

The Ultimate College Packing List

- Laptop or tablet
- USB flash drive
- Desk supplies (pens, pencils, highlighters, etc.)
- Notebooks and binders
- Planner or calendar
- Textbooks and course materials
- Backpack or laptop bag



In addition to the general college packing list, here're college packing lists for girls and guys:

Girls

- Clothing and accessories
- Undergarments and sleepwear
- Makeup and personal care items
- Hair care tools
- Shower shoes and bathrobe/swimming suit
- Workout clothes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry bag or hamper

Boys

- Clothing and accessories
- Undergarments and sleepwear
- Grooming and personal care items
- Shaving supplies
- Shower shoes and bathrobe/swimming suit
- Workout clothes
- Laundry bag or hamper

Freshman College Supply List

If you're a freshman, you'll need some additional items to help you settle into your new environment:

- Bedding (sheets, comforter, pillows, etc.)
- Towels and washcloths
- Shower caddy and toiletries
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- First-aid kit
- Kitchen essentials (plates, utensils, microwave-safe containers, etc.)
- Storage solutions (over-the-door hooks, under-bed storage, etc.)

Pro Tips

- Create a packing plan several weeks before your move-in date and gradually pack your belongings.
- Label your containers and boxes with their contents and intended locations.
- Coordinate with your roommates to avoid bringing duplicate items.
- Many colleges prohibit extension cords but allow surge protectors, so pack one.
- Invest in a durable laundry bag or hamper with handles for laundry handling.
- Use vacuum storage bags to save space when packing bulky clothing items.