

Making sure that you have everything you need for college is a difficult and frustrating task. We have created a list of the essential items that you cannot go to college without.

### **Clothes and Laundry**

- Bring enough casual clothing for warm and cool weather
- About 2 weeks-worth of sock and underwear because you never know when you can do your laundry
- Broken in walking shoes
- Backpack
- Rain coat
- A bag or basket for your dirty clothes
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener
- Stain remover
- Quarter for the laundry machine

### **Kitchen**

One of each:

- Microwave-safe plate
- Microwave-safe mug
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Cup
- Fork
- Knife
- Spoon
- A plastic drying rack for your dishes to be placed on after washing them
- Detergent for the dishwasher (if you have one)
- Sponge and a towel for your dishes and cups
- Plastic baggies
- Plastic containers so that you can store extra food
- A water bottle that can be refilled and a travel mug

- Consider bring a crock pot if you dorm allows it

### **Snacks:**

- Granola/Power bars
- Trail mix
- Mixed nuts
- Dried fruit
- Beef jerky

### **Bathroom**

- A plastic shower basket that can hold your soap, shampoo, conditioner and other items
- A pair of flip-flops that you can use in the shower
- A towel and/or bathrobe
- A hand towel
- Dental items:
  - o Toothbrush
  - o Toothpaste
  - o Floss
  - o Mouth wash

### **Room Aesthetics**

- A set of plastic shelves that will allow you to store miscellaneous items and keep you organized
- Your favorite posters, banners, flags and both tape and wall pins
- Desk organizer. Something that will allow you to organize pens, paper clips, staples, etc
- A desk lamp that will allow you to study late at night
- A set of bed sheets, blankets, and pillows – check the size of your bed with your college's housing office
- A couple storage containers that can easily slide under the bed

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- A lock for your bike and possibly a helmet
- USB port for your computer files
- Blank CDs for backing up your computer