

What to Bring to College.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PACKING LIST

When preparing for college in Richmond, IN as an international student, you'll want to consider the weather (four seasons), lifestyle and any specific personal needs you might have. Here's a packing list to get you started, and keep in mind that you'll also be able to buy a number of these items once you're here if they don't fit in your luggage:

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Carry these with you at all times in your carry-on luggage. Do not pack in your checked luggage.

Passport and visa
I-20 or DS-2019 (for F or J visa holders)
SEVIS I-901 Payment Confirmation
Driver's license or international driving permit
College acceptance letter and related documents
Medical records and prescriptions (if applicable)
Emergency contacts and important addresses

CLOTHING

Casual clothes for daily wear (jeans, t-shirts, shorts, etc.)
Warm clothing for fall and winter (coats, sweaters, thermal underwear)
Raincoat or umbrella
Comfortable walking shoes and boots
Formal attire (for presentations, interviews, etc.)
Pajamas and slippers
Swimwear (for the Earlham pool or if you plan to travel)

MEDICATIONS AND FIRST AID

Prescription medications (with proper documentation)
Basic first aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic cream, etc.)

PERSONAL ITEMS

Your favorite snacks from home
Photos of family and friends
Small mementos from home for comfort

ELECTRONICS

Laptop and charger
Power adapters and converters (if needed)
Smartphone and charger
Headphones
Portable power bank

MISCELLANEOUS

Travel lock
Travel-sized sewing kit
Adhesive hooks (to hang items in your dorm)
Backpack for day trips

BEDDING AND LINENS

(you can also purchase these after you arrive):
Twin XL-sized bedding
Pillows
Blankets
Towels (bath and hand towels)

TOILETRIES

(you can also purchase larger quantities these after you arrive):
Shampoo and conditioner
Body soap
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Hairbrush/comb
Deodorant
Shaving kit (if applicable)
Personal hygiene items

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(you can also purchase these after you arrive):
Notebooks
Pens and pencils
Backpack or bag to carry your books
Calculators and other specialized tools (if required)

Remember that you can purchase **many** items after arriving in Indiana to reduce the initial load. If your roommate is from somewhere in the U.S., they may have more room to pack certain items. Check with them about larger and shared items (such as mini refrigerators) to avoid duplication and ensure you both have what you need.

Additionally, if there are specific items related to your hobbies or cultural preferences that you can't find easily in the US, consider bringing those along as well.

Safe travels and we can't wait to see you!

Welcome home.

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