

Packing List Tips

Here are some recommendations from some of our current international students on what to bring and what to leave at home.

- Don't waste space by packing everyday items like toothpaste or shampoo. They'll be cheap to buy here.
- Bring spices or other light items that might be expensive here.
- Make sure most of your clothing items are for cold weather.
- Bring snacks that you enjoy that you won't be able to find here in the U.S.
- Bring things that remind you of home – photos of friends and loved ones.
- Come prepared with a U.S. outlet compatible travel adaptor.
- It has been recommended that you purchase professional clothing in your home country as business attire in the United States is expensive.
- Textbooks are heavy and take up space in your luggage. Really think about your decision to bring any textbooks before you come. Consider shipping them to your new address.
- Pack some snacks for your first day/night in the U.S.
- Bring spare glasses and headphones. Accidents happen, and it is better to be safe than sorry, especially when it comes to prescription eyewear.
- Bring things that remind you of your home country, such as a flag or a hat.
- If you have room for it, bring along your video game console.
- If you bring too many things with you that you can deal to part with, you can always donate those items to consignment stores like Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- Don't stress if you forgot something. You can find just about anything online.