking/Kitchen Supplies Cont’

☐ Dinnerware Set
☐ Chip Clips
☐ Can Opener
☐ Coffee Grinder
☐ Aeropress Coffee Maker
☐ Microwave Safe Food Containers
☐ Reusable Water Bottle
☐ Tumbler

Laundry Supplies

Essentials:

☐ Pop-Out Hamper
☐ Detergent
☐ Hangers

Everything else:

☐ Drying Rack
☐ Iron
☐ Ironing Board
☐ Wall Hooks from 3M
☐ Closet Organizer
☐ Delicates Bag
☐ Lint Roller
☐ Sewing Kit
☐ Stain Remover
Personal Items & Toiletries

Essentials:

☐ Towel and Washcloth Set
☐ Shower Flip Flops
☐ Shower caddy
☐ First Aid Kit

Everything else:

☐ Cleaning Supplies
☐ Bath Mat
☐ Shower Mat
☐ Shower Curtain
☐ Shower Curtain Rings
☐ Toilet Paper
☐ Curling Iron
☐ Hair Dryer
☐ Hair Straightener
☐ Bathrobe
☐ Condoms
☐ Cough Drops
☐ Nail Clippers
☐ Electric Razor
☐ Sunscreen
☐ Tweezers

Decorations

☐ Posters
☐ Command Strips
☐ Mirror
☐ Curtains
☐ Plants
☐ Christmas Lights
☐ Salt Lamp
Fun Stuff

- Cards Against Humanity (Card Game)
- Fluxx (Card Game)
- Bananagrams (Game)
- SUPERFIGHT (Card Game)
- Catan (Board Game)
- Playing Cards
- Miniature Cornhole
- Football
- Frisbee
- Basketball
- Soccer Ball
- Nerf Blaster
- PlayStation 4 or other gaming console